

WILBRAHAM – The Board of Selectmen Monday night approved a license for the F.L. Roberts Mobil Station at 2788 Boston Road to sell beer and wine in its convenience store.

F.L. Roberts representative Richard Smith told selectmen that F.L. Roberts wants to use 40 percent of its cooler space for beer and wine.

Manager Michael Pease said F.L. Roberts already has a wine and beer license for two of its Springfield Mobil stores on Broad Street and Armory Street.

There have been no violations at the Broad Street store, Pease said. He said there have been two recent violations at the Armory Street store, and the store is now “carding” all buyers, regardless of their age. Even if the buyers return a second time, they still are being carded, Pease said, or asked to show a driver’s license or other identification card.

All clerks who work in the stores are at least 18 years old, Pease said.

“The weakest link,” in refusing to sell beer, wine or cigarettes illegally to those under the legal age is the clerks, Selectmen Chairman Patrick J. Brady said.

The Board of Selectmen approved the wine and beer license for F.L. Roberts for the station’s convenience store near the fire station by a vote of 3 to 0. The approval is subject to approval by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.