



# Haverhill

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## LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday April 2, 2026, at 6 PM – Room 202  
Virtual and In-Person Meeting

*Attending: Chairperson Laura Angus, Commissioner Linda Koutoulas, Commissioner Patrick Driscoll, City Solicitor Associate Alexander Castro (remotely), Lt. Kevin Lynch – Haverhill Police Department, and License Commission Clerk Nicholas K. Flynn*

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  - 2.1 Approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2026 meeting

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2026 meeting.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

3. CONTINUED BUSINESS
  - 3.1 Evan Phillips & Brad Patnaude

**Adamson Industries, Corp.**

**d/b/a Adamson Industries, Corp.**

**45 Research Drive**

**-Item for Discussion: Status of Motor Vehicle Dealer License**

**-Continued from March 5, 2026 meeting**

Brad Patnaude, Treasurer and acting Manager, and Atty. Bryan E. Chase, representing Adamson Industries, were present for this discussion. Atty. Alexander Castro, City Solicitor associate, appeared remotely on behalf of the Commission. Atty. Chase reviewed questions raised at the previous meeting and said he understood Adamson had submitted invoices since then. Atty. Chase stated that the sale of vehicles only constituted 7.5% of the business' revenue, that only 25 cars were sold in the previous 12 months and 21 of these were new. Their main business is the upfitting of vehicles for emergency personnel. But the attorney added that since a dealer license was required to sell vehicles and most of their sales were new vehicles, the Class I license Adamson currently holds is most appropriate. Atty. Castro advised that Class I licenses were intended for dealerships such as AutoFair and it was difficult to "find a box" to put this business in since the statute "is clear" about dealer licenses applying to businesses "whose principal business" is the sale of vehicles. He stated that the decision was ultimately the License Commission's to make but that he couldn't see how



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Adamson would qualify for a Class I or II license, perhaps a Class III as their business involved remodeling vehicles before selling them. Chairperson Angus noted that another factor for a Class I license was to be an authorized agent of a manufacturer, which was also absent here. She inquired how the business typically acquires its new vehicles. Mr. Patnaude stated it was “typically dealer-to-dealer transfers.” Atty. Castro asked the party if they believed this constituted as being a “recognized agent”. Atty. Chase stated he believed it did fall under that range. He added that he had also reviewed the statute and did not think Class II or III applied since Adamson did not buy second-hand vehicles. Atty. Castro stated he mainly referred to the “remodeling” factor when he proposed Class III. Atty. Chase replied he did not think any class was a precise fit for Adamson but that a dealer license would be necessary for it to sell cars, and the “vast majority” sold were new. Atty. Castro noted that the invoices submitted demonstrated that selling new vehicles was not the principal business. Atty. Chase agreed but maintained that of the few vehicles sold in the past year, most were new. Atty. Castro granted that there was an argument for a Class I with respect to that detail, and restated that the ultimate decision was the License Commission’s. Commissioner Koutoulas stated she believed this situation qualified the business for a Class I, in the absence of a different license that truly fit their business needs. Chairperson Angus noted there was no contract between Adamson and a manufacturer and asked Mr. Patnaude if they always buy from the same brand. Mr. Patnaude said it was a variety. The Chairperson wondered how the license could be completed if they stayed with Class I. Atty. Castro noted there were multiple makes in the invoices. Atty. Chase stated that all 21 new vehicles sold in the past year were Ford vehicles. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if Adamson had any direct interaction with the manufacturers. Mr. Patnaude replied they were an approved “dropship” location and occasionally receive vehicles directly from the manufacturer’s factory, whereupon they will do “dealer prep”. Commissioner Koutoulas said she believed this constituted as having an agreement with the manufacturer – Atty. Chase agreed this supported the “recognized agent” aspect. Chairperson Angus inquired if there was one or more manufacturers. Atty. Chase replied that for all new vehicles sold in the past year, it was only Ford. Mr. Patnaude stated that this could theoretically occur with Dodge or GM as well, being an approved dropship location. He added that a business technically had to be a recognized dealer to be a dropship location. Commissioner Driscoll mentioned his concern that granting a class other than I could restrict their business and said he was fine with granting Class I. Atty. Castro restated the concern from the City Solicitor’s office was that selling new vehicles was not the principal business, but left it to the Commission’s discretion.



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*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the reissuance of a Class I license for the current Adamson Industries, Corp, in the absence of clarity in the M.G.L. Chapter 140 statute.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

#### 4. MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS

#### 5. ONE DAY APPLICATIONS

##### 5.1 Kim Dandurant, Applicant

Holy Archangels Armenian Church St. Michael and St. Gabriel  
1280 Boston Road

**-Application for One Day Liquor License – All Alcohol – Private Quinceañera on May 30, 2026, for the hours of 5PM to 12AM**

**-Has Police Department approval**

Kim Dandurant, applicant, was remotely present for this application. Chairperson Angus verified if the church stored alcohol on the property. Ms. Dandurant said they did not as they only operated under One-Day licenses. Chairperson Angus asked if the locked bar mentioned was just to keep people out – Ms. Dandurant confirmed it was mainly to keep children out and that only three church members had access to the room. No further comments or questions.

*Motion:* Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the One Day license for May 30, 2026, for the hours of 5PM to 12AM.

*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

##### 5.2 Anastasia Dimopoulos, Applicant

Hellenic Orthodox Community Center, Inc.  
d/b/a Holy Apostles Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church  
154-156 Winter St

**-Application for One Day Liquor License – All Alcohol – Spring Dance Fundraiser on May 9, 2026, for the hours of 7PM-12AM**

**-Has Police Department approval**

**-Pending Event Permit**

Anastasia Dimopoulos, applicant, and Zacharoula Kataxinos, co-treasurer, were



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present for this application. Ms. Dimopoulos said the event would be open to the public but was mainly for their parishioners and Greek families, and that the church looked to host these fundraisers to keep up with expenses. Chairperson Angus inquired if children would be in attendance – Ms. Dimopoulos replied, “probably with their parents.” The Chairperson asked if there would be a cordoned-off area for alcohol consumption and Ms. Dimopoulos confirmed so. Ms. Dimopoulos also confirmed they had applied for the Event Permit – Chairperson Angus asked Clerk Flynn if he knew when the application would be heard by City Council and the Clerk said he believed it was still under review. The Chairperson reminded the applicant that the license could not be granted without obtaining the Event Permit.

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the One Day license for May 9, 2026, for the hours of 7PM to 12AM, pending Event Permit.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

## 6. ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Gebran Khoury, Manager

**Joe's Flaming Kabob, Inc.**

**d/b/a Dominic's Diner**

**27 Lafayette Square**

**-Application for Amendment of Entertainment license to add Amplifiers,**

**Performance – 4 Performers, 0 Instruments – and Other: Murder Mystery Dinner**

**-Has Police Department and Entertainment Zoning approval**

Elie Khoury, co-owner, was present for this application. Mr. Khoury explained that the business was looking for new opportunities to increase revenue. Chairperson Angus reminded Mr. Khoury that any performers would count against their Occupancy number. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if they were in a residential area and Mr. Khoury said there was an apartment next door. Chairperson Angus stated that the amplifiers could only be used inside, not on their deck.

*Motion:* Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the amendment for Amplifiers – *inside only* – Performance with 4 Performers, and Murder Mystery Dinner.

*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.



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## 6.2 Nestor M. Alcivar, Applicant

Jokeyli Peralta, Proposed Manager

Dream Goes on 2026 L.L.C.

d/b/a Miguelito's Restaurant

20 Emerson Street

**-Application for new Entertainment license for Monday – Thursday 10AM-8PM  
and Friday – Saturday 10AM-10PM for Karaoke, Radio, and Television**

**-Has Police Department and Entertainment Zoning approval**

**-Pending completed Lease Agreement**

Items 6.2 & 7.1 were heard together. Motions were made separately.

Nestor M. Alcivar, applicant, was present for these applications. Chairperson Angus asked about the applicant's experience in the business. Mr. Alcivar stated he had worked 20 years in McDonald's and worked his way up to supervisor for four locations, and that he had always wanted to open his own business. The Chairperson noted that the establishment was small and advised that anyone present would count against the Occupancy number. She then asked what the status of the lease was – Mr. Alcivar stated he was waiting for insurance information so his landlords could finalize the lease, and that he would submit it to Clerk Flynn when it was finished. The Chairperson asked when he planned on opening and the applicant said he would as soon as he had all his permits. He added that he recently met with a City Health Inspector who approved of his setup. No further comments or questions.

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new Entertainment license for Monday – Thursday 10AM-8PM and Friday – Saturday 10AM-10PM for Karaoke, Radio, and Television, pending completed Lease Agreement.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.



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## 7. COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS

### 7.1 Nestor M. Alcivar, Applicant

**Jokeyli Peralta, Proposed Manager**

**Dream Goes on 2026 L.L.C.**

**d/b/a Miguelito's Restaurant**

**20 Emerson Street**

**-Application for new Common Victualler license**

**-Pending completed Lease Agreement, Business Occupancy and Food/Milk**

**Permit**

Items 6.2 & 7.1 were heard together. See Item 6.2

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new Common Victualler license – pending completed Lease Agreement, Business Occupancy Certificate, and Food/Milk Permit.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

## 8. OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

### 8.1 Matthew L Holbrook, Manager

**Haverhill D&D, LLC**

**d/b/a The Hill Downtown Tavern**

**35 Washington Street**

**-Application for Outdoor Dining Permit – Public with Alcohol**

**-Has Inspectional, Police, and Public Works Departments' approval**

**-Pending Health, Fire, and Engineering Departments' approval**

Peter Ahn, co-owner, was present for this application. Chairperson Angus asked how business was going and Mr. Ahn said well so far. The Chairperson asked if both the sidewalk and alleyway areas would be used and Mr. Ahn confirmed so. Commissioner Driscoll verified if this would be the same footprint as the previous establishment and Mr. Ahn confirmed this as well. Chairperson Angus remarked that the two areas were included in the liquor license's Description of Premises. The Chairperson asked that Mr. Ahn contact the Engineering Department once the outdoor areas were set up to be measured for ADA compliance. Commissioner Koutoulas inquired if the business had barriers to enclose the areas and Mr. Ahn said they did.



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*Motion:* Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the new Outdoor Dining Permit, pending Health, Fire, and Engineering Departments' approval.  
*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.  
*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

## 8.2 John Vargas, Manager

The Ella and John V, LLC  
d/b/a The Lasting Room  
122 Washington Street

**-Application for Outdoor Dining Permit – Private with Alcohol**  
**-Pending Inspectional, Health, Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments' approval**

John Vargas, manager, was remotely present for this application. Chairperson Angus verified if this application was just for the restaurant's deck and Mr. Vargas confirmed so. The Chairperson asked Clerk Flynn if any pending approvals had been received yet but the Clerk said they had not. No further comments or questions.

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new Outdoor Dining Permit, pending Inspectional, Health, Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments' approval.  
*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.  
*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

## 9. ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

## 10. MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

### 10.1 Andy Raposo, Applicant

Xtreme Auto Sales, Inc.  
d/b/a Xtreme Auto Sales, Inc.  
534 River Street

**-Application for new Motor Vehicle Dealer Class II license**  
**-Has Building Inspector and Fire Department approval**  
**-Pending Police Department approval**

Andy Raposo, applicant, was present for this application. Chairperson Angus remarked that the previously submitted plot plan, reused from the location's previous business, needed to be replaced with the new plan the applicant just submitted shortly before the meeting. She explained that the Commission decided several years back



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that all new applicants needed to acquire their own plot plan, due to potential code changes, issues with former owners, and giving a chance to zoning departments to verify compliance. The Chairperson noted that the new plan had a couple of discrepancies compared to the previous plan and asked that the applicant's engineer revise the plan to be in compliance with the allotted vehicle numbers: 80 for sale/service, two for employees, three for customers. She also cautioned the applicant that the City has an active Traffic & Safety Department and will routinely inspect dealerships for compliance. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if Mr. Raposo was aware of Lemon Law stickers and he said he was. Chairperson Angus asked about the applicant's experience – Mr. Raposo replied he had sold vehicles for eight years and previously worked in Plaistow, NH and Methuen. The Chairperson asked if the applicant was well-versed in the logbook requirements and Mr. Raposo confirmed so. Commissioner Koutoulas noted that plot plans typically also include a snow storage area and asked that the engineer denote this area in the revision. Mr. Raposo mentioned that snow was currently stored next to the garage. Chairperson Angus denoted the area that must be left clear for emergency vehicle access. Mr. Raposo said he would work on revising the plan accordingly with his engineer. Discussion followed on whether to issue a temporary license or table the application until the revised plot plan is submitted. Lt. Lynch said he was fine with a temporary license. Chairperson Angus cautioned the applicant that the former business owner would illegally park his vehicles on the street and to take care to stay within his footprint – Mr. Raposo agreed.

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new Class II dealer license with 80 spaces for sale/service, two for employees, three for customers, and a designated snow storage area – pending the revised Plot Plan & Police Department approval – as well as the issuance of a temporary 30-day license until the aforementioned requirements are completed.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

## 11. CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS



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## 12. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

### 12.1 Jonus Rustani, Manager

**The New Lantern Cafe, Inc.  
d/b/a New Lantern Cafe  
240 Essex Street**

#### **-Item for Discussion: Status of Change of Officers/Directors/Shareholders application**

Jonus Rustani, manager, was present for this discussion. Mr. Rustani stated he had an appointment on April 13<sup>th</sup> with a lawyer to attempt to resolve this matter. Chairperson Angus inquired if he had made any efforts prior – the manager replied he went to several probate lawyers but they were very expensive and he is trying to find one he can afford. Commissioner Koutoulas asked what he would do if the new lawyer was also too expensive – the manager said he wasn't sure if he would have other options. Chairperson Angus stated Mr. Rustani could not wait to take care of this, that it should have been done in 2016 and that it had already been over two months since he was first instructed to complete the amendment. Mr. Rustani said his lawyer should have done this when his mother made out her will. The Chairperson asked if "none of this" was in the will and the manager said, "not that [he knew] of". He also told the Commission that he had to use personal funds on the business since they were closed through January – Chairperson Angus noted this was because his brother, former co-owner, owed taxes to the City. Mr. Rustani stated he was doing everything he could but that it could take two weeks to one month. Commissioner Koutoulas advised that Mr. Rustani was out of compliance with both the local Commission and ABCC. Mr. Rustani said he understood this but it wasn't something that could be done right away – Commissioner Koutoulas remarked that emails dated February 12<sup>th</sup> were sent to him advising him on how to proceed. The manager said he's tried several lawyers since then. Chairperson Angus suggested continuing this to the May meeting and imposing a deadline with potential sanctions if progress had not been made by then.

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to place this matter on file until the May 7, 2026 meeting.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.



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## 13. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

### 13.1 Jonus Rustani, Manager

The New Lantern Cafe, Inc.  
d/b/a New Lantern Cafe  
240 Essex Street

#### -Show Cause Hearing:

- Alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises to wit
- Alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch.138 §2 – Unlawful sale for off-premises consumption
- Alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch.138 §12 – Sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the licensed premises

#### -Possible overserving

-Incident that occurred on or about February 28, 2026, at approximately 8:23PM

Lt. Kevin Lynch presented the facts. Officers were dispatched for a reported disturbance. Witnesses advised a female patron brought a drink outside and was told by the victim she could not do so; a fight ensued, the female patron threw the drink at the victim and punched her several times. The victim was brought to the hospital to have her injuries treated. The owner advised the police that he did not witness the fight but that there was a slight altercation inside the bar. Witnesses advised the patron had 3-5 drinks, and the victim had several drinks. The lieutenant acquired video, could not witness the fight on the video but did witness the drink being brought outside. He also noticed other violations such as people vaping, which he reported to the Board of Health, and employees smoking inside after-hours.

Jonus Rustani was sworn in. Commissioner Koutoulas asked Lt. Lynch if the business had working cameras in the back alley – the lieutenant said there were two but they did not pick up the incident. He also confirmed there were cameras inside the business but the time is off by one hour. Chairperson Angus inquired how many bartenders were on duty – Mr. Rustani stated there were two. The Chairperson asked why patrons were allowed to take drinks outdoors – the manager replied he did not witness this but heard about the victim telling her aggressor she could not bring a drink outside. The Chairperson asked if the manager watched exiting patrons to ensure they did not remove alcohol from the premises. The manager replied he does as much as he can – Commissioner Koutoulas remarked this is why the Commission mandated having two bartenders 4 days a week. Chairperson Angus asked if there were a lot of people



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in the bar that night and Mr. Rustani stated there were “quite a few.” The Chairperson asked how long the woman had been in the bar – Lt. Lynch advised she’d been there several hours. The lieutenant also stated that he did see footage of Mr. Rustani asking the woman to leave but that she also vaped right in front of him. Mr. Rustani said he could “put a stop to all the vaping” – Lt. Lynch and Chairperson Angus advised it was a violation and he should not have to be told to enforce it.

Commissioner Koutoulas stated she had many issues, citing the different alleged violations, history of Show Cause hearings for New Lantern Cafe, and the business’ current probation. She declared she found this “extremely disturbing because [...] nothing changes.” Chairperson Angus asked if the fight outside the bar happened after the altercation inside – Mr. Rustani stated he believed the outside fight happened first. The manager further stated that when he saw the aggressor inside make another attempt to go after the victim, he forced her and her boyfriend outside the bar – the defendant allegedly threw ice and snow at him in response. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if he called the police at any point – Mr. Rustani said he was busy “getting them out” but the police did show up, though he did not know who called the police. Chairperson Angus inquired if the back area was accessible to the public or only patrons – the manager advised the back of the building was accessible via High St. Commissioner Koutoulas asked why neither bartender noticed drinks being taken outside. Mr. Rustani said he had been “working sick” since February 14<sup>th</sup>, that his health wasn’t at 100% and he was doing the best he could. The Commissioner declared she wished to close the business for two weeks. Mr. Rustani protested that he would have no income and wouldn’t be able to pay bills. The Commission noted that these violations kept occurring despite repeated sanctions; Commissioner Koutoulas emphasized that a person was injured. The manager requested one week of closure but Commissioner Koutoulas did not sway, citing the Commission’s responsibility to protect the public. Mr. Rustani asked how he was supposed to protect himself against an incident that suddenly occurs with no forewarning – Commissioner Driscoll countered that New Lantern Cafe was the only licensee out of 60 Section 12 licensees to be summoned every other month. Mr. Rustani advised he wished to sell the business – the Commissioner urged him to do so and stated he believed the license should be revoked. Commissioner Koutoulas verified if he wished to make that motion but Commissioner Driscoll declined. Commissioner Koutoulas noted that Mr. Rustani was cited as having witnessed the indoor altercation and asked if he ever called the police himself. Mr. Rustani replied he expelled the aggressor’s party outside the business – the Commissioner underlined that the manager allowed the drunk individuals to drive away instead of calling the police.



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The manager replied that the police arrived at the time he expelled them but the Commissioner noted this was luck and not due to his actions.

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to close New Lantern Cafe for business for two weeks, from April 3 through April 17, 2026.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

Chairperson Angus instructed Mr. Rustani to turn in his liquor license to the City Clerk's office the next day and advised he could collect it again on April 17<sup>th</sup> End of Day, not to reopen before April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 14. COMMUNICATIONS

## 15. OTHER BUSINESS

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion:* Commissioner Driscoll motions to adjourn.

*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

**No Public Comment.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Nicholas K. Flynn**

**Haverhill License Commission Clerk**