

**Queen Anne's County Liquor Board  
Minutes of Meeting**

February 6, 2018

The Board of License Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at 110 Vincit St., Centreville, MD. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John McQueeney. Those present were: John T. McQueeney, Chairman; Gene M. Ransom, Esq., Vice-Chairman; Maurice D. Dashiell, Joyce E. Jones, Esq., and Thomas E. Beery, Members; Jeffrey E. Thompson, Esq., Attorney for the Board; Cathy Maxwell, Clerk to the Board; William J. Council, Liquor Inspector; Michael Wisnosky, Director of Planning & Zoning.

The following Special/Temporary licenses were reviewed and approved:

Kent Island Bucs Baseball – Date of event – February 10

Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) – Date of event – March 11

Chester Wye Center and Foundation – Date of event – April 13

The hearing scheduled for a new Class "B" Beer and Wine License for Joseph P. Candella, Sr., Eileen P. Candella and Audrey V. Candella for the Benefit of The Lion's Den Ice Cream Parlor, LLC, trading as The Lion's Den Ice Cream Parlor is postponed until the March 6, 2018 meeting by request of the applicant.

Mr. Ben Arminger, 300 Blue Heron Farm Lane, Chestertown, MD appeared before the Board with general questions about a possible liquor license at Duck Neck Campground. He is a consultant for the new owners of the Campground. There is a camp store on the property that is seasonally run when they are open for business and they would like to apply for a Class "A" beer and wine license to sell out of that store. It is a LLC out of Wilmington, DE with six partners. All of the owners live in California. For a Class "A" license one of the partners would have to reside in Queen Anne's Co. for at least two years before the application is filed. Mr. Thompson said a Class "A" license is a package goods store. Mr. Arminger said the campground is all one property, the camp store is not on a separate parcel. Mr. Ransom said they could arrange to have another partner who is a resident of the County. Mr. Thompson suggested that the owners of the land could lease the store to a Md. entity that was owned and operated by a Md. entity. Mr. Arminger thanked the Board for their assistance.

The Board reviewed an application for advertising a new Class "A" beer and wine license for Robert W. Marsh, III, for the benefit of Boatel Operations, LLC, trading as Kent Narrows Marine Boatel, located at 100 Piney Narrows Rd., Chester, MD 21619. Mr. Robert Marsh, III, 101 Grove Cove Rd., Centreville, MD appeared before the Board. He owns the new Boatel, they are up to 130 boats and his customers would like to have beer when they go out boating. There is an office in the Boatel with a small convenience store. Mr. Thompson reviewed the application and Mr. Marsh made the necessary changes. Mr. Thompson said the application is now

complete in terms of advertising. Mr. Marsh understands that any alcohol would have to be taken off premises for consumption. He used to have an alcohol license for his charter boat business. Mr. Ransom made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve this application for advertising. A public hearing on this application will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Pursuant to §4-603 of Alcoholic Beverages I of the Annotated Code of Md., a hearing was held on the following business regarding compliance checks completed by Bill Council, Liquor Inspector. Mr. Thompson administered the oath to all who were to testify.

**Hemingway's Restaurant** – this hearing is a continuation from the February 5, 2018 meeting. Mr. Council reviewed his Compliance Checks Incident Report. It was alleged that an employee of Hemingway's Restaurant violated §6-304 of Alcoholic Beverage I, in that on November 15, 2017 at the licensed premises, the employee sold alcohol to a minor, a volunteer working with the Queen Anne's Co. Liquor Inspector. The violation was one bottle of beer sold at the bar. The volunteer working with Mr. Council was 20 years old. He was dressed in plain clothes. He entered Hemingway's Restaurant, sat at the bar and ordered a Bud Light beer and the beer was opened and served to him by the employee. Mr. Council then identified himself as the Liquor Inspector. He asked the employee if he had checked the ID and he said, No. Mr. Council advised the employee that the volunteer was 20 years old. The employee said he did not have Tips training. Mr. Larry Lauterbach, license holder, Ms. Stephanie Dutting, General Manager, and Mr. Mark Andrews, General Manager of the Bay Bridge Marina facility, appeared before the Board. Mr. Ransom said members of the corporation listed on the application are Great American Life, Cheryl Hobson and Larry Lauterbach. Mr. Andrews said Ms. Hobson is no longer a licensee. Mr. Ransom said this needs to be corrected on the 2018 license renewal application. Mr. Andrews said he has a letter of resignation on file and he will supply this to the Board. Mr. Andrews had the employee handbook and said this is presented to new employees regarding liquor service and they sign a document saying they have read it. Ms. Dutting said 100% of their employees are now Tips certified. She said it is posted at the restaurant that they card anyone under 40 yrs. of age. A motion was made by Mr. Beery, seconded by Mr. Ransom, that a violation occurred. All members voted in favor. This is Hemingway's first violation. A motion was made by Mr. Dashiell, seconded by Mr. Beery, to impose a fine of \$250. The fine to be paid within 30 days of this date. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Council did 73 business checks and 13 compliance checks with no violations for the month of January. To date he has done compliance checks on 47 businesses. He distributed the Fake ID posters to different locations. All businesses have been very cooperative with displaying the posters. He notified Mr. Warren Wright, Drug Free Coalition, to check to assure that the schools are posting them also. Mr. Council had a complaint about businesses allowing customers to drink outside the premises. This happens mostly late at night. He said he will recommend to these businesses that if they have a large crowd that they have someone at the door. It was discussed what happens if people arrive by boat to a restaurant and Mr. Council said most people are aware that they cannot bring alcohol off of the boat into the establishment.

Mr. Wisnosky appeared before the Board to see if they had any questions about the Class "A" application for the Boatel. The Boatel was approved by the Planning Commission with the understanding that there would be a convenience store with sandwiches and food and they always anticipated having package goods there. Also he informed the Board that on February 14 he will be meeting with the County Administrator and the Finance Director to discuss the 2018 budget. He will advise of the outcome. Mr. McQueeney said there have also been donations given for compliance checks and he's keeping record of the balance.

The Board discussed the renewal application for 2018. Mr. Council said some of the older drawings in the files indicating the licensed premises are not clear and may not be accurate. He feels these licensees should be required to provide an accurate drawing of the premises where alcohol is sold. Mr. Council will follow up on this, time permitting. The Board agreed that the 2018 license fees will be paid when the licensees pick up their license, prior to May 1st.

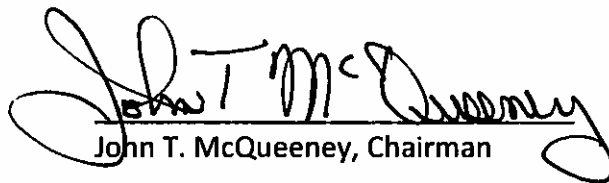
The Board discussed proposed HB 0287 in response to an email received from the County Finance Office dated 1/30/18. It was agreed that this pending Bill has no fiscal impact on this Board or the County.

The Board discussed temporary, one day licenses, specifically the ones that are filed too late for review at the monthly meeting. Mr. Thompson said after researching this further, he has determined that under the Board of License Commissioners Scope of Administrative Authority, this Board does not have the power to adopt regulations to delegate responsibility to staff, the law will have to be changed by legislation. Mr. Thompson will follow up with Senator Hershey and Delegate Arentz on this legislation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cathy Maxwell, Clerk

  
John T. McQueeney, Chairman