



# BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chairman

Richard Boscardin

Glenn Fossa

## MINUTES OF MEETING

*A regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 in person and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 6:00 PM. Commissioner Boscardin and Commissioner Fossa were present. FPD Liaison Lt. Bellofatto and Officer Sevigny were present. City Clerk Joanna Bilotta and Assistant City Clerk Elizabeth McNiff was present.*

### **I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)**

Regular Minutes of December 15, 2025.

*The regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2025, were approved by roll call vote 3/0.*

### **II. NEW APPLICATIONS**

*Please note that the Commission may enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a) (5) (Discussion of CORI results), if required during this portion of the agenda, and will return to regular session upon completion.*

#### **Solicitor Application**

Jaeda Stewart – Weathervane Insulation

*Ms. Stewart was not present at the meeting.*

*Application not approved by unanimous roll call vote 3/0.*

Hayden Melino – Home Energy Assessment

*Mr. Melino was present at the meeting. Commissioner Sarefield informed Mr. Melino that the door-to-door solicitation hours are 9:00 AM and ending at 5:00 PM. Commissioner Sarefield asked about Mr. Melino's experience with soliciting, Mr. Melino explained that this is his first time soliciting.*

*Commissioner Sarefield advised he needs to wear Identification and the City of Fitchburg Solicitation hours are Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, no Sundays or Holiday hours.*

*Lieutenant Bellofatto informed the applicant that he is responsible to notify the police department of what areas of the city he will be working each day. Commissioner Sarefield also shared that Mr. Melino should notify the Police Department of the vehicle he will be using while soliciting.*

*Application approved by unanimous roll call vote 3/0.*

### **Taxi Driver Application**

Raymond Bedell – City Cab of Fitchburg LLC

*Mr. Bedell was present at the meeting. Mr. Bedell explained to the commission explained to the commission that he has been off and on driving cabs since 2004.*

*Commissioner Sarefield discussed the Taxi & Livery Service Regulations, as well as his driving history. Application approved by unanimous roll call vote 3/0.*

Artem Gelumbiyevski – City Cab of Fitchburg LLC

*Mr. Gelumbiyevski was present at the meeting. Mr. Gelumbiyevski explained to the commission that he has prior experiences driving cabs, he has been a cab driver in the past in Fitchburg.*

*Commissioner Sarefield discussed the Taxi & Livery Service Regulations, as well as his driving history. Application approved by unanimous roll call vote 3/0.*

Robert Graybill – City Cab of Fitchburg LLC

*Mr. Graybill was present at the meeting. Mr. Akins explained to the commission that he has prior experiences driving cabs, and has worked in the past with City Cab.*

*Commissioner Sarefield discussed the Taxi & Livery Service Regulations, as well as his driving history.*

*Application approved by unanimous roll call vote 3/0.*

### **Change of Manager Application**

Acaysia Rose, Buffalo Wild Wings, 150 Whalon Street

*Ms. Rose was present at the meeting. Commissioner Sarefield asked about Ms. Rose's experience. She explained to the commission that she has been with the company since 2015 and is safe serve and TIPS certified.*

*Lt. Bellofatto had no concerns.*

*Application approved by unanimous roll call vote 3/0.*

### **Application for New General On-Premises Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License**

Tavern in the Square, 170 Whalon Street  
(Refer to Public Hearing on January 21, 2026)

## **III. APPLICATIONS**

### **2026 Renewals for Annual Monday- Saturday Entertainment Permit**

1. The Senior Center

*The following Monday-Saturday Entertainment Permit was approved by roll call vote 3/0.*

### **2026 Renewals for Annual Sunday Entertainment Permit**

1. The Senior Center

*The following Sunday Entertainment Permit was approved by roll call vote 3/0.*

#### **IV. SUMMONS HEARING (CONTINUANCE FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025)**

Mill City Pub & Pizza LLC, 488 John Fitch Highway

*Ms. Byington and Mr. Lagoy were present at the meeting, as was Officer Stacy, the responding officer on the night of the incident. Commissioner Sarefield opened the discussion by reading the minutes from the previous meeting to remind the commission where the summons hearing had adjourned. Lt. Bellofatto then provided the commission with a recording of the 911 call received by dispatch on the night of the October 26 incident, along with video footage supplied to the police by Mill City Pub & Pizza. The commission listened to the call and reviewed the video footage, which depicted events occurring inside the establishment. No exterior footage was available. Lagoy explained that, under the terms of his lease agreement, he is not permitted to install cameras outside the premises. He stated that he has discussed the matter with the property owner, but permission has not been granted. Officer Stacy stated that upon his arrival, the scene appeared to be a typical bar environment and that any outside disturbance had already dispersed. Commissioner Fossa asked Officer Stacy whether there was anything the licensee could have done differently or improved upon for future situations. Officer Stacy responded that Mill City has consistently been cooperative during his interactions with the establishment. His only recommendation was that, in the event of any physical altercation, staff should notify the police immediately so officers have a clearer understanding of the situation before arriving. Commissioner Fossa suggested that Mr. Lagoy hold a meeting with his staff and security personnel to review best practices and discuss improved response procedures for similar incidents in the future. Mr. Lagoy stated that he already held a meeting after this incident with his staff. Commissioner Sarefield expressed concern that the 911 call did not originate from Mill City and emphasized that the police department should be contacted immediately whenever an incident occurs.*

*Motion to take no action approved by unanimous roll call vote 3/0.*

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Bilotta, City Clerk

Approved:



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Daniel Sarefield



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Richard Boscardin



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Glenn Fossa