

Regular Minutes
Liquor Board
June 19, 2017

The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners met on June 19, 2017, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building with the following members present: Chairwoman Patti Tieder; Councilman Tom Bradshaw; Shirley Satterfield; Dwight Cromwell; Patrick Thomas Attorney for the Board and Roger Short Liquor Board Inspector. Councilman Ricky Travers was not present.

The Board of License Commissioners convened in open session with Chairwoman Patti Tieder presiding.

The Board approved the Regular minutes from the May 15, 2017 meeting. Councilman Tom Bradshaw abstained, being that he was not at the meeting.

The Board reviewed and approved an application for a Special One Day License for the Dorchester County Family YMCA. Jodi Cavanaugh Jews was present representing the YMCA.

An application and the documents for a new Class "B" Beer and Wine (on-sale) License were received and reviewed by the Board. The applicant, Laura Wingfield, T/A Lewis General Store, at 1042 Hudson Rd, Cambridge, MD 21613 was present. Laura Wingfield was sworn in by Attorney Patrick Thomas. Chairwoman Patti Tieder spoke with Ms. Wingfield about the business. Chairwomen Patti Tieder then asked Inspector Roger Short if they had a completed application. Inspector Roger Short stated that he was waiting for the Owner Statement Form of the application, the owners are located in California and there was a problem that had occurred in getting the owner statement. Ms. Wingfield advised the board that she should be able to get the form filled out by the end of the week. She stated that she was withholding a month's lease from the owners because the owners have not repaired the building that the owners are required to fix under the lease agreement. With no further questions, a motion was made by Councilman Bradshaw and seconded by Mr. Cromwell to approve the license contingent on receiving the Owner Statement Form. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the board members.

Chairwoman Patti Tieder asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for legal opinion. A motion was made by Councilman Tom Bradshaw and seconded by Dwight Cromwell. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the board members.

Chairwoman Patti Tieder asked for a motion to go back into open session. A motion was made by Councilman Tom Bradshaw and seconded by Dwight Cromwell. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the board members. The Board reconvened in open session with Chairwoman Patti Tieder presiding.

An application and the documents for a new Class "B" Beer and Wine (on-sale) License were received and reviewed by the Board. The applicants, Charles Kelly and Katie Smith, T/A – Katie Mae's Country Restaurant, at 530 Poplar St., Cambridge, MD 21613 were present. All parties were sworn in by Attorney Patrick Thomas. Chairwomen Patti Tieder then asked Inspector Roger Short if they had a completed application. Inspector Roger Short stated that he was waiting for the Health Dept. Certificate and the State Fire Marshal Inspection. Chairwoman Patti Tieder discussed the responsibilities of a licensee with the applicants. Chairwoman Patti Tieder asked inspector Roger Short if there is a Certificate of Occupancy for the building located at 530 Poplar St. Inspector Roger Short stated he believes there will be one when the work is completed and he would check with the city to verify. With no further questions, a motion was made by Councilman Bradshaw and seconded by Mr. Cromwell to approve the license contingent on receiving the Health Dept. Certificate, State Fire Marshal Inspection and the Certificate of Occupancy. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the board members.

Ed Johnson attended the meeting to request permission to deliver wine to an event in September. Chairwoman Patti Tieder wanted Mr. Johnson to explain what he was looking for so everyone is on the same page. Mr. Johnson explained that the Dorchester County International Council was doing a pairing dinner at Sailwinds and that the organization benefits from the ticket sales. The Wine Bar would profit from people tasting the wine at the event and then taking orders from those individuals. He would like to then go back to the Wine bar with the orders, fill the order and deliver the orders to the event at Sailwinds. Chairwoman Patti Tieder explained to Mr. Johnson that this is something that the board has not been asked before. It would need to be looked into and researched before an answer could be given. Mr. Johnson asked if it was possible to get an answer on the matter by this time in July. Chairwomen Tieder stated that she was not certain if there would be a July meeting but she would not hold anyone up from doing business and would try to have an answer. Attorney for the Board Patrick Thomas added that he could research the matter and have an answer by the July meeting date. At that time everyone agreed that an answer to the question could be given by the July meeting.

Jermaine Anderson and Adrien Holmes attended the meeting to discuss their business plans and submit an application for a Special One Day license for Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation. Mr. Anderson explained that he was looking into starting a catering company and use his current location at 317 High St as a venue space. Mr. Anderson explained that if he uses the premise as venue space it would be more profitable for him than being restricted under his former license that he held for the bar. He stated that he wanted people and nonprofit organizations to be able to hire him to cater events at his venue and other venue locations. Mr. Anderson stated that's why he submitted the application for Alpha Genesis to have an event at his premise which he is now using as a venue. Chairwoman Patti Tieder advised Mr. Anderson at that time that the board needed the paperwork from the IRS stating that he is a nonprofit organization. Mr. Anderson then stated that the paperwork was submitted when he had his first event. Chairwoman Patti Tieder stated that the paperwork he submitted is the paperwork that gets filed through the state. She informed Mr. Anderson that the board needs the letters from the IRS stating that the organization is in good standing. Mr. Anderson stated that he has the letters from the IRS and will bring them into Inspector Roger Short. Chairwoman Patti Tieder stated that if he brought those papers in, that the Special One Day license could be issued. Chairwomen then moved on to ask Mr. Anderson which premise he was going to use to obtain his caterers license. Mr. Anderson stated that he wanted to keep the alcohol at 317 High St. locked in cages or storage closets. Chairwoman Tieder stated that in order to get his caterers license, he has to get an alcohol license to be able to add on a caterer's license. Ms. Satterfield asked what address would the catering business. Mr. Anderson stated that he would use whatever address he needed to use and that he would probably need to ask Margaret Shenton at the Health Dept. Chairwoman Patti Tieder stopped Mr. Anderson to explain how the process works for obtaining a catering license. Inspector Roger Short stated that in order to get a catering license, you have to have a premise that possesses a Class B license in which you have to be a restaurant, hotel or Inn to get. Then with that license you need a catering license from the Health Department and then you can get a catering add on to the Class B license. Chairwoman Patti Tieder then explained that detail to Mr. Anderson again. Mr. Anderson then began to talk about a catering license through the state. Inspector Short then stated that there is a statewide caterers license. Chairwoman Patti Tieder then stated that the statewide license is through the state and that this board cannot issue that license. She then stated to Mr. Anderson he may want to check into the state license which may be better suited for what he is trying to do. Also that when you do look into the license, don't hesitate to attend a meeting to check with the board on the laws. Mr. Anderson agreed that he will contact the board with more details. At that time Chairwoman Patti Tieder stated to Mr. Anderson that earlier he stated he had alcohol still on the premises. She explained to Mr. Anderson that the alcohol that is on the premise from the bar needs to be removed from the property because the premise is not licensed anymore. Also when

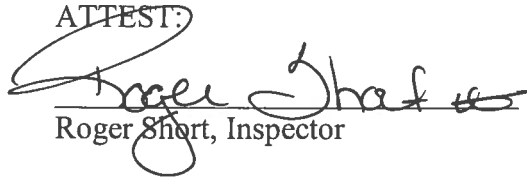
there are events for a special one day license, that's when the alcohol can be brought in by the organization. You can't have a stocked bar on location for those events. So the alcohol has to be removed from the property. Mr. Anderson agreed and stated that he would remove the alcohol.

The board reviewed a letter from Richard Mark Lowe requesting to be removed from the license at the Cambridge Elks Lodge. Chairwoman Patti Tieder then asked Patrick Thomas Attorney for the Board, if he could be removed from the license without being replaced by another officer. Mr. Thomas reviewed the Maryland Code and it was determined that a new officer has to replace the officer coming off the license. Chairwoman Patti Tieder stated that it could be done at the next meeting with all paperwork, the new officer and the Cambridge Elks attending.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2017.

With no further business to discuss, the Board of License Commissioners was adjourned from Open Session.

ATTEST:


Roger Short, Inspector

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS


Patti C. Tieder, Chairwoman


Councilman Ricky Travers, Vice-Chairman


Councilman Tom Bradshaw


Dwight Cromwell


Shirley Satterfield

Signed this 21st day of August 2017.