

Regular Minutes
Liquor Board
July 17, 2017

The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners met on July 17, 2017, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building with the following members present: Chairwoman Patti Tieder; Councilman Ricky Travers; Councilman Tom Bradshaw; Patrick Thomas Attorney for the Board and Roger Short Liquor Board Inspector. Shirley Satterfield; Dwight Cromwell; were not present.

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

The Board could not approve the Regular minutes from the June 19, 2017 meeting. The Board could not vote because there were not enough members present that were at that meeting.

The Board reviewed documents submitted by the Cambridge Elks Lodge to remove Richard Mark Lowe from the license and add Howard Gage Thomas. Chairwomen Patti Tieder discussed concerns of a few things that have been heard about the Elks Lodge serving intoxicated individuals. Howard Gage Thomas reassured the Board that the Elks Lodge valued their license and that the patrons will not be served beverages if they are intoxicated. With no further questions, a motion was made by Councilman Travers and seconded by Councilman Bradshaw to approve removing Richard Mark Lowe and adding Howard Gage Thomas. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the board members.

Ed Johnson attended the meeting to further discuss the possibility of delivering wine to an event at Sailwinds. Chairwoman Patti Tieder asked Mr. Johnson if he had any updates as far as his request. Mr. Johnson stated that he has been approached by two other nonprofit organizations for events. Mr. Johnson asked if he did future events will he need to get approval for each event. Chairwoman Tieder, Councilman Travers and Attorney Patrick Thomas discussed the issue with Mr. Johnson expressing concern about who would also possibly want to deliver alcohol. The Board expressed concern, that they did not want every retail store delivering to residents throughout the county. They also suggested looking into what other counties surrounding Dorchester County allow and if they have any stipulations or policies in place. The Board was open to allowing the delivery of alcohol but putting stipulations in place such as, delivery only to events and approval on a per event basis. The Board advised Mr. Johnson to attend the next meeting, so that it will allow time for Attorney Patrick Thomas and Inspector Roger Short to research the other counties, draft policies and draft a letter for approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 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.