

January 21, 1969

Present: F. Elliott Burch
J. Wilmer Bowles
George R. Aud

Teenage Drinking

Gen. Hume Peabody, J. Merton Jarboe and J. Berkman Norris of the Alcoholic Beverages Board; Thomas L. Cryer, County Inspector; Cpl. William Miedzinski, State Police; Lt. Thomas L. Ledlutter, USNR, NAS Legal Officer; Lt. W. W. Thompson, Security Officer; Capt. B. C. Johnson; Capt. Barnett, Senior Disiplinary Officer and his secretary, Miss Tennyson; Mrs. Patty Duke (Beacon) and Mrs. Dorothy Shannon (Enterprise). At the outset of this meeting Mr. Berkman Norris requested that an executive session be held after the business meeting. Capt. Barnett stated that his group meets once a month to discuss problems that involve the service personnel. The most serious problem seems to center around minors drinking both civilians and naval personnel. Since they seem to turn it off when a uniformed officer of the law appears, he felt the need for plainclothesmen was essential to help correct this situation. This would mean that he could do some detection action because he would not be known to the people in the establishment. He stated that this was of great concern to the Navy and would like to have reasonable assurance that funds could be made available for the hiring of these men. Mr. Burch asked if there was an increase of violations since the discontinuance of the use of the part-time inspectors. Capt. Barnett said the control has been lifted and since there was no effective control it stands to reason that proof cannot be shown. From all indications it seems to be on the rise. Gen. Peabody said he could not be positive but from the information received from taverns owners and other people the conditions in the county was at its best. The owners of taverns were more on the alert as they did not know when an inspector was present nor did the minors. It was a deterrent and brought far more results in comparison to the money spent. Gen. Peabody asked the Commissioners for their approval for a change in the law which would allow the License Board to charge a \$100 transfer fee for each transfer of license. In the last 9½ months there were 34 transfers of license and those funds could be a source of revenue to help pay for the employment of these under-cover men. Charles County has a \$100 transfer license but we only charge \$1.00. Prince George's County charges \$250. Mr. Burch then stated that he had just received a note stating that the Sheriff and his Chief-deputy are attending a meeting at the Police headquarters in Beltsville. Mr. Burch asked Capt. Barnett if the age requirement on the Base was the same as the County. He stated that it was. Mr. Bowles asked if they had the problem on the station and he said, yes, as it was hard to control but there are ways and means. They check the ID cards but there are some who are over 21 and buy it for the minor.

Lt. Thompson stated that the point of having under-cover men would be a preventive if the establishment was not aware who was an inspector. Gen. Peabody said he had 15 Navy men and 2 civilians

on a ready list if and when the money was made available. Until more money was available they would use the inspectors 10 hours a week. The uniformed officers and Mr. Cryer have two strikes against them. They are known to the public and all is quiet when they are there so nothing is likely to happen.

Cpl. Miedzinski stated that the plainclothesmen approach is the best deterrent. The Intelligence Division is available to us if we need them. We would also have to pay for their expenses. The request would have to come from the State's Attorney. Mr. Cryer stated that we had used their services when Sheriff Miedzinski and Charles Norris were in office. Mr. Aud stated that we would be just as well off to use local people.

Mr. David Williams noted that there were two ways to solve the problem. One would be administratively - through law enforcement but this would be difficult because of the burden of proof needed. However, the Liquor Board could be more severe than the court because many times a minor could be convicted but because of his good record the courts give him either probation without verdict or found not guilty. Then too, there is little or no action taken against the license holder. The best thing is to put the fear of death into the license holder. In criminal action you would need strong evidence but with the Board you would only need slight evidence to suspend the license.

Cpl. Miedzinski noted the comparison of alcohol and dope and what you really need to get is the source. The inspectors were a great help. Mr. Jarboe stated that Board members made inspections last year and felt that there was only a small percentage of tavern owners serving to minors. Gen. Peabody stated that if a person is convicted under Article 2B then it is mandatory to suspend or revoke the license and two conviction of the Navy in a two year period will also make it mandatory to either revoke or suspend his license. But the Board does not necessarily have to wait for the action of the Court to take steps. He advocates to get the guy who is responsible for it. The Board needs proof and evidence and information as to who is serving to the minors. The Sheriff is making written reports and submitting them daily but what is needed mostly is information. They do not need court action as they (the Board) have to wait ten days before they can bring charges to the person and to wait for a court hearing or trial will only delay the results.

Mr. Burch inquired from Cpl. Miedzinski what action was taken by the State Police when a violation was noticed. The Cpl. stated that they advise Mr. Cryer immediately. An arrest is made immediately if he sees the act. Lt. Thompson stated that they also inform Mr. Cryer immediately. Mr. Burch then asked what amount of money would be requested by the Liquor Board. Gen. Peabody stated that \$50 per week would be the minimum for the balance of the fiscal year. What was not used would be turned back to the County. Mr. Burch said his request would be taken into consideration. At this time the executive session was called and the Press was asked to leave.

Road Equipment

Mr. Charles Claypool representing Alban Tractor Equipment Company and Mr. J. D. Raley, Jr. Mr. Claypool explained that there was no problem on the availability of parts for their equipment. They sell on a two year buy-back basis if the purchaser decided he no longer has need for the equipment. On repairs to the equipment he suggested a three day repair service be written into the specifications. Mr. Claypool stated that a 951 B Loader with wench would fit our needs and would sell at \$30,099 with a 80" multi-purpose bucket. Since it would be a multi-purpose machine, it could be used for tearing up pavements, road building and also for the dumps. When asked the delivery date, Mr. Claypool stated that they have the loaders in stock but crawl tractors would take between 30-45 days. Mr. Raley stated that his experience proved that I. H. tractors were not the best. There was much discussion on the various types of equipment and it was felt that we would not need a pan which would sell for \$4,000 used nor the D 120 which sells for \$27,000. It was agreed that we would need the following equipment:

1 - 951 B Loader with wench	-	\$30,099.00
1 - D - 6 Dozer	-	35,581.00
1 - Low Boy	-	43,000.00
1 - Dump Truck with an angle blade for snow and fill		

When asked if the equipment could be rented, Mr. Claypool stated it could but we would have to pay the property tax on it. It was suggested that Mr. Claypool check out the specifications with Mr. Raley and report at a later date.

Herbicide Spray

Mr. Richard Moffit from the SRC, Mr. Prince and Mr. Roberts from the State Forrestry Department met to discuss the problems relating from the hydraulic highway cutter. Mr. Prince mentioned that he observed work done on the Bayside Road and McIntosh Road. The cutter left ragged edges on the trees and bushes which create an eyesore. He explained that the succors would multiply. Mr. Moffit explained how this could be corrected. He stated that the SRC has a herbicide spray that would retain the growth of these plants. He stated that Mr. Tate has two crews that could properly do this job. It would be used in the dormant season then the spray would work its way to the roots and kill the plants and give the natural seed a chance to grow. He also mentioned that the spray has potent chemicals and if not properly applied could cause damage to tobacco and shrubs if sprayed on them. He noted that they sprayed 10,000 acres last year in Maryland. The product is known as 2-4 D and also 245 T. This is for wooded plants and shrubs along the highway. One factor he mentioned was that it would cut down on mowing. Mr. Burch asked if the State would do this for us. Mr. Moffit said he would send his own crew down and spray so we could observe. His crew would leave the Holly and Dogwood trees. We could contact him at the Bureau of Landscape Architecture, 828-8900, Ext. 257. Their main plant is in Brooklynville, north of Towson. The cost would be less than \$30 per acre and could do 100 acres per day at about \$5.00 an acre.

Mr. Anderson of the SRC has already OK'd this and he felt Mr. Tate would be in agreement. Using an OC Nozzel it would spray about 25-39 feet. Air carrier machines carry it out 70 feet. Mr. Burch requested that they notify us when they wish to do this work.

County Road Equipment

Mr. J. D. Raley, Jr. submitted a list of equipment he felt we needed in addition to the crew, a budget, materials and its costs. Each item was discussed at length.

Metropolitan Commission

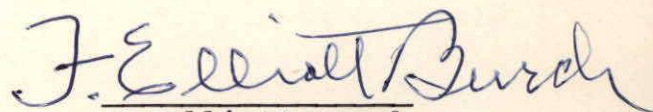
Mr. Dave Gruber submitted a Special Report on the Metropolitan Commission as of January 1, 1969. It is the same as the one submitted in November except for some modifications. Mr. Gruber stated that Center Gardens and Patuxent Water Company have been notified regarding the water rates they will have to pay. He noted that large concerns would have to pay on a monthly basis but the smaller places would be billed quarterly in advance. This report would wrap up the package for the Commissioners. Mr. Gruber did state that there would have to be an audit each year ordered by the Commissioners. Mr. Gruber stated he would be available if needed. He stated that the Commission was aware that they would need help on the Mattapany District but would have to pay for this themselves. Mr. Gruber suggested that the County would need someone to check the figures to make certain it would be economically feasible. Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether or not the County should not be paid back for the cost when the County advances the money. Mr. Gruber agreed that the engineering fees come back in Federal grants. There was some discussion regarding whether the County or the Metropolitan Commission should and would be responsible for the cost of the report. Mr. Gruber discussed the possibility of the School Board using IBM computers to its fullest by preparing a program to ascertain its potentials. He mentioned the Prince-Waterhouse Report which was designed to show how and what information can be fed into the computer. Modifications should be done at the expense of the school board.

Road Request

Mr. Gordon Ragan requested that section of road leading from the White Neck Creek be taken into the County System as there are six houses on it. It was suggested that Mr. J. D. Raley get an estimate of cost.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch

January 27, 1969

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George R. Aud

Light on Civil Defense Stairway

Mr. Joseph Henderson has been contacted for a price on a light inside the stairway of the Civil Defense Building. Discussion was had on the advisability of both interior and exterior lighting. Mr. Henderson will be contacted regarding the price of the recessed light on the outside and also the inside.

Road off of Patuxent Beach


Letters from Col. Peak and Mr. Lester Steinem regarding bulkhead work and the road off of Patuxent Beach were reviewed. Mr. Pantaleo will help draft the letters.

Bill Approved

A bill was submitted from Mr. Dave Gruber for special work for the Metropolitan Commission in the amount of \$8,700. This bill was unanimously approved for payment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch