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LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday August 6, 2026, at 6 PM – Room 202

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

*Attending: Chairperson Elizabeth A. Laliberty, Commissioner Linda L. Koutoulas, Commissioner Patrick J. Driscoll,
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 July 2, 2026 meeting

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the minutes from the July 2, 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 Kim Dandurant, Applicant

Holy Archangels Armenian Church St. Michael and St. Gabriel

1280 Boston Road

**-Application for One Day Liquor License – Beer & Wine Only – Annual Church
Picnic on August 23, 2026, for the hours of 12PM to 5PM**

-Has Police Department approval

Kim Dandurant, applicant, was remotely present for this application. Chairperson Laliberty inquired how many people were expected to attend. Ms. Dandurant explained that picnic attendees “come and go” but there could be up to 250 people with 500-600 meals prepared. The Chairperson asked if the picnic was indoors, outdoors, or both – the applicant clarified attendees can eat and play games outdoors but all dancing and liquor consumption was indoors. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the One Day license for August 23, 2026, for the hours of 12PM to 5PM.

Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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



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6. ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

6.1 Erick Caceres Aquino, Applicant

Mozzarella Pizzeria & Restaurant, Inc.
d/b/a Mozzarella Pizzeria & Restaurant
558 River Street, Unit 3

-Application for new Entertainment license for Radio on Tuesday & Saturday

9AM-3PM, Wednesday – Friday 9AM-7PM, CLOSED Sunday & Monday

-Has Police Department and Entertainment Zoning approval

-Pending Certificate of Business Occupancy

Items 6.1 & 7.1 were heard together. Motions were made separately.

Erick Aquino, applicant and corporate principal, and Atty. Bryan Chase, representing Mozzarella Pizzeria & Restaurant, Inc., were present for these applications. Atty. Chase stated that Mr. Aquino had over ten years of experience in the pizza business. Chairperson Laliberty verified if this was replacing the former River Street Café and Atty. Chase confirmed so. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new Entertainment license for Radio on Tuesday & Saturday 9AM-3PM, Wednesday – Friday 9AM-7PM, CLOSED Sunday & Monday, pending Certificate of Business Occupancy.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

6.2 Jhan Nunez, Manager

JYG Kitchen Concepts Inc
d/b/a Sabor Caribeño
200 Main Street Unit I

-Application for Amendment of Entertainment license – Change of DBA from

Delicioso Mix Kitchen to Sabor Caribeño

-Has Police Department approval

Items 6.2 and 7.2 were heard together. Motions were made separately.

Items were heard between Item 13.2 & Item 15.1

Jhan Nunez, manager, was remotely present for these applications. Commissioner Koutoulas inquired if the food would change. Mr. Nunez explained that the business



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was previously doing a mix of Mexican, Dominican, and American foods, but now wished to focus more on Caribbean food. He added that the business has been closed for a bit due to health issues, and decided to take the opportunity to renovate during the closure. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the DBA amendment to Sabor Caribeño.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

7. COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS

7.1 Erick Caceres Aquino, Applicant

Mozzarella Pizzeria & Restaurant, Inc.

d/b/a Mozzarella Pizzeria & Restaurant

558 River Street, Unit 3

-Application for new Common Victualler license

-Pending Certificate of Business Occupancy and Food/Milk Permit

Items 6.1 & 7.1 were heard together. See Item 6.1

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the new Common Victualler license, pending Certificate of Business Occupancy and Food/Milk Permit.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

7.2 Jhan Nunez, Manager

JYG Kitchen Concepts Inc

d/b/a Sabor Caribeño

200 Main Street Unit I

-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of DBA from Delicioso Mix Kitchen to Sabor Caribeño

Items 6.2 & 7.2 were heard together. See Item 6.2



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Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the DBA amendment to Sabor Caribeño.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

7.3 Alicia Barton, Proposed Manager

Wilbur M. Comeau Post#4, American Legion, Inc.

d/b/a The American Legion

1314 Main Street

-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Chad Pfeil to Alicia Barton

Items 7.3 & 9.1 were heard together. Motions were made separately.

Alicia Barton, proposed manager, and Christopher Manning, commander and corporation President/Clerk, were both present for these applications. Ms. Barton stated she has worked at the business for over a year and previously served as Assistant Manager under the previous manager. Chairperson Laliberty asked about her experience and Ms. Barton stated she had over six years of experience in the restaurant & bar industries. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Manager Amendment from Chad Pfeil to Alicia Barton.

Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

8. OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

8.1 Rafael A Guzman, Manager

Crusttown Inc

d/b/a Crusttown

150 Washington Street

-Application for Alteration of Outdoor Dining Premises

-Pending Inspectional, Health, Fire, Police, DPW, and Engineering Departments' approvals, and outstanding City Tax & Water Bill payments

Items 8.1 & 9.2 were heard together. Motions were made separately



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Rafael Guzman, manager, was present for these applications. Mr. Guzman explained the business has been operating for 3-4 years and now wishes to extend as a “diner place” to sit more people inside. Chairperson Laliberty asked for further details regarding the floor plans and two basements. The manager replied they have been struggling in the current, small location, that the building next door used to be a florist with much more basement and storage space, and that both buildings were being joined together with the approval of the Building Inspector. The Chairperson inquired if Mr. Guzman had talked to Building Commissioner Thomas Bridgewater – the manager said he had not recently but did so at the very beginning of the process, where he was then directed to Inspector Paul Viliott. The Chairperson then asked for a timeline – Mr. Guzman replied he had intended for the month of June but was now looking at about one to one-and-a-half months following ABCC approval. Commissioner Koutoulas inquired if he had a plan for the outstanding City payments. Mr. Guzman explained that there had been water running out of a toilet in Crusttown and that his staff did not relay this information to him; the Water Department allegedly adjusted the bill. He also explained that the building owner, Gary Ortiz, spoke to the Treasurer’s office regarding the last part of taxes owed. Commissioner Koutoulas verified if Mr. Guzman or Mr. Ortiz was responsible for real estate on 150 Washington St, but the manager clarified the taxes in question were regarding 152-154 Washington St and he had already paid them. The Commissioner asked Mr. Guzman to provide a receipt to Clerk Flynn.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Alteration of Outdoor Dining Premises, pending all required department approvals and confirmation of City bill payments.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

9. ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

9.1 Alicia Barton, Proposed Manager

Wilbur M. Comeau Post#4, American Legion, Inc.

d/b/a The American Legion

1314 Main Street

-Application for Multiple Amendments: Change of Officers/Directors and Change of Manager from Chad Pfeil to Alicia Barton

-Pending DOR Certificate of Good Standing, DUA Certificate of Compliance, and ABCC approval



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Items 7.3 & 9.1 were heard together. See Item 7.3

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Officers/Directors and Manager – pending DOR Certificate of Good Standing, DUA Certificate of Compliance, and ABCC approval.

Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

9.2 Rafael A Guzman, Manager

Crusttown Inc

d/b/a Crusttown

150 Washington Street

-Application for Alteration of Premises

-Pending ABCC approval

-Pending outstanding City Tax & Water Bill payments, updated 304 Certificate of Occupancy, and final requirements of Abutters' Notification Affidavit

Items 8.1 & 9.2 were heard together. See Item 8.1

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Alteration of Premises – pending ABCC approval, outstanding City Tax & Water Bill payments, updated 304 Certificate of Occupancy, and final requirements of Abutters' Notification Affidavit.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

Following the motion, Mr. Guzman mentioned he had heard from a customer that other towns had approved alcohol service until 3AM, and asked if this was true for Haverhill. Commissioner Koutoulas explained that this was a temporary measure in regards to the World Cup, but that the Haverhill Commission voted against adopting it as there was not enough interest shown. Mr. Guzman concurred he did not want to work so late.

9.3 Dharmesh V Dave, Manager

Anrush LLC

d/b/a Bradford Liquors

91 South Main Street

-Application for Change of Ownership Interest

-Pending ABCC approval



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Niraj Patel, co-owner, and Atty. Matthew Porter, representing Anrush LLC, were remotely present for this application. Atty. Porter explained that Mr. Patel was currently a 10% owner but was buying out another owner's share to have a total of 25%. The attorney explained this was an internal transfer of stock and there were otherwise no changes to the business whatsoever. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Ownership Interest, pending ABCC approval.

Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

9.4 Lorelei Ann Judge, Manager

Haverhill Golf & Country Club, Inc.

d/b/a Haverhill Golf & Country Club

58 Brickett Lane

-Application for Change of Officers/Directors

-Pending CORI forms and ABCC approval

Daniel Saltalamacchia, Controller, was present for this application. Chairperson Laliberty noted that there had been a change last Fall and that it seemed the club was now "trying to fix that". Mr. Saltalamacchia explained that the club changes officers quite regularly and forgot to apply for the liquor license amendment this time but should be in sync once this application gets approved. He then stated that the club will likely have a new change in November 2026, and that the current application was only missing the CORI forms as they had filled out the wrong ones. He added that they were almost done getting the new ones, but that it was complicated as board members were not always available, especially in the summer. Chairperson Laliberty suggested that the Controller advise them they need to be "on the ball" with such requirements, as it is state law, and asked that the club keep an eye on this moving forward. The Controller replied he had already devised a process to ensure a more efficient process going forward. He added that the new CORI forms should be submitted by the following week at latest.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Officers/Directors, pending the required CORI forms and ABCC approval.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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



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

12.1 Jeff Isbell, Manager

North Shore Golf Club Holdings LLC
d/b/a Renaissance Golf Club
377 Kenoza Street

**-Item for Discussion: Incident that occurred on or about June 15, 2026,
at 2:05PM**

Lt. Kevin Lynch presented the facts: on June 15th, an officer was dispatched to the area of 205 E Broadway for a motor vehicle crash. The officer found a utility pole snapped in half and the vehicle partially down an embankment, several feet into the woods. The driver advised he had previously attended a charity tournament at Renaissance Golf Club, which started at 7AM. The driver had slurred speech, glossy eyes, and the odor of alcohol on his breath. He was arrested after performing sobriety tests – his BAC was 0.24, three times the legal limit.

Jeff Isbell, manager, was present for this discussion. The manager stated this is something he has never experienced in his career of over 30 years and that he was thankful no one was injured or worse. He then stated the club only knew details based on the police report, that the staff is all TIPS-certified and were all retrained following the incident, and that they take safe alcohol service very seriously. Commissioner Koutoulas inquired if the club had mobile drink trucks and if this was how the defendant was served. The manager replied the event was open-bar, to his knowledge, but that the club did have such a truck and wasn't sure if it was used that day. The Commissioner explained she asked to see if that could explain how the defendant went undetected by employees. Mr. Isbell said this was likely as there were two groups dining in separate venues and a "halfway house". The Commission wondered about a possible solution – the manager replied they discussed a possible ticketing process, and added that bartenders normally love to "shut people off" as they do not tolerate overserving. Commissioner Driscoll commented that it was possible the defendant brought an outside drink and Mr. Isbell agreed. Chairperson Laliberty advised that the club would still be responsible – Mr. Isbell concurred and noted it was his name on the license. Commissioner Koutoulas mentioned that she would love for the club to share any solution(s) they come up with to share it with other businesses. Chairperson Laliberty agreed, remarking that other businesses do experience these types of situations as well, but that the incident in this case was quite serious. She suggested



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that the manager discuss ideas with his staff to ensure a stronger monitoring process. Discussion followed on whether or not to place the club on a one-month probation. The Commission and Lt. Lynch noted that this was the first recorded incident in the club's history.

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

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

12.2 Reynaldo A. DeJesus Reyes, Manager

JCV Auto Sales Corp

d/b/a JCV Auto Sales Corp

69 White Street

-Item for Discussion: Status of Business Entity and Ownership

Reynaldo DeJesus, manager, was present for this discussion. Chairperson Laliberty stated there seemed to have been an issue with the license and asked for an update. Mr. DeJesus stated they believed they had submitted a renewal for the corporation one year, but it had apparently not gone through which led to its dissolution, unbeknownst to him at the time. When they found out, they allegedly filed all taxes and completed a reinstatement application. The Chairperson remarked that the manager apparently intended to sell the business at one point. The manager replied that he was going to transfer it to someone but it did not occur, and was running the business for the time. The Chairperson advised that should he wish to sell the business in the future, the parties must apply for a Transfer of the Dealer license. She then inquired if the reinstatement application from July 20th was completed yet – Clerk Flynn advised that it had already been revived on that date. Commissioner Koutoulas and Chairperson Laliberty asked Mr. DeJesus to clarify the full spelling of his name, as there had been a discrepancy that confused the state Department of Transportation. The manager confirmed his full name was spelled as written above. Commissioner Koutoulas noted records would need to be updated to reflect the correct name.

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

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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



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13. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

13.1 Ashley Holt, Manager

B&K LLC

d/b/a The Nerve

101-103 Washington Street

**-Show Cause Hearing: Failure to comply with new cameras mandate from
July 2, 2026**

No one appeared on behalf of The Nerve. However, Lt. Lynch advised he had visited the establishment earlier, at approximately 4:30PM, and confirmed that the cameras were fully functional and satisfactory.

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

Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

13.2 Kamal Zefta, Manager

Zefta & Taleb, Inc.

d/b/a Maria's Family Restaurant

81 Essex Street

-Show Cause Hearing: Operating business with Dissolved Corporation

Kamal Zefta, manager, was present for this hearing. Mr. Zefta stated he was shocked to discover his corporation had been dissolved since he had been filing annual reports and business was "as usual". He said he discovered that since he missed two years in a row, 2017-2018, the Secretary of State automatically dissolved his corporation. He added that his previous accountant used to handle these filings until she passed away, and he was not aware that these filings were missing at the time. Mr. Zefta stated all Annual Reports were up-to-date and that he needed to complete a Reinstatement application, which he did file and pay for. However, the application requires a Department of Revenue Certificate of Good Standing, and the corporation has still been catching up on paying taxes to obtain this. Mr. Zefta advised he should be able to obtain this certificate within 30 days. Commissioner Koutoulas said she would like to see it resolved by August 17th. The manager said he would attempt to do so. Commissioner Driscoll suggested that the matter be continued to the next meeting should the issue not be resolved by this new deadline.



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Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to require Zefta & Taleb, Inc. to successfully reinstate its corporation, or provide a DOR Certificate of Good Standing to the Clerk, by no later than August 17, 2026, or else the matter will be continued to the September 3, 2026 meeting.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

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

14. COMMUNICATIONS

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Discussion on revising Advertising Fee on License Commission Fee Schedule

Item was heard after Items 6.2 & 7.2

Chairperson Laliberty summarized the matter. There was currently only one Advertisement Fee of \$150 on the Fee Schedule, as some liquor license applications require a legal advertisement to be published, at minimum, ten days prior to a hearing. The Haverhill Gazette is the newspaper of choice, however since it only runs weekly, the advertisement would need to be placed two weeks prior to a hearing to satisfy the statutory deadline. The other option is The Eagle Tribune, which is significantly more expensive, causing the City to make up the cost difference. The proposal from Clerk Flynn was to keep the current \$150 fee for complete applications submitted 20+ days prior to a hearing, enabling the usage of the Haverhill Gazette, and to add a second fee of about \$250 for applications submitted 15-19 days prior, satisfying the statutory deadline but forcing the usage of The Eagle Tribune.

The Chairperson stated she believed the City should not be burdened with a cost difference and that it should not be an issue if applicants are advised of their choices ahead of time. She also mentioned that the City Solicitor advised the Commission had full discretion over changing the Fee Schedule and that the Mayor was in favor of this as well. Commissioner Driscoll asked Clerk Flynn if the papers always charge the same fee. The Clerk explained that the cost mainly depends on the application's Description of Premises, which can vary in length, as the papers charge by column size to his knowledge. Commissioner Koutoulas remarked that two recent ads placed in the Tribune costed \$343 and \$257, so the \$250 should be a reasonable average. The Commission believed the advertisement fee should be charged upfront before submitting a request to the paper – the Clerk clarified this was already the process. The Commission agreed that \$250 was a good amount for the time being, until and unless future Tribune advertisement costs are found to consistently exceed \$250.



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Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to revise the current Advertisement fee to be \$150 for complete liquor license applications submitted 20+ days prior to a hearing, and to add a second Advertisement fee of \$250 for applications submitted only 15-19 days prior to a hearing.

Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.

Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

No Public Comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas K. Flynn

Haverhill License Commission Clerk