

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**In the Matter of**

Silk City Wine & Liquors  
Dheeraj Dasari, Permittee  
GSR Management, LLC, Backer  
Liquor Permit No. LIP.14183P  
Docket No. 07-416

April 12, 2007

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

This matter involves an application for a package store liquor permit for Silk City Wine & Liquors, 79 East Center Street, Manchester, Connecticut. A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on February 15, 2007. Dheeraj Dasari, permittee, appeared with counsel. The hearing was held in accordance with Section 30-39(c), Connecticut General Statutes, as a result of four legally sufficient remonstrances questioning the suitability of the proposed place of business. One remonstrant appeared to oppose the granting of this permit. The premises is currently operating under a provisional package store liquor permit.

The following facts are found based upon evidence adduced at the hearing. Liquor Control Agent Kuria reviewed the pending application and found it to be in order. He visited the proposed location and determined the distance to churches, schools and other liquor outlets. He visited the town zoning office and confirmed that the local zoning authority had approved the application. Agent Kuria found nothing questionable about the application, the applicant or the location.

Rev. Salvatore Mancini, a remonstrant, expressed concerns that the location is in proximity to the high school and children will walk by the package store. He noted that there was another package store and a church nearby. Other individuals who hold package store liquor permits or grocery store beer permits raised competitive concerns regarding the possible negative economic impact another liquor permit premises would have on their businesses.

We do not find substantial evidence to deny this permit application and we find the location to be suitable. It is the role of the Liquor Control Commission to determine suitability for liquor permits. The determination of factual matters with regard to the suitability of the location of proposed liquor permit premises is vested with the Liquor Control Commission, which has broad discretion. Crescimanni v. Department of Liquor Control, 41 Conn. App. 83, 674 A.2d 851 (1996).

Accordingly, we hereby deny the remonstrance and grant the final package store liquor permit to Dheeraj Dasari and Silk City Wine & Liquors, subject to the agent's final requirements.

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
BY**

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