

Licensing Board Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order – 6:01PM
2. Roll Call – Board members Jimmy Tsekrekas who will be acting chair, John Bartley, John Labadini, City Attorney Thomas McEnaney, Detective Sergeant Mark Lewis and City Clerk Noelle Gilligan.

3. Acceptance of Minutes – January 15, 2026 Approved 3-0

4. Special One Day Events

St Patrick's Church
46R Chestnut St
St Patrick's Day Celebration | March 13, 2026

Applicant was unable to attend – advised annual event being operated same as every year.

Building, Fire, Health and Zoning have no comments or objections; however, applicants will need to obtain any other required permits prior to holding the event. Police have no objection.

Approved 3-0

Wonder HDR Holdings Massachusetts dba Wonder
541 Arsenal St
Common Victualer

Daniel Bremer, representative, quick service concept restaurant. Approximately 18 different menus.

Building, Fire, Health and Zoning no comment or objections, Police have no objection.

Approved 3-0

5. License Applications

Royal Transportation Services Inc
10 Richards Rd
Livery License

John and Jacqueline King, owners, presented. One vehicle will be garaged in the private driveway of their primary residence of 10 Richards Rd, the property owner has no objection. Described business as pre-scheduled pickups, one driver.

Building, Fire, Health and Zoning no comment or objections, Police have no objection.

Approved 3-0

Marchoud Karakoc LLC dba Little Family Pizza
467 Pleasant St
Common Victualer

Muhammet Karakoc and Hicham Marchoud, owners, presented application as a simple change over of ownership. They are continuing to operate as the pizza shops before them have. Submitted their legal ad properly, however, they failed to notify abutter due to misunderstanding. Their one abutter is the property owner and therefore is aware and approves of the operation.

Hours of operation Sunday – Thursday 7:00 am – 10:00 pm
Friday & Saturday 7:00 am – 2:00 am

Building, Fire, Health and Zoning no comment or objections, Police have no objection.

Approved 3-0

ATIN Inc dba Handy Liquors
608 Mt Auburn St
Transfer of All Alcohol Package Goods Store

Attorney PeggyAnn Wollman presented on behalf of applicant Mukesh Patel. Transferring the license from Shanaya Corp d/b/a Coolidge Liquors. Mr. Patel currently owns four package goods stores in Massachusetts and is actively selling one. He is TiPS certified.

Hours of operation Monday – Saturday 8:00 am – 11:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am – 11:00 pm

Building, Fire, Health and Zoning no comment or objections, Police have no objection.

Approved 3-0

6. Additional comments by Police and Board

City Clerk Noelle Gilligan presented the following:

There are currently no applications for March and requested the board vote to not hold a meeting unless an emergency situation arose, the board agreed.

All board members will be issued an @watertown-ma.gov email address and all communications should be done using those addresses.

Wicked Bagel is looking to transfer their all alcohol license

Notified the board that Not Your Average Joe's provided a letter stating their close date was February 11th, Acting Chair Jimmy Tsekrekas read the letter.

Noted that the board had previously discussed voting on a Chair person annually and suggested that be done in March, along with an annual review of the rules and regulations. As there is no March hearing, this can be done at the April hearing. She also reminded the board that we will

soon be requiring our boards to have a Vice Chair and a Secretary and suggested the board may want to impose that at the same time. She will also be providing the board members with a “red-lined” version of the current rules and regulations with suggestions on possible amendments.

Requested the board ask Attorney McEnenay to prepare the letter for City Council to amend [§ 110.03. Motor vehicles for hire](#), the board agreed.

Suggested moving the date of the July hearing from July 16th to July 23rd , the board agreed.

Detective Sgt Lewis informed the board of incidents that took place at three Licensed establishments over the last few months, none of which he found to be in violation of their license, nor require a show cause.

December 2, 2025 – Boilerplate LLC dba Branch Line 321 Arsenal Street

December 31, 2025 – Chef Jason Santos LLC dba Buttermilk & Bourbon 100 Arsenal Yards Blvd

February 17, 2026 – Bottleneck Watertown LLC dba City Works Eatery and Pour House

The board agreed, no actions were taken.

7. Additional comments by Police and Board

- A. Discuss and Vote on including the approval of a non-live entertainment license with an application or renewal of a common victualer or liquor license and removing the Music Box license requirement.

Motion to eliminate fee requirement, legal ad and abutter notice for a non-live entertainment license.

Agreed 3-0

8. Adjourn – 7:09PM



Approved on April 16, 2025