

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

March 6, 2018

The Board of License Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at 110 Vincit St., Centreville, MD. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John T. 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.

The following Special/Temporary licenses were reviewed and approved:

Queen Anne/Hillsboro Fire Co. – Date of event – March 17

Kent Island Vol. Fire Dept. – Date of event – April 7

Chesapeake Cats and Dogs – Date of event – April 14

Crushin' Orange For LLS – Date of event – April 28

Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center – Date of event – July 14

Mr. Council will confirm the exact location for the Crushin' Orange for LLS event.

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 April 3, 2018 meeting by request of the applicant.

The Board held a hearing for 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. Thompson administered the oath to all who were to testify. All advertising requirements have been met. No one objected to the Board hearing this matter. No one appeared in opposition to the request. Mr. Robert Marsh, III, 101 Grove Cove Rd., Centreville, MD appeared before the Board. Mr. McQueeney reviewed §4-210 of the Alcohol Code which are the requirements for issuing a license. Mr. Marsh said he built the boatel, it will hold 200 boats in the first phase, 400 boats in the second phase. He has quite a few customers who would like to purchase beer and wine when they go out in their boats. There is no local liquor store at Kent Narrows so he would like to be able to supply this to his customers. Mr. Ransom noted that no one was here in opposition to the license. This license will have no negative impact on other license holders, traffic or the community. Mr. Marsh said his hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. There will be no consumption on site. Mr. Marsh just completed the TIPS class and found it very educational. Mr. Council said no one under 21 can handle any alcohol, such as carrying it to the boats. Mr. Ransom made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the issuance of the license. All members voted in

favor. The applicant has met all the standards of §4-210 and this Board carefully reviewed the six relevant factors. The license fee will be prorated to \$250 from now until May 1, 2018 at which time Mr. Marsh will pay the yearly fee of \$500. Mr. Marsh inquired about a beer, wine & liquor license and was advised that this would require him to file a new application. The Board also advised Mr. Marsh that compliance checks are now being done on a regular basis by the Liquor Inspector.

The Board discussed the pending Circuit Court appeal involving Chester Convenience Store. Mr. Thompson said typically when both parties are represented by counsel, he does not participate. The Board agreed that their decision to issue the license should be defended.

Mr. Warren Wright, Drug Free Coalition, appeared before the Board. On March 29, 2018 at the Centreville Methodist Church and Stevensville Middle School there will be a motivational speaker whose specialty is alcohol and marijuana. Mr. Wright's next project is "Paint Queen Anne's Purple". There were seven overdoses and one death in 48 hours. He said by prorating the history of 2016 and 2017, in the first two months of 2018 there could be over 12 deaths and over 120 overdoses. It is doubling every year. Ms. Jones said when there has been a bad batch, it would be good to have a hot line, not hooked to caller ID, so the word can get out. Mr. Wright said we have that now and it works. He said the fake ID posters are making a good impression at the schools. He is very glad that compliance checks are being done. There is money available for saturation patrols also. The Sheriff's Office is looking for a public information officer.

Mr. Council did 67 business checks with no violations for the month of February. He introduced a new cadet who will assist with compliance checks. Mr. Council asked for clarification of §27-1601(b)(2) concerning distances from place of worship, etc. for a Class "B" (on-sale) license. Mr. Thompson said that is the name of the license, it does not mean that a Class "B" license holder cannot sell beer "off sale" if their license allows it.

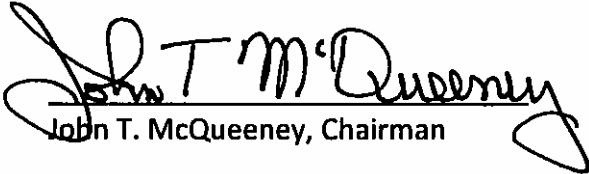
The Board discussed plats that are on file showing the "licensed premises" for the businesses. Some of these plats have been in the file for years and are not accurate. Mr. Ransom said if there is a problem with a renewal application this Board should hold a hearing or ten people would have to file a complaint under the statute. Since no one has been in attendance complaining about any of the renewals, he does not see a problem. Mr. Thompson said if there is a problem, then it should be required that the property owner supply an updated plat showing the exact licensed premises. Normally, licenses are automatically renewed unless 10 people or this Board have concerns. Mr. Council said he has reviewed the files and there is one business that needs to have their licensed premises clearly identified. Mr. Thompson will contact them. The Board will review the 2018 renewal applications at the April 3 meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Maxwell, Clerk



John T. McQueeney, Chairman