



Town of Agawam

AGAWAM LICENSE COMMISSION (ALC)

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LICENCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Agawam License Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday March 12, 2025 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 Councilman Anthony Russo and Peter Smus.

First, was a Public Hearing for Southbridge Liquors, Inc., dba: South Bridge Liquor & Market, Jay Patel, President and proposed Manager at 1 South Bridge Dr., Agawam, MA 01001 from Agawam Retail Beverage, Inc., dba: Wine & Market at 1 South Bridge Dr., Agawam, MA 01001, Benjamin Jerrom, Manager. Jackson Christian the attorney representing the applicant spoke explaining Jay Patel's qualifications, and that everything will operate just as the previous owner has set up with the same hours & products. Dan Newcomb spoke as the existing owner saying that the Town of Agawam was great to work with and that his establishment did everything they promised they would do, by cleaning up the old location. If only his manager was not moving out of state he would not have sold the business, because of this he is forced to. No one from the public spoke for against this transfer. The Commissioners voted to approve the application: License Transfer 3-0, Change of Manager 3-0, Pledge of Inventory 3-0, Pledge of License 3-0; all contingent upon the Clerk's Office receiving a wet copy of the CORI sheet with Nilkumar Patel's change of address.

Under any other business an application from Riverside Park Industries dba: SIX FLAGS for Weekly & Automatic Amusement's was presented and approved 3-0 only contingent on: a signed Municipal Tax Report, a returned Inspection from APD, for machines and full payment. The park is scheduled to open on April 4th before our next meeting.

Discussion about reoccurring issues with Junk Dealer's applications being received late. A decision to send a reminder letter with cut off dates before April 16th meeting, to avoid potential fines for neglected compliance of holding a valid Junk Dealer's License on May 1, 2025.

Discussion of a Press Release at the end of March in preparation of an announcement of six assorted available Liquor Licenses in the Town of Agawam. This is in the planning stage for applicants to be heard in May at several different Public Hearings.

The February 12, 2025 minutes were approved and can now be posted.