



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 July 14, 2026 at the Agawam Public Library in the Pierce Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. In attendance was Chairman Vincenzo Ronghi, Commissioners, Katie Johnston along with Secretary Barbra Dobek. Also present was Councilman, Anthony Russo and Peter Smus. Meeting came to order at 4:04pm.

The Public Hearing began at 4:05pm., for a change of stock interests and officers/ directors Shree Varniraj, Inc. dba Towne Liquors of 384 Walnut St., Agawam, MA 01001. Atty. Joshua Lavine represented his client. After confirmation of all necessary paperwork including annual reports of the change of officers, both Chairman, Vin Ronghi and Commissioner Katie Johnson approved the changes 2-0 so that the secretary may now submit this to the ABCC for state approval.

Next, was a Public Hearing for 12D conversion of Borders HQ LLC, dba: Cigar Room 2 of 51 Springfield St. Agawam, MA 01001, from Wine and Malt to All Alcohol. Julian Chris Borders of 21 Mellon St., Springfield, MA, owner and manager was present to speak on behalf of the establishment. The two Commissioners present determined that the applicant would need to provide DUA & DOA reports before this could be sent to ABCC for approval. They approved the application 2-0 under the condition that both reports be submitted to Clerk's Office, as soon as possible.

Immediately following, there was an extensive review of all paperwork submitted from Kaptain Jimmy's Atty. Which were in response to the ABCC comments on May 23, 2026 determining RNA (recommendation of the investigation). After careful attention to all submissions, the commissioners are requesting the applicant to remove the check mark for Pledge of Inventory on page 1 and to complete addendum A because it is a completely different entity with new officers. Once these changes are made and the \$50 re-submission fee are paid the secretary will submit it to ABCC for reconsideration.

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Outdoor Dining applications were reviewed for:

West Springfield Fish and Game, 329 Garden St, Feeding Hills - the Commissioners discussed if the application was necessary but determined they do have some events that do serve tables outdoors. The application was approved 2-0.

Kaptain Jimmy's of 916 Suffield St, Agawam -the Commissioners discussed the hours on application of 11:00-1:00 pm., and did not see any concerns for a lunch crowd. The application was approved 2-0.

St. Anne's Country Club of Shoemaker Ln, Feeding Hills - the Commissioners, upon review realized because there is no table service there is no need for an Outdoor Dining Permit.

One Day Liquor Licenses for One Call away at American Legion of 478 Springfield St, Agawam, MA:

Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Sunday, July 26, 2026.

Monday, July 27, 2026.

Saturday, August 22, 2026.

Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Sunday, September 20, 2026.

During the meeting there was discussion and review of all 6 applications which were considered separately and voted, to approve 2-0.

Other items discussed were fines paid by Baki Fine Jewelry on North St. for a Junk Dealer License and compliant to mandatory NESPIN on application for sign off of APD, to be in place by July 30, 2026. Feeding Hills Variety on North Westfield St, paid late fines. Crestview Country Club, paid late fines.

The minutes from June 9, 2026 were approved.

Meeting ended at 5:40.

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