



Town of Agawam

AGAWAM LICENSE COMMISSION (ALC)

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LICENCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Agawam License Commission held a Public Hearing & meeting on Tuesday June 9, 2026 at the Agawam Public Library in the Pierce Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. In attendance was Chairman Vincenzo Ronghi, Commissioners, Doug Reed & Katie Johnston along with Secretary Barbra Dobek. Meeting came to order at 4:03pm.

The Public Hearing began at 4:05pm., for a conversion application from Michael Sarnelli, dba **Brewcade** of 303 Walnut St. Suite C, Agawam, MA 01001 whos last approved license was Wine & Malt; requesting change to All Alcohol 12 D. Michael Sarnelli, owner & manager was speaking on behalf of Brewcade. He believes his customers who visit are looking to order all alcohol drinks. He said, "He is leaving money on the table." After close review of the application the Commissioners noticed 2 administrative errors. They voted 3-0 to approve the application once the 2 errors were corrected. Hearing ended at 4:10pm.

At the last meeting Casa Mex Ass, LLC dba **Riverside Pub** 1251 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001, Out Door Dining application, was tabled barring an amendment to the 2026 Weekly Amusement application and a written explanation of intentions for outdoor area. The amended application was reviewed along with an email and drawings rendered; explaining where the outdoor dining area is proposed and how many people are able to be seated. After careful review the Commissioners approved the amended Weekly Amusement for 2026 and the Outdoor Dining application, both were 3-0 in favor.

Outdoor Dining application, for **Partners** 485 B Springfield St., Agawam which was tabled on May 20, 2026 because of a need to complete a section of application, was reviewed and approved 3-0 by the commissioners.

One Day Liquor application for EB Franchise Development Corp. dba: **EB's Specialty Chicken Restaurant** 385 Walnut St. Ext. Agawam, MA 01001, for June 16, 2026, was tabled on May 20, 2026 for clarification on barrier

type and type to be used. All information was explained to the Commission and the license was approved 2-0, because Commissioner, Doug Reed obtained for conflict of interest.

One Day Liquor license for **American Legion Dept of MA Wilson Thopson Post 185, Inc.**, 478 Springfield St., Agawam, MA 01001, for June 27, 2026. Was approved 3-0 contingent on a clean Municipal Tax report, to be return to the Clerk's Office, the \$100 license fee was waived.

Application for Weekly Amusement was reviewed because it was tabled on May 20, 2026 for, Kismet Food, Inc. dba: **Roka**, 141 Main St., Agawam. Drawings, written information with clarification of business hours and schedule for outdoor music, and location proposed was reviewed. The commissioners agreed to approve 3-0 with some specifications on square footage areas, not to exceed; near borders of property.

Notice were sent to the following, entities; to come before the commission:

Feeding Hills Variety of 344 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills for a missing lease agreement originally requested in December 2025, with fees compounding. They never responded.

Crestview Country Club of 281 Shoemaker Ln., Agawam for Articles of Incorporation and Lease Agreement requested back in December 2025, with fees. Items were brought into the Clerk's Office along with fees paid on June 8, 2026. At which point we were told they would not be attending the meeting.

Baki's Fine Jewelers of 9 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills failure to submit a Junk Dealer's License application with in manditory deadline. Repeat offenses, which had fines added. Oussoud Abdul Baki appeared in his defense and had previously brought in an application, fees and fines paid to the Clerk's office earlier that day. On the application, Nespin Compliance from APD was checked non - compliant. The Commission declined approval 3-0, until further notice to inquire about applicant's responsibility to correct the response on the mandatory box of application for proper approval from APD. Mr. Baki was told in event the Junk Dealers license is never issued, he would be required to apply for a new Business Certificate for repairs and creation only of jewelry. In addition the importance of applying in a timely manner was expressed to the applicant, by Commissioners. Mr. Baki seemed to understand that he needs to get his application in before deadlines.

ABCC to temporally allow licensee locations to stay open an extra hour during the month of July, 2026 was declined 3-0 by local license commission.

The minutes from May 20, 2026 were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.