

Selectboard: Nancy J. Talbot, Joshua A. Kusnierz, John A. Desmond, John J. Cascio
Town Manager: Stuart B. Beckley

Selectboard Meeting Notice Agenda
Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082
Tuesday, June 03, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Instructions for Remote Participation

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7846041861?pwd=bldFR0tscStPMWhScHFwRlFWbHRRdz09&omn=81637767844>
Meeting ID: 784 604 1861 **Passcode:** 01082 **Phone:** 929-205-6099

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR

- Three-Mile Bridge is closed until June 6th. If this changes, notification will be posted on the website.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

CONSENT AGENDA

- One-Day Liquor License
 - The following licenses are requested by Workshop13 located at 13 Church Street, Ware 2025-29 QHCC After 5, September 4, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm (All Alcohol)
2025-30 The What?, October 11, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm
2025-31 Jake McKelvie, December 13, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

- QHSUA – Sawyer Blake: Presentation on Alcohol Policies

OLD BUSINESS

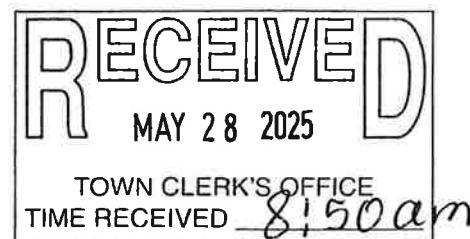
- Schedule Date for Special Election to fill the Vacant Seat on Selectboard

NEW BUSINESS

- Acknowledgement of Open Meeting Law Complaint Received
- Request to schedule a Public Hearing for an ABCC License – Alteration to Premises, 48 West Street

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURNMENT







APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL SERVICE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
MGL CHAPTER 138, SECTION 14
TOWN OF WARE

Name of Applicant: Workshop13

Application Date: _____

Contact Phone: 413 277 6072

Email: marie@workshop13.com

Sponsoring Organization: Workshop13

Address of Event (include Street & Number): 13 Church St., Ware, MA

Effective Date(s) of License: September 4th, 2025

Effective Rain Date(s) License: TBD

Hours of Service (In conformity with MGL): 6pm - 11pm

Type of Event (describe activities, service of food): QHCC AFTER 5

Anticipated Attendance: _____

Non-Profit: All Alcoholic (\$50) Beer & Wine (\$30) (For-Profit, Beer & Wine Only)

Crowd Control Manager: Brian Jyringi, Kevin Wherry

Names of All Servers (bartenders) for this event: Mary Remington, Dave Blessinger

I have received, and agree to abide by, all regulations of the Board of Selectmen. Furthermore, pursuant to MGL Chapter 52C, Section 49A, I hereby Certify under penalties of perjury that I, to the best of my knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and all state taxes required under law.

Signature of Applicant: Marie

Last 4 Numbers of Social Security # or Federal I.D. 4444

Fire Inspection Date: _____

Building Inspection Date: _____

Certificate #: 2025-29

Date Received: _____

Insurance Certificate Provided: YES NO

Application Fee: \$ 50

Paid Date: _____ Check # _____

Payment Received from _____

Board: Approved Denied Date of Action by Board: _____

Police Chief Review and Action

Shawn Crevier
Police Chief Shawn Crevier



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Email: marie@workshop13.com

Sponsoring Organization: Workshop13

Address of Event (include Street & Number): 13 Church St., Ware, MA

Effective Date(s) of License: October 11th, 2025

Effective Rain Date(s) License: TBD

Hours of Service (In conformity with MGL): 6pm - 11pm

Type of Event (describe activities, service of food): The What?

Anticipated Attendance: _____

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Signature of Applicant: 

Last 4 Numbers of Social Security # or Federal I.D #: ██████████

Fire Inspection Date: _____

Building Inspection Date: _____

Certificate #: 2025-30

Date Received: _____

Insurance Certificate Provided: YES NO

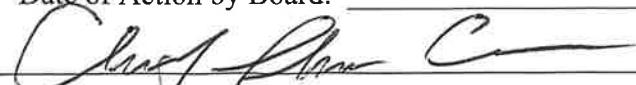
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Payment Received from _____

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Police Chief Shawn Crevier



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Email: **marie@workshop13.com**

Sponsoring Organization: **Workshop13**

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Effective Date(s) of License: **December 13th, 2025**

Effective Rain Date(s) License: **TBD**

Hours of Service (In conformity with MGL): **6pm - 11pm**

Type of Event (describe activities, service of food): **Jake McKelvie**

Anticipated Attendance: _____

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Signature of Applicant: 

Last 4 Numbers of Social Security # or Federal I.D #: **_____**

Fire Inspection Date: _____

Building Inspection Date: _____

Certificate #: 2025-31

Date Received: _____

Insurance Certificate Provided: YES NO

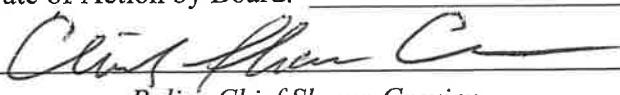
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Local Alcohol Regulation with a Public Health Lens: A resource for municipal policymaking

Sawyer Blake sblake@townofware.com



Why does alcohol policy matter?

- Policy is an **evidence-based** way to create positive changes in your community.
- Most people know **at least one person in their life** that struggles with alcohol dependency.
- New research on alcohol's **negative health impacts**.
- Weak alcohol regulations **cost the community**.



Alcohol Policy and Public Health

- Evidence based ways to reduce alcohol-related problems:
 - Limit physical availability and access
 - Reduce/restrict alcohol advertising
 - Increase alcohol price



Alcohol Data in Massachusetts

- Alcohol's **role in death and disability** in MA has risen by 13.8% since 2009.
 - This is faster than lung cancer, diabetes, hypertension, dietary risks and tobacco use.
- As of 2022, Massachusetts ranks 19th highest among the states for **binge drinking**. Roughly 59% of MA adults (18+) drink, and 29% binge drink.
- In 2010 (the last year for which estimates are available), alcohol problems **cost the state \$5.6 billion** (\$861 per person, \$1.93 per drink), \$2.26 billion (\$345 per person, \$.77 per drink) of which was paid directly by government.

Alcohol Data in Ware, MA

Police Reports:

- In 2024, **58% (310/532)** of total Ware PD incident reports involved alcohol or had suspected alcohol use (WPD report #61703)
 - 96 incidents were categorized under “other”
 - 47 incidents were categorized under Section 12 → Psychiatric hospitalization

Baystate Wing Hospital Reports:

- In 2024, BWH had **545 alcohol-related ER visits**, 11 of which were ages 13-19
 - 171 alcohol-related hospitalizations, 0 were ages 13-19
- January- March of 2025, **117 alcohol-related ER visits**, 2 of which were ages 13-19.
 - 42 alcohol-related hospitalizations, 0 were ages 13-19

How Strict is Massachusetts Alcohol Policy?

- There is a common misconception that MA has very strong alcohol regulations.
- In reality, there are **some stricter alcohol regulations and some looser (or non-existent) alcohol regulations.**
 - Ex: Stricter regs include the Happy Hour Ban, Dram Shop Liability, and not accepting out-of-state I.D.s as an acceptable form of identification to purchase alcohol.
 - Ex: Weaker regs include the very low excise tax on alcoholic beverages and the flexibility of municipalities to weaken state alcohol laws in their communities due to MA being a strong “Home Rule” state.

Using Local Data to Inform Policy

Alcohol Prevention Strategy & Policy

Environmental strategy selection is based on your data. The key is to select the strategy or policy that addresses your local factors that contribute to substance use.

The Alcohol Policy Resource Center at Prevention First can assist you in analyzing your data, selecting strategies, and building capacity on alcohol policy and law enforcement strategies. The APRC also provides certified training on law enforcement strategies.

For more resources and contact information go to <https://www.prevention.org/alcohol-policy-center/>

Easy Retail Access

Retail access is when youth purchase or take alcohol from a store or restaurant/bar.

Strategies and Policies to address easy retail access include:

Compliance Checks

Mandatory Responsible Beverage Service Training (Policy)

Alcohol Outlet Density (Policy)



Easy Social Access

Social access is when youth get alcohol at a party, from their parents, or from a friend/sibling.

Strategies and Policies to address easy social access include:

Shoulder Tap Operations

Controlled Party Dispersal/Party Prevention

Communication Campaign

Social Host Ordinance (Policy)

Event Restrictions (Policy)

Keg Registration (Policy)



Permissive Social Norms

The expectations, behaviors, attitudes, or values that convey acceptance of alcohol use within the family, community, or peers.

Strategies and Policies to address permissive social norms include:

Communication Campaign

Advertising Restrictions (Policy)

Event Restrictions (Policy)

Youth Prevention Education (Individual Strategy)



Low Perceived Risk

The perception among youth that there is little to no risk of physical harm and/or legal or social consequences of alcohol use.

Strategies and Policies to address low perceived risk include:

Roadside Sobriety Checkpoints

Communication Campaign

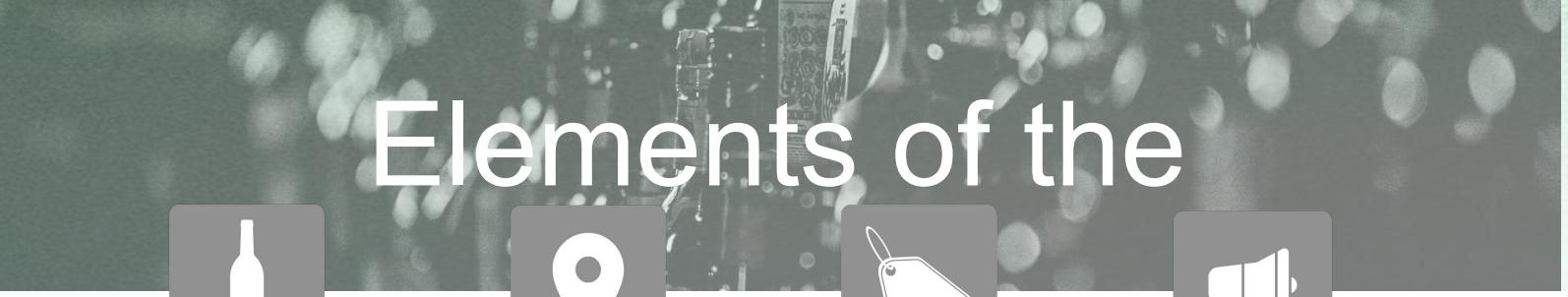
School-Based Policy

Local Minor in Possession Ordinance (Policy)

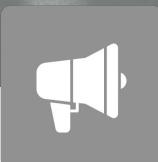
Youth Prevention Education (Individual Strategy)



Alcohol Regulation: The 4 P's



Elements of the



Product

Place

Price

Promotion

**The four P's affect community
access and availability**

Product



- Alcohol and THC cannot be in the same product: It is unlawful to "manufacture and/or sell alcoholic beverages containing any cannabinoid extracts, including tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC") and cannabidiol ("CBD"), regardless of whether it is derived from the cannabis plant or industrial hemp."
- Alcohol products cannot have added caffeine (as of 2010).
- Candy cannot have more than 1% alcohol.
- Ice cream cannot have alcohol, except with very specific, unusual exemptions (as of 2016).
- Powdered alcohol is not legal in MA.

Place - Retailer Density



- More places that sell/advertise alcohol in an area -> more drinking in that area
- How is retailer density determined?
 - Number of alcohol licenses - capped per municipality based on population.
 - Massachusetts has joint local and state alcohol retail licensing. This means that alcohol retailers must obtain one license from the state and another from the municipality where they are located.

Place - Hours and Times of Sale



- Grocery and convenience stores can sell beer and wine from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Restaurants and bars can serve from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday.
- No alcohol sales begin before 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Price

- Discounts: MA does not allow discounted drinks/drink promotions (Happy Hour Ban)
 - In addition, Massachusetts alcohol laws prohibit retailers from passing on their bulk buy discount to customers.



Excise Tax
Rate:

| Beverage category | Current tax per drink | Inflation-adjusted tax per drink |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beer | \$.01 | \$.04 |
| Wine | \$.02 | \$.08 |
| Spirits | \$.05 | \$.18 |

Promotion



- No signs or ads for alcoholic drinks should be displayed inside or outside any place that doesn't regularly sell them.
- Using vehicles with radios or loudspeakers to advertise alcoholic drinks is not allowed. You also can't use radios or loudspeakers inside a licensed place to draw attention to the sale of alcoholic drinks.



Other Access: Dram Shop Liability

A dram shop: Any business that sells alcohol

- Out-of-state drivers licenses aren't acceptable proof of age in Massachusetts. Therefore, out-of-state visitors can be denied the right to buy alcohol.
- Massachusetts has commercial host liability with no major limitations.
 - Commercial host liability (AKA dram shop liability) refers to **laws that hold alcohol retailers liable for injuries or harms caused by illegal service to intoxicated or underage customers.**

So what can
municipalities do?

Ware's Current Alcohol Policy

On Premise:

7/14 All Alcohol Locations

2/5 Wine & Malt Locations

Off Premise:

3/3 All Alcohol Locations

4 / 5 Wine & Malt Locations

Times of Purchase

On Premise: M-Sat 8am-1am, Sun 12pm-1am

Off Premise: M-Sat 8am-11pm, Sun 10am-11pm

Total Quota of Alcohol License (N): 16/27 Used

Based on town population size of 9,872

Areas for strengthening local alcohol policy

Our Policy Goals for our current Sober Truth on Underage Drinking Prevention (STOP) Act Grant:

By the end of the project period, September 29, 2028, the town of Ware will have:

- 1) TIPS or MassPack trainings required for all alcohol retailer employees as stipulation of renewing liquor license
- 2) Restriction of alcohol within “family-friendly” public events (e.g. 4th of July Fireworks Event, Lions Club Summer Concert Series, etc)
 - a) Contain alcoholic beverages to roped off 21+ area (aka Beer Gardens) and/or have zero alcohol on premise for events

Examples of policies that municipalities can implement:

Retail Availability and Access

- Ban BYOB in restaurants
- Ban vending machines
- Ban home delivery
- Ban drive-through windows
- Cap number of retail liquor licenses
- Require permanent locations
- Require electronic scanners
- Require a closed-circuit camera system
- Require Responsible Beverage Service Training

Product

- Ban the sale of nips/half-pints

Social Access

- Strengthen Social Host Liability
- Require Keg registration
- Event Restrictions
- Noise/nuisance Ordinances

Price

- Raise fines during prom season/holiday season
- Set fines/license suspension for failed compliance
- No business sale until outstanding penalties satisfied

Groups working on Alcohol Policy

Massachusetts-Specific

- Massachusetts Alcohol Policy Coalition (MAPC)
 - The Massachusetts Alcohol Policy Coalition (MAPC) is a statewide coalition focused on keeping our communities safe and healthy by preventing and reducing drinking and related harms in young people and adults, through educating about, maintaining, and working toward effective alcohol policies.
 - Contact: mapcalcoholsafe@gmail.com
- Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC)
 - The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission is an agency under the Massachusetts State Treasury. Our overall objective is to provide uniform control over the sale, transportation, possession, purchasing, and manufacturing of alcoholic beverages in the state.
 - Contact: fmahony@tre.state.ma.us

National

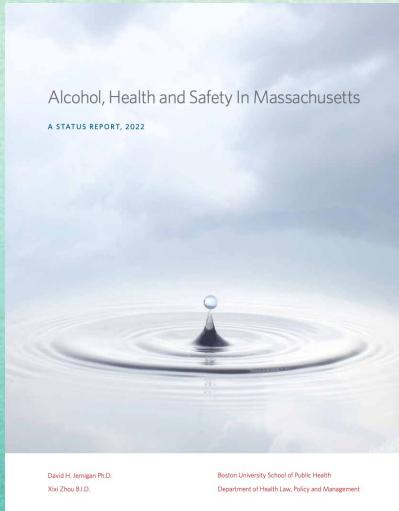
- [Alcohol Action Network](#) -
 - The Alcohol Action Network (AAN) is a project of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Section. The Alcohol Action Network (AAN) was established in 2020 to build state and local policy capacity, leverage federal opportunities, create tools, and share resources to deepen alcohol prevention knowledge and action to prevent further erosion of alcohol policies that protect health.
- [The Center for Advancing Alcohol Science to Practice](#)
 - The Center for Advancing Alcohol Science to Practice is committed to preventing excessive alcohol use and underage drinking by creating more knowledgeable and connected communities across the nation.
- [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism](#)
 - NIAAA supports and conducts research on the impact of alcohol use on human health and well-being.

Legal Support for Municipalities

- Attorney General's Office
 - Contact: Matthew Lashof-Sullivan:
Matthew.Lashof-Sullivan@mass.gov
- Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB)
 - Contact: office@mahb.org
- Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA)
 - Contact: Ali DiMatteo: adimatteo@mma.org
- Massachusetts Health Officer Association (MHOA)

Evidence for Local Alcohol Regulation

- [Alcohol, Health and Safety In Massachusetts](#), Boston University, 2022



- [Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 138](#)
- [Implementing Community-Level Policies to Prevent Alcohol Misuse \(SAMHSA, 2022\)](#)
- [204 CMR: Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission](#)
- [Do Alcohol Compliance Checks Decrease Underage Sales at Neighboring Establishments? \(Erickson et. al, 2013\)](#)
- [Effectiveness of Policies Restricting Hours of Alcohol Sales in Preventing Excessive Alcohol Consumption and Related Harms \(Hahn et. al, 2013\)](#)
- [Exposure to alcohol outlets, alcohol access, and alcohol consumption among adolescents \(Morrison et. al, 2019\)](#)
- [The Effectiveness of Limiting Alcohol Outlet Density As a Means of Reducing Excessive Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol-Related Harms \(Campbell et. al, 2009\)](#)
- [The Effects of Prices on Alcohol Use and its Consequences \(Xu & Chaloupka, 2011\)](#)
- [Effects of Dram Shop, Responsible Beverage Service Training, and State Alcohol Control Laws on Underage Drinking Driver Fatal Crash Ratios \(Scherer et. al, 2015\)](#)

We can be a resource for you!

Western MA Policy and Norms Workgroup Contacts:

- Berkshire County:
 - Andy Ottoson, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
 - AOttoson@berkshireplanning.org
- Franklin County:
 - Ilana Gerjuoy, Communities that Care Coalition/4SC Coalition
 - ilana@frcog.org
- Hampden County:
 - Anaamika Nair, STOP Access Coalition
 - anair@gandaracenter.org
- Hampshire County
 - Lexi Polokoff, SPIFFY Coalition/Collaborative for Educational Services
 - apolokoff@collaborative.org

Thank you!





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Instructions for completing the Open Meeting Law Complaint Form

The Attorney General's Division of Open Government interprets and enforces the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, Sections 18-25. Below is the procedure for filing and responding to an Open Meeting Law complaint.

Instructions for filing a complaint:

- o Fill out the attached two-page form completely and sign it. File the complaint with the public body within 30 days of the alleged violation. If the violation was not reasonably discoverable at the time it occurred, you must file the complaint within 30 days of the date the violation was reasonably discoverable. A violation that occurs during an open session of a meeting is reasonably discoverable on the date of the meeting.
- o To file the complaint:
 - o For a local or municipal public body, you must submit a copy of the complaint to the chair of the public body AND to the municipal clerk.
 - o For all other public bodies, you must submit a copy of the complaint to the chair of the public body.
 - o Complaints may be filed by mail, email, or by hand. Please retain a copy for your records.
- o If the public body does not respond within 14 business days and does not request an extension to respond, contact the Division for further assistance.

Instructions for a public body that receives a complaint:

- o The chair must disseminate the complaint to the members of the public body.
- o The public body must meet to review the complaint within 14 business days (usually 20-22 calendar days).
- o After review, but within 14 business days, the public body must respond to the complaint in writing and must send the Attorney General a copy of the complaint and a description of any action the public body has taken to address it. At the same time, the body must send the complainant a copy of its response. The public body may delegate this responsibility to its counsel or a staff member, but only after it has met to review the complaint.
- o If a public body requires more time to review the complaint and respond, it may request an extension of time for good cause by contacting the Division of Open Government.

Once the public body has responded to the complaint:

- o If you are not satisfied with that the public body's response to your complaint, you may file a copy of the complaint with the Division by mail, e-mail, or by hand, but only once you have waited for 30 days after filing the complaint with the public body.
- o When you file your complaint with the Division, please include the complaint form and all documentation relevant to the alleged violation. You may wish to attach a cover letter explaining why the public body's response does not adequately address your complaint.
- o The Division will not review complaints filed with us more than 90 days after the violation, unless we granted an extension to the public body or you can demonstrate good cause for the delay.

If you have questions concerning the Open Meeting Law complaint process, we encourage you to contact the Division of Open Government by phone at (617) 963-2540 or by e-mail at openmeeting@state.ma.us.



OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General

One Ashburton Place

Boston, MA 02108

Please note that all fields are required unless otherwise noted.

Your Contact Information:

First Name: Cynthia

Last Name: Allen

Address: 10 Crescent Street

City: Ware

State: MA

Zip Code: 01082

Phone Number: 413-967-68

Ext.

Email: cinallen10@gmail.com

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any): Friends of Mary Lane Hospital

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

Individual

Organization

Media

Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

City/Town

County

Regional/District

State

Name of Public Body (including city/town, county or region, if applicable):

Town of Ware MA

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation:

Nancy Talbot, Joshua Kusnierz, John Desmond, Jack Cascio, Stuart Beckley

Date of alleged violation: 5/6/2025

Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

On May 6th, 2025, the Ware Selectboard and Town Manager Stuart Beckly met in executive session at the beginning of the scheduled Selectboard meeting around 6 pm. A situation was discussed with Special Counsel concerning possible legal actions to be taken against the Town of Ware by Baystate Health concerning demands for access to endowment funds being disputed by several interested parties, including the AGs Office Division of Charites. This subject was not listed on the agenda. During this executive session discussion, a controversial vote was taken. When the open session began at 6:30, the Selectboard did not disclose to the residents that a vote was taken to support Baystate's proposal. The vote was not put on the next Selectboard agenda to be discussed with the residents, and it was not included in the Town Manager's report. The agenda can be accessed on the town website and the meeting video can be viewed on Ware TV. This vote was briefly discussed in the May 20th meeting when a resident asked specific questions. Even then the full subject was not disclosed in the meeting. These actions by the Town Manager and Selectboard are against MA Open Meeting Laws.

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

Steps to reverse the decision should be made. Recommendations are being submitted in a petition from the residents.

Review, sign, and submit your complaint

I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.

Public Record. Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request.

Publication to Website. As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to openmeeting@state.ma.us.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

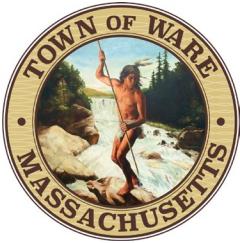
Signed: Cynthia Allen

Date: 5/23/2025

For Use By Public Body
Date Received by Public Body:

For Use By AGO
Date Received by AGO:





Town of Ware

Town Hall, 126 Main Street
Ware, Massachusetts 01082
413-967-9648

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 01, 2025, at 6:40pm**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an **Application for Amendment – Change or Alteration of Premises, §15 Package Store, All Alcoholic Package Store, Ware 48 West Street Corporation, d/b/a/ Jane Alden Convenience Store, 48 West Street, Ware, MA**. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

Nancy Talbot
Chairman
Selectboard





TOWN OF WARE

Town Manager

126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082
413-967-9648 x100

Town Manager Report June 3, 2025

Yard Waste Drop offs –Second Saturdays in June, July and August
June 2 – Town Meeting, 6:30
Ware High School Graduation – June 7

The Three Mile Bridge will be closed May 28 to approximately June 6. Detours are posted.

Pavement Management: Here is a link to the Maynard Pavement Management system which is done by BETA engineering, the company that will set up Ware's PMS.
<https://townofmaynard-ma.gov/496/Pavement-Management-Program>

Thank you to the DPW, Parks, Cemetery staff for the extra effort that went into preparing for Memorial Day. The Town and its facilities are in very good shape. On a beautiful day, the parade and ceremony were great. Thank you to all who participated.

Personnel: We will work with an interim DPW Director to review the department divisions while searching for a permanent director. Interviews are being conducted as qualified candidates apply.

The Town did sign on to the letter supporting the effort for more equitable funding related to the Quabbin Reservoir.

Grants: Jay is working on grants including for Park roads, playground, Park accessibility, sidewalks, the Millyard infrastructure, Brownfields study, and building demolition. The current park accessibility grant and design of the Memorial Field Fieldhouse are wrapping up with the installation of a pavilion and accessible parking.

There was a webinar presentation on the use of Opioid Settlement funds that will assist with the discussion of the requested use by the Substance Use Alliance. This conversation will continue at a future meeting.

The Town received its first PFAS settlement payment. After discussion with the Town Attorney, these funds were placed in a special revenue account and may be used for future water system improvements.

