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Massachusetts Gaming Commission Releases Statement Regarding Adjudicatory Hearing

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission today convened a hearing regarding an application from Commonwealth Equine and Agricultural Center LLC to hold or conduct a new racing meeting. Ahead of that hearing new information was brought to the attention of the MGC. During the hearing Chair Cathy Judd-Stein read the following statement before suspending today's proceedings.

"The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has convened today regarding the Commonwealth Equine and Agricultural Center LLC's application for a license to hold or conduct a new racing meeting. Pursuant to c. 128A, section 13A, on October 27, 2022, the Hardwick Board of Selectmen initially voted to disapprove the location of the racetrack where the meeting is to be held or conducted. On November 9, 2022, the Board of Selectmen then reversed their vote and approved the location of the racetrack. On November 14, 2022, a petition of twelve per cent of the voters of Hardwick was filed with the town clerk protesting against such approval taking effect, also in accordance with section 13A. Given the filing of the petition, and with the agreement of the Applicant, the Commission will suspend the remainder of this hearing until the 13A process is complete."

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