

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, SEP. 08, 2011 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 1:00 P. M. in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Moses Saldaña, Chairman
William R. Cullins III, Vice-Chairman
Betty Currie, Member
Linda Palchinsky, Member
Joann Wood, Attorney
Tamara Hildebrand, Board Administrator
Tommy Thompson, Inspector
DFC James Stone, Alcohol Enforcement Officer

Chairman Saldaña called the meeting to order. Chairman Saldaña signed the minutes of July 14. Vice Chairman Cullins motioned to approve the minutes of August 11 and it was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried. Chairman Saldaña read a Presentation of Appreciation that will be given to Tom Sacks for his work on the Board from 2007 to 2011.

Violation:

- Corner Liquors - Shambhubhai Keshavial Patel
 - Distribution of controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia in violation of Section 5.04(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County

Mr. Patel appeared before the Board with his attorney, Matthew Tedesco. Mr. Tedesco voiced his objection to the hearing and submitted a written objection to the Board for the record because the matter was concluded on July 14. Ms. Wood, for the purposes of the Board Members that were not present on July 14, read the facts into record. Member Currie made a motion to fine the establishment One Thousand Dollars and suspend the license for 30 days and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Cullins. During discussion, Member Palchinsky stated that it was her opinion that the license should be revoked. The motion carried 2-1 with Member Palchinsky opposing. Member Palchinsky made the motion for the closure to be effective immediately and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Cullins. Mr. Tedesco requested a stay on the 30 day suspension to give the owner time to ready the business for closure. The motion stands as is and it was unanimously carried.

Applications:

- Tequila Grill
 - Application of Cynthia Ann Amezcua to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) Beer, Wine & Liquor license & t/a Tequila Grill (Tequila Grill, LLC), 30320 Triangle Dr., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.
- The applicant appeared before the Board, explaining that this would not be a bar/tavern establishment, but rather a restaurant. Member Palchinsky made the motion to approve a 90 day conditional approval pending the receipt of all the proper permits and approvals. Vice Chairman Cullins seconded and the motion carried.
- Lexington Village Wine & Spirits
 - Conditional application for Hung Nguyen to purchase a Class A-1 Beer, Wine & Liquor license & t/a Lexington Village Wine & Spirits (Lexington Village Wine & Spirits, LLC), Lexington Village Shopping Center, 22555 Three Notch Rd., Bldg D, Unit 103, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

The applicant appeared with his attorney, Michael Davis. They explained their request in detail. Member Palchinsky expressed her concern regarding the number of liquor stores on the Route 235 corridor. Mr. John Winters of Twist Wine and Spirits spoke regarding the over saturation of liquor stores in that area as

did Mr. Dent of the Retail Beverage Association. Member Currie made the motion for 180 day conditional approval and Vice Chairman Cullins seconded. Motion carried 2-1 with Member Palchinsky opposing.

Other Business:

- Twist Wine & Spirits – John Winters

- Requesting extension of premise to increase retail & storage space.

The license holder appeared before the Board requesting to extend the premises to about 3200 square feet for retail and storage space. Vice Chairman Cullins made the motion for 90 day conditional approval. It was seconded by Member Palchinsky and the motion carried.

- WJ Dent & Sons/Chief's Bar – Dave Dent

- Requesting temporary extension of premise & outdoor serving counter (beer sales only) for planned class reunion.

Mr. Dent appeared before the Board for his request for a temporary extension on October 14-15 (2 A.M.). Vice Chairman Cullins made the motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Member Currie and motion carried.

- American Legion Post 255

- Requesting extension of premise for smoking patrons

Mr. Jim Yeatman appeared before the Board requesting to extend the premises for the smoking patrons. Member Currie made the motion to approve the request per the submitted drawing and it was seconded by Member Palchinsky. Motion carried.

- Requesting conditional approval for extension of premise to increase the square footage of the bar area by 630 sq. ft.

Member Palchinsky made a motion for 90 day conditional approval of the extension pending all the required permits and approvals. It was seconded by Member Currie and motion carried.

- Board Administrator – Tammy Hildebrand

The Board has received the 2011 Legislation Package which is due on September 23. There was discussion pertaining to the laws for revocation of a license regarding CDS paraphernalia. The Board is planning on having the first ALERT training in November.

Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator – DFC Stone

DFC Stone gave his report to the Board citing 3 alcohol violations, 7 DUI's, and numerous compliance checks.

- Board Inspector – Tommy Thompson

Mr. Thompson has done 196 inspections so far this year, 30 since the last meeting.

- Retail Beverage Association

Mr. Dent said the Association discussed the problem regarding over saturation of Liquor Stores and that the competition between the Retailers is forcing them to try to come up with newer ideas to attract customers.

Vice Chairman Cullins moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Member Currie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Fran Hammett
Recording Secretary

Moses Saldaña
Chairman