



Town of Agawam

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LICENCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Agawam License Commission held a Public Hearing on Monday November 10, 2025 at the Agawam Senior Center Veteran's Hall, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. In attendance was Chairman Vincenzo Ronghi, commissioners, Doug Reed & Katie Johnston along with Secretary Barbra Dobek. council men, Peter Smus & Anthony Russo were also present.

Public Hearing for the Transfer application of Wine & Malt Package Store License Agawam Quick Mart, Inc., of 1 River Road with manager Anna Leora Rice James from One River Road LLC, dba Quick Pic manager Ali Khan. Atty., Mathew Porter spoke on behalf of the buyers. He explained that the new owners of Agawam Quick Mart already owns several package stores in the state and the proposed manager is already TIPS certified with seven years of experience. After many questions back and forth, the Commissioner's reminded the manager is required to be on premises at least 40 hours a week even though she has an hour commute. There was some concern on how the new owners will keep within the legal hours of liquor sales. It was explained that the cooler with product will be locked during the business hours that overlap from allowed alcohol sales. The other question that came up was, why within days of the previous owner Ali Kahn getting approved for Wine & Malt, the transfer was filed? Mr. Porter assured the Commissioner's that the sale transaction was already in place and that the Liquor License was a bonus. This application for transfer was approved 3-0.

Public Hearing for a NEW application for Wine & Malt on general premises for Agawam Cinamas LLC at 866 Suffield St., Agawam, MA manager Kimberly Wheeler, who represented the request. She explained that she plans to wrap up the sales of alcohol, before 10:00 pm. She will only carry, canned items no tap or bottles, as there are cement floors in the auditorium and does not want broken glass. She was asked, where will the cans be made available & be stored? She explained behind the counter where only staff will be allowed to reach for and give to the patron.

During the hearing when it was open for citizens to speak, Agawam resident Jim Burba of 240 Silver Street displayed his concern for alcohol being served in the Southgate Plaza. It was fresh in his mind, all of the concerns that residents in the area had when The Still was in the shopping center.

He explained that although he came to meeting during the previous upset, he felt as though the APD, Agawam License Commission and Code Enforcement did not stand by the restrictions placed on the facility. He had additional concerns with juvenile electric devise vehicles running rampant in that parking lot. When Burba was addressed by Chairman, Vin Ronghi he invited Burba to contact and work with City Councilors. Being that two were present, they explained that there were new ordinances approved to help with those concerns. But the question remained, how exactly will that be enforced? Especially, because they were mostly juveniles, and parental support would be needed. After much discussion back and forth, the Commission approved the application 3-0.

The Agawam License Commission approved renewal packets for:

All alcohol package stores.

McCarthy Liquors - 430 Main St.
Cheers Liquors - 416 Springfield St.
Phipps Discount Liquors - 1350 Springfield St.

Wine & malt package stores.

Agawam Gulf - 18 Springfield St.
Citco Food Mart - 650 Suffield St.
Quick Pic - 1 River Rd.
Feeding Hills Public Market - 634 Springfield St.

All alcohol restaurant.

Six Flags New England - 1477 Main St.
Six Flags New England - 1623 Main St.
The Score Board Bar & Grill - 15 King St.
Murphy's Pub - 644 Suffield St.

Weekly Amusements.

Murphy's Pub - 644 Suffield St.

Automatic Amusements.

The minutes from October 17, 2025 were approved.