

## DRAFT MINUTES

Record of the Meeting of the Liquor Control Board held November 8, 2017  
at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont

LCB Members present: Martin Manahan Chair, Julian Sbardella, Sam Guy and Devon Fuller, Members.

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner, Kimberly Walker, Theresa Barrows, Tonia Pryce, Pam Adams and Laurie Pecor

8:00 a.m. Meeting begins.

- Additions/Deletions to agenda: None
  - Board action on draft minutes and meeting held on October 11, 2017 - Approved
  - Board action on new licenses and permits issued October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 – Approved.
1. Public Comment - No one is here for Public Comment.
  2. October listings – Approved as submitted
  3. Contract renewals – Approved
  4. Discussion on Title 7 penalty changes.
  5. Commissioner Comments
    - Hiring scenarios for the Warehouse Supervisor and the Coordinator that is replacing a long-term employee who is retiring in December.
    - October Sales - Unchanged.
    - Liquor/Lottery merger discussion. The task force completed the required meetings. They were unable to find any tangible money savings to come from merging the two Departments.
    - “On Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> Deputy Commissioner Kessler and Sergeant Thibault were invited guests at a meeting held at the Barre Elks Club. The meeting was organized by Representative Poirier and the Elks. Also in attendance was Britany Wilson from the governor’s office. There were over 60 people representing most of the fraternal organizations around the state. These people came from every corner of the state to attend. They were concerned with what they perceived to be a change in the DLC approach to gambling at their licensed establishment. It was explained to the attendees that gambling is not a primary focus of DLC compliance and enforcement staff. It was also reiterated that licensed establishments are expected to follow all the laws including gambling laws. The

attendees were encouraged to work to change/update the laws to better meet their perceived needs.”

6. Other Business

- Member Fuller thanked the Department for getting the Marketing Meeting event of the past two days together. It was very well organized. Commissioner Delaney agrees and wants to recognize Tonia Price and Theresa Barrows for all their hard work on it.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS DECEMBER 13, 2017