

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on May 1, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Thomas Gearhart, Commissioner Bea Crosco, Commissioner Michael Fratz and Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

The March 6, 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board. Commissioner Fratz made the motion seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved by Chairperson Gearhart.

A violation hearing was held at 9:30 AM for Grantsville Exxon for the sale of alcohol to a minor during a compliance check conducted on February 26, 2014 by the Maryland State Police. The business is located at 26 South Yoder Street in Grantsville. Steve Stuck was present for the hearing. The Criminal Investigation Report was reviewed with Mr. Stuck. Mr. Stuck agreed with the facts of the report. He explained that their ID scanner was broke at the time of the compliance check and has since been repaired. Ms. Owston and the Board reviewed the various forms of ID's with Mr. Stuck. Commissioner Fratz made a motion that this being the first offense for sales to a minor, a letter of reprimand will be placed in the license file and a fine of \$100.00 is due within 30 days from the hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. Mr. Stuck agreed with the facts as presented and the Board's decision on the matter and waived their right to appeal the Board's decision to Circuit Court. Ms. Owston reviewed the fine and suspension guideline. Ms. Owston provided Mr. Stuck with copies of various forms of ID for Maryland and the surrounding states.

A transfer license hearing was held at 10:00 AM. Kens Irish Pub, LLC doing business as Kens Irish Pub applied for the transfer of the license issued to Sugar Shack Tavern, LLC. The application is for the transfer of the Class "D" BWL On-Sale license and issuance of a new Draft Beer license. The business is located at 269 Maple Street, Friendsville, Maryland. Applicants for the license are Bonnie Artice, Frederick Fox and William C. Casper, Jr. Present for the hearing was applicant, Bonnie Artice. Ms. Artice informed the Board of the proposed changes to the business. She stated that they hope to be open for business by the end of May. She mentioned that they still have a punch list for the Health Department requirements. Ms. Owston explained that the license could be approved pending the outstanding administrative items. Ms. Owston and the Board went into detail to explain the various rules and regulations in reference to holding an alcoholic beverage license. Ms. Owston reviewed the various forms of ID's with Ms. Artice. Ms. Owston discussed Mr. Fox's request for information on private label draft beer to promote the Kendall Trail. Ms. Owston told Ms. Artice that they should contact the Comptroller's Office. Chairperson Gearhart explained the importance of getting requested information in on time especially at renewal time. Chairperson Gearhart said if you plan to do something that is questionable, just call the office before you do a lot of planning. Ms. Artice said she has found that when they have been planning things the first thing that comes to mind is whom do you ask or how do you find out about certain things. She questioned if they could start

with the Board. Ms. Owston said that would be fine and that she may be able to direct them. However, she said there are many things about running a business that does not involve the Board. Ms. Artice acknowledged her willingness. Ms. Owston informed Ms. Artice that the Comptroller's website has a FAQ section that may be helpful. Ms. Owston explained that all business requirements and financial obligations with the State & County must be satisfied prior to the May 1st renewal deadline. The renewal holds need to be satisfied quickly. If you wait until the last minute to satisfy a renewal hold you run the risk of a \$50 per day late fee. Ms. Owston stated that she would work with them as much as she can but they need to contact the various agencies in a timely fashion due to the deadlines in place. Chairperson Gearhart mentioned that the renewal application is mailed out early and the licensee needs to act on it as soon as they receive it. Ms. Owston explained the application is mailed out in March and that all licensees' signatures must be notarized for acceptance. Commissioner Crosco made a motion to approve the transfer Class "D" BWL On-Sale license and new Draft Beer License pending the outstanding administrative items. Commissioner Fratz seconded the motion and Chairperson Gearhart unanimously approved it. Ms. Owston said the outstanding items include the Trader's License and Health Permit.

After the hearing, there was general discussion about the business restructuring of Santa Fe and the possible transfer of the alcoholic beverage licenses. Chairperson Gearhart mentioned that Table Rock is still in the process of fixing up the establishment that was damaged by fire. Ms. Owston informed the Board that HART for Animals will be having a grand opening celebration on May 3, 2014 and will be selling beer.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Crosco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved by Chairperson Gearhart.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for June 5, 2014.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

June 5, 2014
Date