

## MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on January 4, 2007 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, Administrator to the Board, Deborah Owston, and Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Glotfelty.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gearhart. A motion was made by Chairperson Gearhart to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Crosco and approved with said changes. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Before the meeting there was general discussion in reference to the Thirsty Crab and their premise change. Mr. Ferrell had contacted the office of the possibility of using the lower level on New Year's Eve as part of the licensed premise. He was advised that a copy of the lease would need to reflect the same. Mr. Ferrell later was in contact with the office and said they would not need the premise increased.

A discussion was held at 9:30 A.M. with Paul Roberts, licensee of Deep Creek Cellars, via telephone, in reference to having a special event at the Friendsville Community Park. Chairperson Gearhart identified himself and all persons present to Mr. Roberts and proceeded with the telephone discussion. Mr. Roberts expressed that he has the ability under his state winery license to have a special event without approval from the Board but was looking to the Board for advice. Mr. Roberts informed the Board that January 17, 2007 is his final day to get his information into the Chamber of Commerce for advertisement. He is planning this event for a Saturday in July or August. Chairperson Gearhart questioned if they were planning to sell wine to go. Mr. Roberts responded yes and also indicated that state law allows sampling and off-premise sales. Ms. Owston informed Mr. Roberts of her knowledge of state requirements and Mr. Roberts concurred. Commissioner Crosco questioned where the event was to be held. Mr. Roberts responded that it was to be held at the Friendsville Community Park. He would like to hold the event from 12:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Ms. Owston informed Mr. Roberts that other than alerting the Board of this activity, the Board has no control over this event and all control would fall under the Comptroller's Office who would issue the Winery Special Event Permit.

There was general discussion after the meeting concerning several topics. Ms. Owston provided the Board with a list of names received from the Comptrollers office requesting alcoholic beverage licenses to be held at renewal time for non-compliance with taxes. Ms. Owston informed the Board she has had no notification of any concerns or events that occurred on New Year's Eve from any of the license holders. Ms. Owston notified the Board that the proposed Gaming Ordinance will not be proceeding at this time and notified the Board of the next TIPS and TAM classes to be held. The Board received a copy of the State of Maryland mileage reimbursement rate change effective January 1, 2007.

The next meeting day was set for February 1, 2007. There being no further business, Commissioner Crosco motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart.

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Thomas A. Gearhart  
Chairperson

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February 1, 2007  
Date