

Regular Minutes  
Liquor Board  
July 15, 2019

The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners met on July 15, 2019, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Travers, Vice Chairman George L. Pfeffer Jr.; Cathy Collins; Paul A. Hooper, Patrick W. Thomas, Attorney for the Board and Roger Short, Liquor Board Inspector.

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

The Board approved the Regular Session minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting. Vice Chairman George Pfeffer made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Cathy Collins second the motion and a vote was called for. The vote was unanimous by all of the Board Members.

An application was submitted by Randy Decker and Joseph Davis, On behalf of The Wine Shop LLC, T/A - The Wine Bar to upgrade the current Class "A" Beer & Wine License to a Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License. Randy Decker and Joseph Davis were sworn in by Board Attorney Patrick Thomas. Chairman Ricky Travers asked the applicants why they were attending the meeting. Mr. Decker responded that The Wine Bar applied to upgrade the license, due to new legislation that they had requested had passed. Chairman Travers explained that The Wine Bar had been licensed for a few years now and that they understand what this upgrade entails. The applicants stated that they understood what is allowed with this upgrade. Chairman Travers then Inspector Short if any other items were needed for the application. Inspector Short replied that he was waiting for the clearance through the State Comptroller's office. Chairman Travers then asked Inspector Short to explain to the new members of the Board what this upgrade would do. Inspector Short explained that The Wine Bar has a Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor with an additional Class "A" license that can currently do off-premise sales of Beer & Wine at their restaurant. This change would allow them to do Beer, Wine and Liquor off-premise sales under the Class "A". Chairman Travers then asked the Board if anyone had any further questions. With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Pfeffer to approve the application contingent upon Inspector Short receiving the State Comptrollers letter. The motion was second by Board Member Collins. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the Board members.

Bernard Dryden attended the meeting on behalf of Cambridge Wine and Spirits to further discuss the delivery of alcohol to the cruise ships docked at Long Wharf. Chairman Travers then asked Inspector Short to report on the status of the request, since the last meeting. Inspector Short that he had contacted Lou Berman which is the head of the enforcement bureau. Mr. Berman informed Inspector Short that the three cruise ships are not licensed in the State of Maryland. Inspector Short explained that Mr. Berman would be making contact with the cruise line to start the process of getting them licensed. Inspector Short also stated he was informed that they can purchase from distributors, retailers and out of the state. Inspector Short stated that from what he has been told by Mr. Berman the Board could issue a letter of authorization for delivery to the cruise ships once they have obtained their license. Inspector Short stated that Mr. Berman would contact him once the ships are licensed. Chairman Travers then asked if there were any questions about the delivery. There were no further questions regarding the delivery. Chairman Travers then asked Inspector Short about the proposed Tiki Café. Inspector Short stated that he had reviewed all the possible licenses, spoken to the state and other jurisdictions. Inspector Short stated that he could not issue a license without a primary use inside the building for a temporary structure being utilized outside. Inspector Short added that the current store would need a bar inside as a primary use, a kitchen for sanitizing glassware and restroom facilities which would be a major renovation for the current store. Inspector Short also stated that it would need Health Dept. approval. Chairman Travers then asked Mr. Dryden if he had any questions. Mr. Dryden stated that he did not have any questions and would convey everything to the other owner. Chairman Travers stated that Inspector Short and the Board has vetted this thoroughly and apologize for the bad news. Mr. Dryden stated that he understood and all of the reasons were logical. Mr. Dryden then asked if they were now authorized for delivery. Inspector Short stated that the board would need to vote on it tonight. Vice Chairman Pfeffer then made a motion to grant authorization for delivery to Cambridge Wine & Spirits. Inspector Short added that the delivery authorization would be specifically to the cruise ships and not the general public. Chairman Travers then asked for a second to the motion and then we could have a discussion on the matter. Board Member Alton Hooper second the motion. Chairman Travers then explained that the delivery was discussed in the previous meeting and it is strictly for the cruise ships. Vice Chairman Pfeffer modified the motion to approve Cambridge Wine & Spirits for authorization to deliver alcohol to the cruise ships only. A vote was called for and it was unanimous by all of the Board members.

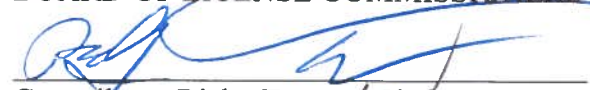
Next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2019.

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

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Roger Short, Inspector

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

  
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Councilman Ricky Travers, Chairman

  
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Councilman George L. Pfeffer, Vice - Chair

  
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Cathy Collins

  
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Paul A. Hooper

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.