



# Haverhill

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## LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES Thursday February 5, 2026, at 6 PM – Room 202 Virtual and In-Person Meeting

*Attending: Chairperson Laura Angus, Commissioner Linda Koutoulas (remotely), Commissioner Patrick Driscoll, Lt. Kevin Lynch – Haverhill Police Department, and City Clerk Kaitlin M. Wright*  
*Absent: License Commission Clerk Nicholas K. Flynn*

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### 2.1 Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

3. CONTINUED BUSINESS
4. MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS
5. ONE DAY APPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Allison Gagne, Applicant

Northern Essex Community College

100 Elliott St

**-Application for One Day Liquor License - Beer & Wine only – “Athletic Hall of Fame” Awards Ceremony on March 5, 2026 for the hours of 6PM to 8PM**

**-Pending revised Liquor Liability Insurance**

**-Pending Police Department approval**

Allison Gagne, applicant, was present for this application. Ms. Gagne stated she believed she had provided the revised certificate of insurance and Clerk Wright confirmed so. Chairperson Angus inquired if the police department approved – Lt. Kevin Lynch stated it had just been approved that day. The Chairperson remarked that the application should be all set and asked the applicant if this wasn't their third or fourth year hosting the event. Ms. Gagne replied it was their fourth year. The Chairperson said that the party seemed well-versed on requirements. No further comments or questions.



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*Motion:* Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the One Day License for March 5, 2026 for the hours of 6PM to 8PM.

*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

## 6. ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

### 6.1 George Chiachio, Applicant

**On The Corner Grill Harbor Place, LLC  
d/b/a On The Corner Grill Harbor Place  
20 Merrimack Street**

**-Application for new Entertainment license for Monday-Thursday & Saturday 8AM-1AM, Friday 8AM-2AM, and Sunday 10AM-1AM for Amplified Music, Radio, Sporting Event, Television, Performance (includes live bands) - 2 Performers/Instruments, 2 Vocalists**

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

**-Pending outstanding Real Estate Taxes payment**

Items 6.1, 7.1, and 9.1 were all heard together. Motions were made separately.

George Chiachio and Janelle White, LLC Managers, were present for these applications. Chairperson Angus asked if the pair could provide an overview of their plans. Mr. Chiachio replied they were in the process of building a restaurant in Harbor Place and hoped it would be completed in early April so they could open as soon as possible. Chairperson Angus commented that she liked their other location in New Hampshire and remarked that they had been in business for a while. The applicant confirmed they had since 2012. The Chairperson inquired if the party was familiar with Massachusetts liquor laws and TIPS requirements and the pair confirmed so. The Chairperson then asked that the Entertainment license hours be reduced by a half-hour and stated that amplified music must be indoors only, due to the business' downtown location. The pair agreed. Finally, the Chairperson inquired about a discrepancy regarding the liquor license application's Financial Statement. Mr. Chiachio explained he had already spent over \$300,000 on the business previously. The Chairperson said she just wanted to verify that the party had enough funds to cover their full business expenses. Commissioner Koutoulas inquired if the real estate taxes situation had been resolved. Mr. Chiachio said the landlord told him the amount had been credited on January 28<sup>th</sup>; Ms. White provided a copy of an email stating this to Clerk Wright.



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*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new Entertainment license for Monday-Thursday & Saturday 8AM-12:30AM, Friday 8AM-1:30AM, and Sunday 10AM-12:30AM for the requested activities as stated above.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

## 7. COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS

### 7.1 George Chiachio, Applicant

**On The Corner Grill Harbor Place, LLC  
d/b/a On The Corner Grill Harbor Place  
20 Merrimack Street**

**-Application for new Common Victualler license for Monday-Thursday & Saturday 8AM-1AM, Friday 8AM-2AM, and Sunday 10AM-1AM**

**-Pending 304 Certificate of Occupancy**

**-Pending outstanding Real Estate Taxes payment**

Items 6.1, 7.1, and 9.1 were all heard together. See Item 6.1

*Motion:* Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the new Common Victualler license for the requested hours as stated above, pending 304 Certificate of Occupancy.

*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

### 7.2 Deborah Mireault, Proposed Manager

**Haverhill Hospitality, LLC  
d/b/a Hampton Inn  
106 Bank Road**

**-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Bhaskar Joshi to Deborah Mireault**

Deborah Mireault, proposed manager, was present for this application. Chairperson Angus asked the new manager if she had been in the business for a while – Ms. Mireault replied over 30 years. No further questions or comments.



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*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment to Deborah Mireault.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

## 8. OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

## 9. ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

### 9.1 George Chiachio, Applicant

On The Corner Grill Harbor Place, LLC  
d/b/a On The Corner Grill Harbor Place  
20 Merrimack Street

**-Application for new §12 Restaurant All-Alcoholic Beverages license for Monday-Thursday & Saturday 8AM-1AM, Friday 8AM-2AM, and Sunday 10AM-1AM**

**-Pending ABCC approval**

**-Pending 304 Certificate of Occupancy, Safe Service of Alcohol certificate(s), final requirements of Abutters Notification Affidavit, and outstanding Real Estate Taxes payment**

Items 6.1, 7.1, and 9.1 were all heard together. See Item 6.1

As the following Motion was made, Commissioner Koutoulas instructed the pair to have working cameras on-site in case the police department requires footage of any incident. Mr. Chiachio stated they did have cameras.

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new §12 Restaurant All-Alcoholic Beverages license for the requested hours as stated above – pending ABCC approval, 304 Certificate of Occupancy, Safe Service of Alcohol certificate(s), and final requirements of Abutters Notification Affidavit.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

### 9.2 Jonus Rustani, Manager

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

**-Application for Change of Officers/Directors**

**-Pending ABCC approval**



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Jonus Rustani, manager, was present for this application. Mr. Rustani affirmed he was taking his brother completely off the corporation. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if the “correction to the corporation” was made to the application. Chairperson Angus clarified that the issue she referred to was regarding the realty trust, which allegedly had since been resolved. Mr. Rustani said he even updated the Articles of Organization – the Chairperson remarked this was indeed necessary for this application.

*Motion:* Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Officers/Directors application, pending ABCC approval.

*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

- 10. MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS
- 11. CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS
- 12. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

#### 12.1 Margaret Osborn, Manager

**Barrio Haverhill LLC**

**d/b/a Barrio Tacos Tequila and Whisky**

**2 Merrimack Street Ste 103**

**-Item for Discussion: Alleged consumption of alcohol outside of licensed premises**

**-Incident that occurred on or about January 23, 2026**

Margaret Osborn, manager, and Atty. Paul A. Magliocchetti, representing Barrio Haverhill LLC, appeared for this discussion. Chairperson Angus explained that Clerk Wright had received an email raising concerns about possible issues with an event that had just occurred at the event space in Harbor Place, above the Barrio restaurant. Atty. Magliocchetti stated the owner of the event space was in attendance and that the event in question was a fundraiser hosted by Bradford Christian Academy. Chairperson Angus said that the email suggested event attendees were told they could purchase alcohol at Barrio and bring them upstairs to the event space. The attorney replied that people were purchasing food and margarita boxes to go, as is permitted by law, in sealed containers, and “probably” took them upstairs afterwards. Commissioner Koutoulas inquired how the containers were sealed as the email’s photos do not show evidence of such. Ms. Osborn stated that they used plastic or box containers with a tamper-proof piece of tape on them. The Commissioner raised the concern that beer was allegedly purchased, which is not permitted to be sold as takeaway. Ms. Osborn



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replied she was not aware of beer being sold to-go – the Commissioner asked if she was saying that people brought their own beer to the event. Atty. Magliocchetti stated that no beer was sold as part of takeout orders and that the Commission would have to ask the event organizers where it came from. Commissioner Koutoulas reiterated that beer and wine are not permitted to be sold as takeaway, and permitted drinks must be sealed in tamper-proof containers. She thanked the pair for attending and answering the Commission’s questions – the Attorney replied that Barrio was a reputable business and had no intention of violating the law. Chairperson Angus explained that they simply wanted to ensure that rules were being followed, and asked how big the margarita boxes were. Ms. Osborn said “probably” about 48-50oz. The Chairperson verified if everyone that purchased drinks for takeaway also purchased food – the manger confirmed so. The Chairperson said she wanted to ensure that the rules in the ABCC’s advisory regarding alcohol-takeaway were being followed. She then said that while it was unclear where the beer in the photos came from, the restaurant must ensure in the future that no beer or wine is ever sold as takeaway. The only allowance is mixed drinks with a spirit as the base, in tamper-proof containers. Chairperson Angus said it appeared that Ms. Osborn was familiar with the rules to follow and thanked her for attending the meeting.

After the following Motion, she advised the owner of the event space, sitting in the audience, that any event organizers that wished to have alcohol needed to acquire a One-Day Liquor License. Commissioner Koutoulas added that attendees could not bring their own alcohol. The owner affirmed he was aware.

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

*Second:* Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

## **13. SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

## **14. COMMUNICATIONS**

## **15. OTHER BUSINESS**



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## 16. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion:* Commissioner Koutoulas motions to adjourn.

*Second:* Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

*Vote:* 3-0-0 vote unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:18PM.

**No Public Comment.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Nicholas K. Flynn**

**Haverhill License Commission Clerk**