



Town of Agawam

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LICENCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Agawam License Commission held a Public Hearing & meeting on Wednesday May 20, 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 and Councilman, Peter McNair.

First, for a Public Hearing was a transfer for all Alcohol from **Agawam Axe House, LLC** of 396 Main St. Agawam, MA manager, Robert Manning to **Main St Social Ventures, LLC**, manager, Jared Hamre. Both the proposed manager and Atty. Daniel McKellick of Bacon Wilson who represented the proposed buyers were present. The Atty. explained why there was a supplemental packet submitted, just earlier today. He provided a flowchart explaining how the corporation and lease would work. Along with congratulating Mr. Hamre for completing his TIPS certification. There were a few things in the application packet that appeared as clerical errors that the Commissioners wanted to be corrected to be sure things looked well before sending it off to the ABCC for consideration. The Atty. agreed to make those corrections, he said some of them were from the seller's representation prior to him getting the application. Annalese Townsend was present for this hearing. The Commissioners voted to approve this application 3-0 contingent on the items to be corrected.

Next, for a Public Hearing was change of license type & change of stock interest and manager's name correction for **Riverside Park Enterprises, INC.**, 1623 Main St. Agawam, MA manager Lisa Laing-Blackman. Atty. Thomas Reidy was present and represented Riverside Park Enterprises, unfortunately since he had neglected to advertise the Public Hearing, the license type which required the Public Hearing was tabled. However all present agreed to continue to review and discuss the items that did not require a Public Hearing. There was conversation and questions going back and forth about the addresses and location inside the park for each of the Liquor Licenses. They determined that this particular license may actually be for previous, 1477 Main St. Chairman, Vin Ronghi suggested the Atty.

get in touch with the ABCC to further discuss the options available for this particular case. Atty. Reidy has been working closely with 2 Inspectors for almost a year on this situation. Also, Chairman, Ronghi suggested that an address be added to the park to accommodate both of its Liquor Licenses. The Commissioners were able to vote on: Change of Stock 3-0 approved. Change of officers/ directors 3-0 approved & Managers name correction 3-0 as all of these items have been presented to us over a year ago and have been in the works to update and correct.

One day Liquor License applications were reviewed for:
Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam June 19, 2026. The application was reviewed, all was in order. Vin Ronghi questioned if the Captain Charles Leonard House will be working with McCarthy's Liquors as in the past. The application was approved 3-0 and the \$100 fee was waived.

American Legion Dept of MA Wilson Thopson Post 185, Inc., 478 Springfield St., Agawam, MA 01001, for May 30, 2026. Did not have an application in in time to be reviewed.

EB Franchise Development Corp. DBA: **EB's Specialty Chicken Restaurant** 385 Walnut St. Ext. Agawam, MA 01001, June 16, 2026. Chairman, Vin Ronghi and Commissioner, Katie Johnston voted, as Commissioner, Doug Reed abstained, (conflict) 2-0 the approval is contingent on solving the two issues stated below. The Commissioners are requiring that Ed Borgatti get in touch with Kevin Duquette from the Inspection Services by way of email, discuss with him the tent size to get his input & approval. The 2 Commissioners required more information on the plan for use of a protective barrier between the customers under the tent and the cars in the parking lot for their safety. The dotted line on your proposed drawing will need to include the proposed barrier plan.

Application for Weekly Amusement was reviewed for, Kismet Food, Inc. dba: **Roka**, 141 Main St., Agawam. This application was tabled. Waiting for more information and clarification of business hours and schedule for outdoor music.

Bowling and Billiards application was reviewed for Rabbit Hands Entertainment, LLC dba: **Agawam Bowl** 359 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam. All three Commissioners voted to approve 3-0 contingent on 4 clerical issues needing to be corrected on the application.

The issue of 2 Liquor License holders and a Junk Dealer who have not been compliant with submitting required paperwork and are now facing fees were discussed and a plan to reach out and require their presence at the next meeting, to bring them in to see why, they have not responded to notices.

Outdoor Dining applications were reviewed for:

Murphy's Pub 664 Suffield St., Agawam application. All was in order with this and 3-0 approval to issue the license.

Riverside Pub 1251 River Road, Agawam, application. Commissioners tabled this and are requesting in writing a plan for applicant to respond to comments from the Inspection Services and to clarify the previous approved Weekly Amusement application in reference to the Outdoor Dining.

Partners 485 B Springfield St., Agawam, application. Commissioners tabled this and are requesting in writing a plan for applicant to respond to comments from the Inspection Services.

The next meeting was changed to Tuesday June 9, 2026 at 4:00pm @ the Agawam library in the Pierce Conference room.

The minutes from April 15, 2026 were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.