



Town of Agawam

AGAWAM LICENSE COMMISSION (ALC)

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LICENCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Agawam License Commission held a Public Hearing & Public Meeting on Wednesday February 18, 2026 at the Agawam Senior Center Conference Room, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. In attendance was Chairman Vincenzo Ronghi, Commissioners, Doug Reed & Katie Johnston along with Secretary Barbra Dobek. Also present was Councilmen, Anthony Russo & George Bitzas.

The minutes from January 20, 2026 were approved, 3-0.

There was a Public Hearing for American Legion Dept. of MA Wilson Thompson Post 185, Inc., for an application of Alteration of Premises. Aldo Mancini, Chair of House Commity of 482 South West St. Feeding Hills, spoke on behalf of the Legion. Also present was proposed manager, Andrea Starke 63 Ohio Ave., Chicopee; Steve Cimma Westford Cir., Agawam & Ed Hammel 42 Poplar St., Feeding Hills.

There were several questions going back and forth between the Commissioners and Aldo, such as barriers, tree lines, proposed outdoor seating, all were answered and understood so Aldo was asked to take back his drawings and add to them the information discussed in a different color and resubmit, before we send it to the ABCC. In addition the applicants were told to put signs up, MEMBERS ONLY at entrances into the club & signs stating NO ALCOHOL BEYOND THIS POINT, as you leave the club area. The commissioners made sure that there are separate entrances with locks for the bar, (club area) and the unused hall now being rented out for other uses. The Commissioners allowed time for Citizens to come forward, in favor or against this alteration. No one came forward. The vote was 3-0 in favor of the change.

The other 2 items not covered in the Public Hearing for American Legion was change of manager & change of officers. The group was asked if Drew Pajak was here, and if he was aware of the change? He was not available and was happy to no longer be called the manager. The proposed manager, Andrea Starke, has 30 years of experience bar tending and had worked @ this location, 20 years ago and knows the procedures and lay of the land. Both were voted on and was 3-0 in favor of proposed changes.

Next seen was A. D. E. Enterprises, Inc. dba: Kaptain Jimmy's Restaurant

at 916 Suffield St, Agawam. Manager on file & owner Antonio Rizzos of 2 Geryk Court, Southampton, MA, who spoke. Also present was Cornelio Flores Solis of 751 Bradley Rd., Springfield, MA, who has Flores Solis Corp dba: Kaptain Jimmy's food Catering business. The Commissioners had many concerns regarding the 2 lease agreements at that property and how one had a business certificate for food and the other is acting manager on the Liquor License. Chairman Vin Ronghi explained to both that he has made contact with the owners of the property requesting any and all lease agreements for the property. Mr Rizzos assured the Commissioners that there would be an application for transfer of license with in the next week. They explained to Rizzos that he should look into it, that may not be his only option, but something will need to be done by next meeting.

In regards to MGL 138 §12D the City Solicitor Chris Cappucci had written his recommendation for the ALC to make a decision to recommend to the City Council to adopt the new conversion offered by the ABCC for any Wine & Malt Pour license to upgrade to All Alcohol. Council President Anthony Russo was present and explained how the process would work and what items he would like to have in hand to begin the opt-in conversion option available through the ABCC for Wine & Malt restaurants. The Commissioners voted 3-0 to move forward and to recommend this to the City Council. In addition to that they came up with a fee of \$1000 for a conversion. This year, because we are already moving into the month of March by the time this will be in place they wanted it to be broken down to be prorated by quarters of \$750, \$500, & \$250 according to when applications are received. The Commissioners voted 3-0 to accept these fees for MGL 138 § 12 D, conversion applications.

The room was cleared and the Commissioners went into an Executive Session.

After; new business was brought to the table, K & A Grill dba The Well Burger Bar 67 Main St., Agawam, MA was approved 3-0 by the Commission for a Weekly Entertainment license. For Juke Box, DJ, Live Music and TV's.

Before the Commission broke the meeting @ 7:36 pm, they made plans for next month's, meeting and to finalize new fees to implemented moving forward. The next Agawam license Commission meeting is set for Wednesday March 18, 2026.

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