Woburn License Commission
Regular Meeting
Committee Room
Thursday, March 26, 2026

Members present: Chair Thomas Skeffington, Commissioner William McGrath, and Commissioner Jared Fallon.

Also present: Woburn Police Capt. John Murphy, Liaison to the License Commission

Chair Skeffington convened the meeting of the License Commission at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Woburn Post VFW #543, 18 Walnut St., Woburn, MA, application for change of manager:** Representing the applicant was Michael Meaney, 18 Walnut Street, Woburn, MA. Mr. Meaney said the some of the members are getting up in age, so he volunteered to become the manager. Chair Skeffington asked if Mr. Meaney can submit a Tips training certificate to the clerk. Mr. Meaney said he will get that to the clerk next week. Chair Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission in regard to the application. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Councilor Fallon that the application be approved, contingent upon the submission of proof of Tips training certification; all in favor, 3-0.

2. **James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, Charles Gardner Lane, Woburn MA, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a road race and health walk from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, with alcohol service beginning at noon:** Representing the applicant was Julie Gage, Executive Director, James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, Charles Gardner Lane, Woburn, MA. Ms. Gage said the club is hosting its 16th annual 5K road race and health walk. She said the event has taken place at the club for probably the past five years. She said she has provided the commission with a map that shows the area of alcohol service. She said they have applied for a special event permit from the City Council. She said they do not need an extra day for alcohol storage. Chair Skeffington asked if Ms. Gage can send proof of Tips certification for any bartenders to the clerk. Ms. Gage answered affirmatively. Commissioner Fallon said this is a great event. Capt. Murphy said there has never been a police-related issue with this event. Chair Skeffington said the club has submitted a great application package. Chair Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission in regard to the application. Ward 3 City Councilor Jeffrey Dillon said the Boys & Girls Club always does a great job. He said he has volunteered for this event in the past and it has always been well run. He said he is in favor of this petition. Motion made by Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to grant the special 1-day liquor license contingent upon the submission of proof of Tips certification for all bartenders, and to waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.

3. **Greek Orthodox Community of Woburn, Inc., 70 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA, application for special 1-day liquor license for a paint night fundraising event at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026:** Representing the applicant was Peter Lambropoulos, 70

Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA. Chair Skeffington asked if all the bartenders at this event will be Tips certified. Mr. Lambropoulos answered affirmatively. Capt. Murphy said the Greek Church is a great organization and the police department has never had a call about a problem during an event there. Chair Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission in regard to the application. Ward 7 City Councilor Charles Viola said he is in favor of the commission approving the petition. He said there have never been any problems with events at the Greek Church. Motion made by Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to grant the special 1-day liquor license and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.

4. **Portuguese American Recreation Club of Woburn, 81 Main St., Woburn, MA, application for special 1-day liquor and entertainment licenses for an annual festival on from 5-11:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2026; from 5-11:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2026; and from 5-10 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2026:** Representing the applicant was Rosemary Camacho-DaSilva, 81 Main St., Woburn, MA. Chair Skeffington said if the club has a 1-day license, no one can go inside and drink at the bar. Capt. Murphy said he will visit the club to go over the regulations. Chair Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission in regard to the application. Ward 3 City Councilor Jeffrey Dillon said the Portuguese American Recreation Club has always done a good job and it is a big part of the city. Motion made by Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to grant the special 1-day licenses and waive the application fees; approved, 3-0.

5. **Lord Hobo Brewing Co., 5 Draper St., Woburn, MA, application for change of manager:** Representing the applicant was Paul Edman, 5 Draper St., Woburn, MA. Mr. Edman said he will mark his 5-year anniversary with the company tomorrow. Chair Skeffington asked if he goes to Lord Hobo can he order a glass of wine. Mr. Edman said Lord Hobo is only able to serve what it produces. He said they are working on other products but for now they can only sell what they brew. Commissioner McGrath asked how many hours per week Mr. Edman will be on the premises. Mr. Edman said he will work 40 hours. He said he is the one who makes the schedule so he will determine how much he works. He said he expects to be at the brewery five days a week. Commissioner McGrath asked who will be in charge when Mr. Edman is not there. Mr. Edman said there are bar leads who will manage in his absence. He said 85 percent of the staff is trained to open and close. Chair Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission in regard to the application. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Councilor Fallon that the application be approved; all in favor, 3-0.

6. **Approval of meeting minutes of February 18, 2026:** Motion made by Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to approve the meeting minutes from February 18, 2026; in favor, 3-0.

7. **Set dates for future meetings:** Chair Skeffington said the commission will meet on the following dates: April 23, 2026; May 14, 2026; and June 18, 2026. Motion made by

Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to approve the aforementioned dates for License Commission meetings; approved, 3-0. (Scrivener's note: The date of the June meeting was moved to June 25, 2026, due to the closure of City Hall at 4:30 p.m. on June 18, 2026.)

8. **Any other matter that may be legally before the commission:** Chair Skeffington said the commission is in receipt of a memorandum from the ABCC about non-consensual narcotics and the spiking of alcoholic beverages. He urged members of the commission to read the memo. Commissioner McGrath asked about the status of The Vig on Main Street. Chair Skeffington said The Vig is open. He said he has gotten reviews from a couple of people who have been there. Commissioner McGrath said he went there for lunch and there were odds posted and he is concerned there might be gambling. Capt. Murphy said he will double check to make sure there is no gambling on the premises.

Motion made by Commissioner McGrath and seconded by Commissioner Fallon to adjourn, all in favor, 3-0. Chairman Skeffington adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.:

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