



Haverhill

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LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday July 10, 2025, at 6 PM-Room 202

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

Attending: Chairperson Laura Angus, Commissioner Patrick Driscoll, Sgt. Kevin Lynch – Haverhill Police Department, and License Commission Clerk Nicholas K. Flynn
Absent: Commissioner Linda Koutoulas

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the minutes of the June 5, 2025 meeting

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2025 meeting.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.

3. CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS

5. ONE DAY APPLICATIONS

5.1 Anthony Pepe, Applicant

Food Truck Festivals of America LLC

247 Washington St, Suite 21

Stoughton, MA. 02072

-Application for One Day Liquor License – Beer & Wine only – Food Truck & Craft Beverage Festival at 791 East Broadway on October 25, 2025, for the hours of 11AM to 6PM

-Has Police Department approval

-Pending Event Permit

Anthony Pepe, applicant and owner of Food Truck Festivals of America, was remotely present for this application. He explained they are an event marketing company that puts on food truck and craft beer festivals across the country. He stated it was a “family fun” event, and that they have never had alcohol-related issues during past events. He added that they have check-in security and that they use wristbands for patrons 21+, which are checked frequently. He expressed he would like to make this event annual in Haverhill.

Sgt. Kevin Lynch approached to speak on this application. He stated that he had spoken with someone in the applicant’s party about the venue requiring a cordoned off area for



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alcohol consumption. He added that, even if wristbands were used and repeatedly monitored, patrons could not walk around the venue as there would be “no control.” He also said that police detail would be required. Mr. Pepe said they would follow all rules required and could set up a beer garden. Chairperson Angus said she was also going to inquire about the beer tents setup and how patrons would consume alcohol. The applicant replied they would create a beer garden “approved by everyone” and add it to their map, as well as request police detail and fire & health departments to do inspections to ensure the food trucks are safe.

Chairperson Angus remarked that the required Event Permit had been postponed twice by City Council due to an ongoing issue between the City’s Inspectional Services Department and Kimball Farm, the event’s location. The Chairperson suggested this application be tabled until the August 7th meeting and asked for the applicant to submit the revised site plan to the Clerk and Sgt. Lynch in the meantime, indicating the designated area for alcohol consumption. Mr. Pepe asked if there was anything they could do to resolve the issue in question – the Chairperson replied she believed it had to do with a matter on the farm itself but that it was between Inspectional Services and Kimball Farm.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to table this application until the August 7, 2025 License Commission meeting.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.

5.2 Joseph LeBlanc, River Ruckus Chair

Team Haverhill Inc

PO Box 5034

-Application for One-Day Liquor License – Beer & Wine only – River Ruckus event at Washington St Riverfront Parking Lot on September 13, 2025, for the hours of 12PM to 9PM

-Has Police & Recreation Department approval

-Pending Event Permit

Joseph LeBlanc, applicant, was present for this application. He explained they have been hosting this annual event for 10 years and that they have run smoothly with the help of City departments. The Commission remarked that the applicant has always been well aware of requirements.



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Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the license for September 13, 2025 for the hours of 12PM to 9PM – pending Event Permit.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.

6. ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

6.1 Ashley Holt, Applicant

B&K LLC

d/b/a The Nerve

101-103 Washington Street

-Application for new Entertainment license for Monday through Thursday for the hours of 4PM to 12AM, Friday for the hours of 11AM to 2AM, Saturday for the hours of 11AM to 1AM, and Sunday for the hours of 10AM to 12AM for Amplifiers, Dancing (by patrons only), D.J., Jukebox, Karaoke, Movies, Music – Amplified, Radio, Sporting Event, Television, Comedy Show – 2 Comedians, Performance (includes live bands) – 4 Instruments, 3 Vocalists
-Has Police Department and Entertainment Zoning approval

Items 6.1 & 9.1 were heard together.

Ashley Holt, applicant, was present for these applications. She stated she had been looking at this location for a while and wanted to open a live music venue without any “rowdiness.” Chairperson Angus inquired if the applicant was aware that any entertainment performers would count against her occupancy number, and Ms. Holt said she did. The Chairperson also asked that the Entertainment license ending hours be pushed back by half-an-hour to ensure that patrons leave the premises on time. Ms. Holt replied they were not trying to stay as late as their requested hours anyways, as they wished to limit public disturbances. Chairperson Angus then asked about her experience in the business and verified if she would be able to be present on the new premises 40+ hours a week – the applicant replied she had been with The Hidden Pig in Haverhill since it opened and that she would be present at least 40 hours a week at the new bar. Commissioner Driscoll asked that the applicant use security cameras – Chairperson Angus added that they need to have 30-day retention and to provide phone numbers for points of contact in the event of an incident. Ms. Holt agreed. Chairperson Angus noted that a couple of corrections needed to be made to the Liquor License application and asked that a motion be made pending these corrections.



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Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the new Entertainment license for Monday through Thursday for the hours of 4PM to 11:30PM, Friday for the hours of 11AM to 1:30AM, Saturday for the hours of 11AM to 12:30AM, and Sunday for the hours of 10AM to 11:30PM, as well as the application for the new §12 General on Premises All-Alcoholic Beverages license for Monday through Thursday for the hours of 4PM to 12AM, Friday for the hours of 11AM to 2AM, Saturday for the hours of 11AM to 1AM, and Sunday for the hours of 10AM to 12AM – pending required corrections, ABCC approval, 304 Occupancy, Liquor Liability Insurance, Worker’s Compensation Insurance + Affidavit, Safe Service of Alcohol certificate(s), and final requirements of Abutters Notification Affidavit.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.

6.2 Phillip McCabe, Manager

Bosa Restaurant LLC

d/b/a Bosa Restaurant and Skyline Social

160 Merrimack St

-Application for amendment of Entertainment license – change of DBA from “Bosa Restaurant and Bosa Bar” to “Bosa Restaurant and Skyline Social”

Items 6.2, 7.1, and 9.2 were all heard together.

Phillip McCabe, manager, was present for this application. Chairperson Angus asked for the reason for the bar’s name change. Mr. McCabe explained there had been confusion when patrons made reservations and this name change would help differentiate the two floors, which have different menus.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the DBA amendments of the Entertainment license, Common Victualler’s license, and Liquor License – the third pending ABCC approval.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.



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7. COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS

7.1 Phillip McCabe, Manager

Bosa Restaurant LLC

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160 Merrimack St

-Application for amendment of Common Victualler license – change of DBA from “Bosa Restaurant and Bosa Bar” to “Bosa Restaurant and Skyline Social”

Items 6.2, 7.1, and 9.2 were all heard together. See Item 6.2.

[Remaining Items were heard in the following order: 12.1, 8.1, 7.2 & 9.5, 9.3, 9.4, 12.2]

7.2 John F. Soraghan, Manager

Duffy’s Diner Two, LLC

d/b/a Duffy’s Diner

8 Knipe Rd

-Application for amendment of Common Victualler license – change of hours from 6AM-1:30PM to 6AM-9PM

Items 7.2 & 9.5 were heard together.

John Soraghan, manager, was present for these applications. Chairperson Angus asked if he was planning to start serving dinner and the manager replied he eventually would in the future but currently just wanted to stay open later on the weekends since he had been approved to serve alcohol.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Hours amendments of the Common Victualler’s license and the Liquor License, the latter pending ABCC approval.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.



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8. OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

8.1 Barbara Gliklich, Manager

Wicked Axe LLC

d/b/a Wicked Axe

721 South Main Street

-Application for Outdoor Alteration of Premises for the Outdoor Service of Alcohol

-Pending final requirements of Abutters Notification Affidavit

Barbara Gliklich, manager, and staff member Emma from Wicked Axe were present for this application. Chairperson Angus asked if this dining area would be in the parking lot in front of the building – Ms. Gliklich clarified it was in the rear of the building, which is where the main entrance is located. The Chairperson verified if the parking lot was not visible from inside the establishment and the manager confirmed it was not. The Chairperson stated that this would require a TIPS-certified staff member to be present at all times in the outdoor dining area during hours of operation. Staff member Emma said they also have cameras to monitor the outdoor area, but the Chairperson stated that a staff member still had to be physically present on site. The Chairperson then asked if they had received the abutters notification letters' signed green cards. The manager provided a copy of the relevant tracking information but they had not received any cards back as of then.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Outdoor Alteration of Premises for the Outdoor Service of Alcohol, pending final requirements of the Abutters Notification Affidavit.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.



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9. ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

9.1 Ashley Holt, Applicant

B&K LLC

d/b/a The Nerve

101-103 Washington Street

-Application for new §12 General on Premises All-Alcoholic Beverages license for Monday through Thursday for the hours of 4PM to 12AM, Friday for the hours of 11AM to 2AM, Saturday for the hours of 11AM to 1AM, and Sunday for the hours of 10AM to 12AM

-Pending ABCC approval

-Pending 304 Occupancy, Liquor Liability Insurance, Worker's Compensation Insurance + Affidavit, Safe Service of Alcohol certificate(s), and final requirements of Abutters Notification Affidavit

Items 6.1 & 9.1 were heard together. See Item 6.1.

9.2 Phillip McCabe, Manager

Bosa Restaurant LLC

d/b/a Bosa Restaurant and Skyline Social

160 Merrimack St

-Application for Change of DBA from "Bosa Restaurant and Bosa Bar" to "Bosa Restaurant and Skyline Social"

-Pending ABCC approval

Items 6.2, 7.1, and 9.2 were all heard together. See Item 6.2.

9.3 David Accardi, Manager

Liguria Club of Haverhill

d/b/a The Garibaldi Liguria Club

86 Washington Street

-Application for Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers

-Pending ABCC approval

David Accardi, manager, was present for this application. Chairperson Angus asked if Clerk Flynn had received a corrected Entity Vote form and the Clerk confirmed he had. The Commission did not have any further questions.



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Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the application, pending ABCC approval.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.

9.4 Gebran Khoury, Manager

Joe's Flaming Kabob, Inc.

d/b/a Dominic's Diner

27 Lafayette Square

-Application for new §12 Restaurant All-Alcoholic Beverages license for Monday through Saturday for the hours of 8AM to 10PM and Sunday for the hours of 10AM to 10PM

-Pending ABCC approval

-Pending 304 Occupancy, Safe Service of Alcohol certificate(s), and final requirements of Abutters Notification Affidavit

Gebran Khoury, manager, was present for this application. Chairperson Angus asked how business was going so far and the manager said it had been going well. The Chairperson then asked if the applicant served alcohol at their previous location in North Andover and Mr. Khoury replied they did not. The Chairperson asked if Mr. Khoury had experience serving alcohol and he stated he did from before he opened the diner and knew the rules. Chairperson Angus asked Clerk Flynn if he had advised the applicant on the new list of approved Safe Service of Alcohol courses and the Clerk confirmed he had.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the new §12 license application for Monday through Saturday for the hours of 8AM to 10PM and Sunday for the hours of 10AM to 10PM – pending ABCC approval, 304 Occupancy, Safe Service of Alcohol certificate(s), and final requirements of Abutters Notification Affidavit.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.



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9.5 John F. Soraghan, Manager

Duffy's Diner Two, LLC

d/b/a Duffy's Diner

8 Knipe Rd

-Application for Change of Hours from 6AM*-1:30PM to 6AM*-9PM

-Pending ABCC approval

**Scrivener's Error: Hours applied for were Monday-Saturday from 8AM-1:30PM to 8AM-9PM and Sunday from 10AM-1:30PM to 10AM-9PM.*

Items 7.2 & 9.5 were heard together. See Item 7.2.

10. MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

11. CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS

12. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

12.1 Phillip McCabe, Manager

Bosa Restaurant LLC

d/b/a Bosa Restaurant and Skyline Social

160 Merrimack St

-Item for Discussion: Entertainment License Violation – Unauthorized Drag Show hosted on or about June 7, 2025 at 4PM

Phillip McCabe, manager, was present. Chairperson Angus said she understood the show was part of the City's Pride Parade. The manager confirmed so, explaining that they were approached to participate in a performance hosted at various locations and didn't realize the full scope of the event. He added that his business had nothing to do with organizing the event. Chairperson Angus inquired if performers actually danced or if they came in just to socialize – Mr. McCabe said they socialized and danced around but that it was not a true show. The Chairperson advised that the manager apply for an amendment to their Entertainment license if they wished to host drag shows again in the future. The manager replied he understood that any new changes to the license would require an amendment with the Commission's approval. Commissioner Driscoll noted that any such amendment would be a "one-time" change.



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Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to place the matter on file.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.

12.2 Sharon Cohen, Manager

Haverhill Brewery, Inc.

d/b/a The Tap

100 Washington St

-Item for Discussion: Entertainment License Violation – Unauthorized Drag Show hosted on or about June 7, 2025 at 3PM

Sharon Cohen, manager, and assistant manager Stephanie Dalton were present. Chairperson Angus asked if this was the same situation as with Bosa Restaurant. The manager replied she believed all required permits were covered by the event organizers – the Chairperson remarked that they had received a letter that morning from the event organizers indicating this same belief. She then said that it appeared to be a misunderstanding over whether the performers were performing on The Tap's premises or if they were just "traveling through." Ms. Cohen said they were told by the event organizers that the performers would just be mingling with their customers but that it did end up being a show. The manager added that she was proud that the City hosted the event and that, should the City host it again in the future, she would "certainly" add "Drag Show" to her Entertainment license. Chairperson Angus explained that the Commission simply wanted businesses to amend their licenses in advance of hosting activities they are not currently licensed for, citing G's in Haverhill as an example. Commissioner Driscoll reminded the manager that it would be a one-time, permanent change to the license. Ms. Cohen replied that there was no "Drag Show box" to check off – the Commission commented that they would look into updating the application.

City Councilor Devan Ferreira approached to speak on the event in question. She stated there had been a "pretty consistent confusion about this event and what the event permit covered". She said that the "checking boxes" process was confusing and that she does not see it as common practice in other nearby municipalities. She then said that there has been an increase in Drag Show-related performances in the City and that any clarification on the City ordinance or local regulations would be helpful, adding that she would be happy to work on this as City Councilor. The Councilor commented that "we could do without more confusion for our businesses downtown." Chairperson Angus replied that the Commission was not "there to stop



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them” but that they just wanted to “keep everything across the board,” referring to the fact that some businesses had already applied for an amendment in anticipation of planned events. The Councilor said that G’s had hosted a separate drag show entirely on their premises on a different day, while the event organizers had had an event permit and believed this covered all requirements across the City. She then remarked that it can be confusing for entities to know which departments in City Hall need to be referred to when verifying full permit(s) requirements, and that her goal as City Councilor and City resident was to “streamline” this process. Commissioner Driscoll told the Councilor that he believed the difference between hosting a “story-time” at the library and a full drag show performance was that many businesses in question had a Liquor License, explaining the reason for checking off Entertainment option-boxes, but agreed that the process could be improved upon. Councilor Ferreira stated that she believed the whole City ordinance ought to be reworked so that there could be less confusion overall, such as with neighboring municipalities.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to place the matter on file.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion passed.

13. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

14. COMMUNICATIONS

15. OTHER BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to adjourn.

Second: Chairperson Angus seconded.

Vote: 2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent, meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

No Public Comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas K. Flynn

License Commission Clerk