



# Town of Agawam

## AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION (ALLC)

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### LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Agawam Liquor License Commission held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Chairman Vincenzo Ronghi, Commissioners Douglas Reed and Scott Skolnick and secretary, Maggie McCarthy were in attendance.

A Public Hearing was held for a Transfer of License, Transfer of Location and Change of License Type (from Restaurant to General On Premise) from Agawam Beverage Company, LLC dba Pour, 485 Springfield St., to Agawam Axe House, LLC, 396 Main St., Agawam, MA. Robert Manning, Manager. Robert Manning and Anneliese Townsend were in attendance. Mr. Manning gave an overview of the plans for the Axe House, which they have been running successfully since 2018. With the approval of a liquor license they are fully aware of the need for increased safety and caution. The owners have a safety program in place and have done many improvements within the establishment, including fencing partitions for All throwing lanes. They will have a wristband system and only 2 drinks will be allowed for anyone participating in the throwing of axes. Several abutters were in the audience and many spoke in favor of the license:

Ronald Corliss 129 Elizabeth St., stated that the owners have always been very involved.

Todd Bousquet 95 Carr Ave., is impressed with their professionalism.

Edward Manning 29H Castle Hill Rd. “For” the license.

Gail Calvanese, 25 Butternut Dr. “For” the license.

Gabrielle Spear, 420 Main St., stated the owners have always been respectful of their neighbors.

Those not in favor (or at least having questions and concerns) were as follows:

Alex Sowinski and Zdzislaw Sowinski, 420 Main St., #52 Very concerned for safety.

Ewa Romanowska 420 Main St., #52 Also very concerned for safety.

Doriann Sheltra 378 Main St., Concerned about outside seating and loud noise.

Anneliese Townsend addressed these concerns and reassured them that they will always be careful and courteous of their neighbors. Ms. Townsend explained that everyone throwing axes will be trained by a coach and that coach will always be there on the floor. Public safety is their main

concern. The Commissioners stated that any problems should always come before the board so that a solution can be worked out.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:03 p.m. The application for license transfer was approved unanimously with the condition that a sketch of the outside patio/seating area be provided for the local board to submit to Boston.

A Public Hearing was held at 6:10 p.m. for an application received from White Glove Caterer's dba Partners Restaurant for an alteration of premises. Sienna Tansey was in attendance for Partners. The proposed plan is to knock down the wall between partners and what was previously "Pour" to create an event space. The current kitchen would remain and serve both the restaurant and the event hall. Questions were answered regarding parking, which is considered adequate and the width of the hallway - which must be up to code. The request for an alteration was approved unanimously. Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

Recess at 6:30 p.m.

Back in session at 6:42 p.m.

An application for a one-day license from Agawam Cinemas, 866 Suffield St., for a fundraiser Comedy Show on April 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. was approved unanimously pending signature from the owner of the property not just the owner of the movie theater.

A Public Hearing was held for an application for a transfer of license from Cigar Room, II, LLC, Karin Traghese, Manager, 51 Springfield St., to Borders HQ, LLC dba Cigar Room 2, Julian C. Borders, Manager. Mr. Borders and Lisa Borders were in attendance. The sale of the business has not closed and therefore the Public Hearing had to be postponed until the next liquor license meeting scheduled for April 12, 2023. Mr. Borders was advised that he would receive a new legal notice to be advertised at least ten (10) days before the next meeting. The Commissioners answered questions for Mr. Borders regarding the transfer procedure.

The discussion with The Main St. Still dba The Still, Rebecca Maslar, Manager was also postponed until the April meeting as no one from The Still was in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.