



Town of Agawam

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LICENCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Agawam License Commission held a Public Meeting on Tuesday June 17, 2025 at the Agawam Senior Center Seminar Room, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. In attendance was Chairman Vincenzo Ronghi, Commissioners, Doug Reed & Katie Johnston.

NEW SECTION 12 ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/RESTAURANT application for **White Glove Caterers, Inc.**, manager Mark A. Tansey, at 485 Springfield Street Suite A, Feeding Hills, Public Hearing. Representing was owner Mark Tansey. He spoke about wanting to expand his business with the banquet facility, and that at some point they may need to relocate and want to have a separate all alcohol pouring license. The new license will be Suite A and the current license will be Suite B. There was no one there speaking in favor or against. The Commission voted 3-0 in favor of granting this request.

ALTERATION OF PREMISES for ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/RESTAURANT application for **White Glove Caterers, Inc.**, manager Mark A. Tansey, at 485 Springfield St. Suite B requesting to have Partners changed back to its original floorplan and address. The Commissioners voted 3-0 to grant this request.

New Wine and Malt Package Store License for MAAHI Petroleum Corp., dba: **One Stop Mart** manager, Rakesh Parikh, at 373 Rowley Street, Agawam. Representing was owner Vinny Shah. He explained that he wants the license because he has put a lot on money into the building and tobacco sales are down and it would help with income. He also said he had a petition signed by his customers stating they want to have beer and wine there. At this point Chair Vin Ronghi explained that the decision by the commission that was made previously, last month to decline was not about Mr. Shah's **business profits but rather if there is a public need or safety issue for the Town of Agawam.** He reiterated that they had determined there are 4 places within a 1 mile radius to purchase alcohol and there is not a public need. Also explaining because Mr. Shah is a valued upstanding business man in town and was out of the country for the last meeting, that he extended a courtesy to him to be heard by the commission again. In addition, there would not be a vote, but rather a reminder of the 3-0 vote from last month to decline the application. That the scheduled public hearing would not move forward.

Wine and Malt Package Store License for Ronak Food Mart, Inc., dba **Citgo Food Mart** manager, Susan Rettura, at 650 Suffield Street, Agawam, Public Hearing. Atty., Neil Phillips represented them. Immediately

Vin Ronghi explained that the last Public Hearing was cut short for them, since the lease agreement submitted with application was reading in correctly. (Possible Typographic error, which was significant). Two citizens spoke in favor of Citgo carrying beer and wine. Richard Michnovetz of 597 Suffield St. and Joe Barbato of 768 Suffield St., both stating that the owners and workers are helpful, courteous, responsible and truly care for their customers. When the commissioners looked at the map they determined there is a public need, because more residential properties and less businesses, along with several condominium complexes nearby. The vote was 3-0 in favor to grant the request.

Bowling & Billiards License application for **AGAWAM BOWL** at 359 Walnut Street Extension was approved 3-0, because they now provided proof Workman's Comp insurance.

DPatron LLC d/b/a **D PATRON**, Fiesta Cancun, Kalbhairav Inc, dba **BELLA CUCINA** 1422 Main St., Agawam MA, 01001 manger Raj Rayonia was unable to attend the meeting. He will be asked to appear before the commission at the July 16 th meeting. The purpose of attendance will be to update and explain the business certificate changes filed with the town, and to determine whether these changes impacted the status of the liquor license and any filing requirements.

Pride Operating LLC, dba **PRIDE** #638 at 395 Main St. The purpose of the appearance is to provide the ALC with an update on the project and expected opening. Jim Channing was there representing, he explained why the delays, proper permitting through the state for road openings and environmental approvals. Assured us the tanks are expected for delivery in August, and anticipates build out by Octobers end. Chair explained, he simply wants an update, to be sure to move forward with 2026 renewal when the appropriate time approaches. The spokesman said he will keep the commission up to date, as things progress.

Oak Ridge Golf Club, Inc. , 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. The purpose of the appearance is to respond to prolonged issues with 2025 renewal in addition determine whether action will be taken with respect to the license, because it was not picked up from the Clerk's Office or displayed on site. Anthony Strycharz III, explained that since his father's passing he has been left with responsibilities that he has no idea to do. His Dad had done a lot and he is learning. Chair asked why he continued to pour even when he was made aware you cannot until the license is on the wall. After much conversation back and forth, the Commissioners finally agreed because this was his first offence; to give a 2 day suspension, held in obeisance. Vote was 3-0 to accept this. It was also explained that if there are no violations in a year, this will be lifted. However if there is a problem than 1st there will be 2 days closed, and whatever seems appropriate in addition to that for the second offence. Mr. Strycharz said he understood and was thankful.

Scoreboard Bar & Restaurant Inc., dba: **Scoreboard Bar & Grill**, Manager Michael Delaney at 15 King Street, Agawam, MA, to transfer All Alcohol Bar/Restaurant License to Scoreboard Bar Group Inc., dba: The Scoreboard Bar & Grill, proposed Manager, Thomas Murphy. To review application to be sent to the ABCC because of administrative errors from the purchasers lawyer.

The May 20, 2025 minutes were approved and can now be posted.