

Regular Minutes
Liquor Board
August 21, 2017

The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners met on August 21, 2017, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building with the following members present: Councilman Ricky Travers; Councilman Tom Bradshaw; Shirley Satterfield; Dwight Cromwell; Patrick Thomas Attorney for the Board and Roger Short Liquor Board Inspector. Chairwoman Patti Tieder was not present.

The Board of License Commissioners convened in open session with Councilman Ricky Travers presiding.

The Board approved the Regular Minutes and Executive Minutes from the June 19, 2017 meeting.

The Board approved the Regular Minutes from the July 17, 2017 meeting.

An application and the documents for a New Class "D" Beer and Wine (on-sale) License were received and reviewed by the Board. The applicants, Jermaine Anderson and Adrian Holmes, T/A Liv Again Bar, at 317 High St, Cambridge, MD 21613 was present. Jermaine Anderson and Adrian Holmes were sworn in by Attorney Patrick Thomas. Councilman Ricky Travers spoke with the applicants about the business. Councilman Ricky Travers then asked Inspector Roger Short if they had a completed application. Inspector Roger Short stated that he was waiting for the State Fire Marshals inspection, the letter of compliance from the State Comptroller's Office and the current 2017 trader's license. Councilman Travers asked the applicants if they thought it would be taken care of within 30 days. The applicants stated that they believed it would be. A motion to approve contingent on the fire marshal inspection, state comptroller's office letter and trader's license by Councilman Tom Bradshaw and second by Board member Shirley Satterfield. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the Board members.

Ed Johnson attended the meeting to review the drafted letter of approval for delivery of wine to his event at Sailwinds. Councilman Travers stated that this letter would legally clarify his wine delivery for the event. Mr. Johnson stated that the letter is what the board and he had discussed in July. With no further discussion, a motion to approve the letter and the delivery was made by Councilman Tom Bradshaw. The motion was seconded by Board member Shirley Satterfield. A vote was called for and was unanimous by all of the Board members.

The Board reviewed an application for a Special One Day License submitted by the Grand National Waterfowl Association for a Latino Festival. Tracie Whitley was present on behalf of the Grand National Waterfowl Association. Idelwer Fuentes who was organizing the Latino Festival was also present. Councilman Travers asked, what the hours of the event are. Mr. Fuentes stated the event will take place from 12pm to 8 pm. Councilman Travers then asked if the location of the event was the lot adjacent to and behind Mr. Fuentes's establishment. Mr. Fuentes stated that was correct and also includes Cannery Way. Councilman Travers asked what they are serving. Mr. Fuentes stated beer and they are having a margarita stand. Mr. Travers asked if there was security in place. Mr. Fuentes stated he had 20 security personnel and 4 Cambridge police officers. Tracie Whitley also added that they had purchased the insurance for the event as well. Councilman Travers reminded Ms. Whiteley that they are responsible for the event, wristbands must be worn and not to over intoxicate patrons. Tracie Whitley also stated that she and two other members from Grand National will be there. Tony Thomas then spoke on Mr. Fuentes's behalf that everything has been well planned out and there will be no problems. With no further questions and/or discussion, a motion to approve was made by Councilman Tom Bradshaw. The motion was seconded by Board member Shirley Satterfield. Inspector Roger Short added that he needed the Owner Statement form from the City of Cambridge. Inspector Short advised them to see Kathy foster at City Hall for the City of Cambridge to get the form completed. With no further discussion, a vote was called for and was unanimous by all of the board members.

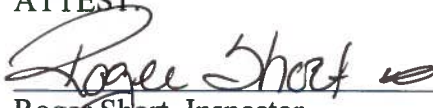
The Board discussed possible legislation changes. Michelle Seretis – Owner of Pizza Palace in Hurlock, MD attended the meeting to request that the board move forward with the legislative proposals presented in the letter from Robert Merriken Attorney for the Town of Hurlock, MD. Councilman Ricky Travers informed Ms. Seretis that the Board has what it needs to draft the legislation for the board to vote and then send it to the Dorchester County Council for Approval. After that it would then be sent to the Eastern Shore Delegation and from there it will go to the House Legislative Session beginning January 10, 2018. The Board also discussed extending the Beer & Wine Festival License from 1 per year to multiple events or possibly leaving it to the board to decide the amount of festivals per year. Councilman Travers suggested if the board was comfortable with expanding the amount of festivals and the Town of Hurlock proposals, the board could vote to move forward with the proposals. Councilman Travers added that Inspector Roger Short and Attorney Patrick Thomas could craft the legislative proposals and submit them to the board at the next meeting for approval. Then to the Board could send the proposals to Dorchester County Council. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Tom Bradshaw and was seconded by Board member Dwight Cromwell. A vote was called for and was unanimous by all of the Board members.

Councilman Travers added that if there were any other items that Inspector Roger Short and Attorney Patrick Thomas feel need to be addressed, they should draft a proposal and the board would review them at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 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.