

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 @ 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, August 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman Denietolis called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Roll Call

Members present:

Chairman Mark Denietolis

Member Leonard Kohl

Member David Willenborg

Member Barbara Hill

Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator

Chris Beavers, Attorney

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

Kevin Hall, Inspector

Sgt. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Not Present:

Vice-Chairman April Trossbach

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Denietolis moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Denietolis moved to approve the minutes for the July 9, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Applications

Patuxent Fine Wine & Spirits - Application of William C. Price to purchase a Class A-1 BWL license and t/a Patuxent Fine Wine & Spirits, 22599 MacArthur Blvd., California, MD 20619.

William Price and Attorney Michael Davis appeared (via WEBCAM) before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Price explained that he had submitted a new drawing to the

Board to correct the wall between the grocery store and his liquor store. Chairman Denietolis asked Mr. Price about a discrepancy on the plan that had been on the first plan that was submitted that the Board had required to be changed. Mr. Price clarified that it was a mistake that had been left on the plan and he will have that taken off the final plan and re-submit. There were several letters written and three (3) callers who phoned in who were in opposition of the liquor stores location. Attorney Davis stated the positive aspects of having this establishment in the shopping center. Attorney Steve Wise spoke in opposition of the approval for his clients. Member Willenborg requested discussion before the motion. Chairman Denietolis moved to ask for a motion and Mrs. Hildebrand stated the conditions for the approval. Member Hill made a motion to approve the application. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. An amendment was made to the motion to include a 90 day conditional approval pending Land Use and Growth Management , Health Department, Fire Marshal, Traders license and Use and Occupancy approvals. RAST, Alcohol Awareness and an update drawing are also required. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Violations:

Lex Liquor Wine & Spirits

1. Licensee: Ajit Singh

Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Ajit Singh and Kerri Molan appeared (via WEBCAM) before the Board and were sworn in. Chairman Denietolis asked Mr. Singh if he was guilty of the violation; Mr. Singh said the violation did occur. Attorney Beaver read into record the facts of the underage sale violation which happened on June 30, 2020 Chairman Denietolis made a motion for a fine of \$250.00 suspended to \$125.00. Motion failed. Member Willenborg made a motion of a \$500.00 fine and mandatory RAST. Member Kohl made suggestion to an amended fine of \$500.00, \$250.00 suspended for 3 years and mandatory RAST. Member Willenborg made that an amended motion of \$500.00, \$250.00 suspended for 3 years and mandatory RAST. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

2. Employee: Kerri Maire Molan

The above individual, Kerri Maire Molan, was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §28-2802(b) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Kerri Molan stated that the violation did occur. Chairman Denietolis made a motion for a fine of \$50.00 and mandatory RAST. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

HV Liquors

Licensee: Hira Lal Vashisht

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Hira Lal Vashisht appeared (via WEBCAM) before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Vashisht stated that the violation did occur. Attorney Beaver read into record the facts of the underage sale violation which happened on June 30, 2020. Chairman Denietolis made a motion for a fine of \$500.00, \$250.00 suspended for 3 years and mandatory RAST. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Legislative Proposals

Distillery on-site consumption permit-Chairman Denietolis made a motion to approve the draft proposal of the Distillery on-site consumption permit. Motion was seconded by Member Willenborg. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Denietolis made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 pm. Motion was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

April Trossbach, Vice-Chair