

DRAFT MINUTES

Record of the Meeting of the Liquor Control Board held December 13, 2017
at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont

LCB Members present: Martin Manahan Chair, Sam Guy, Thom Lauzon and Devon Fuller, Members.

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner, Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General, Wesley Lawrence, Board Counsel, and Laurie Pecor, Administrative Coordinator

8:00 a.m. Meeting begins.

- Additions/Deletions to agenda: None
 - Board action on draft minutes and meeting held on November 8, 2017 - Approved
 - Board action on new licenses and permits issued November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 – Approved.
1. Public Comment – Sharaswati, LLC to oppose the non-renewal of their agency contract.
 2. Enforcement
 - Saints of Pub 42 Inc. dba The Venue, 12 Wales Street, Rutland. Re: violation of general regulation number 10 (Taxes). Licensee attended by phone. Assistant Director of Tax Compliance Lee Gable is here to discuss the violation.
 - a. States Exhibit 1 is letter from Tax.
States exhibit 1 is admitted. A motion is made to suspend the license until they come into compliance with the Tax Department. Motion carries.
 - HLH Enterprises of Bennington Inc. dba Bennington Pizza Plaza, 210 Northside Drive, Bennington. Re: violation of general regulation number 10 (Taxes). No one is here from HLH Enterprises of Bennington Inc. Assistant Director of Tax Compliance Lee Gable is here to discuss the violation.
 - a. States Exhibit 1 is letter from Tax
 - b. States Exhibit 2 is Notice of Hearing
 - c. States Exhibit 3 is certified receipt that licensee received the notification. States exhibits 1, 2 and 3 are admitted. The Board finds that notice of hearing was proper. A motion is made to suspend the license until they come into compliance with the Tax Department. Motion carries.
 3. Discussion of requirements of licensee taking seminar after compliance failure.

4. Danville agency request to modify hours. Approved
5. Discussion of DLC Legislative Priorities for 2018.
 - a. Department advertising
 - b. Solicitors for spirits
 - c. Bonding passed back to Tax
 - d. In-house training
 - e. Server licensing
 - f. Special event cost recovery

12:05 p.m. Executive Session

12:25 p.m. Board reconvenes

6. Commissioner comments:
 - a. November sales figures
 - b. East Poultney Store
 - c. Pappy Van Winkle sweepstakes. This has generated 11,400 dollars' worth of entry fees. Spectrum Youth Services is the beneficiary of the money collected.
 - d. Scan guns discussion
 - e. Compliance and Enforcement Division Operation Safe Ride program has partnered with Uber. Investigators will focus on being in bars for the next 60 days and encouraging people to make good decisions. Ten-dollar Uber gift cards will be handed out.
7. 2017 Annual report will be completed by the end of the month. Net revenue was increased by \$3.25 million.

12:52 p.m. Board adjourns.

NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 10, 2017