

APPROVED MINUTES

Record of The Special Meeting of the Liquor Control Board held February 28, 2017
at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont via Telephone Conference

LCB Members present: Stephanie O'Brien, Chair, Thomas Lauzon and Julian Sbardella, Members.

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Wesley Lawrence, Board Counsel, William Goggins, Director, Education, Licensing & Enforcement, Laurie Pecor, Administrative Coordinator II

8:30 a.m. Meeting begins.

1. Additions/Deletions to agenda: None
2. Public Comment - There is no one here for Public Comment.

Member Lauzon makes a motion for findings relative to Executive Session in regards to hearing results. The Board will go through items 1 through 3 before voting on this motion.

3). Legislature update: A bill was introduced that suggests a number of changes to current statute. There are 9 substantive changes being proposed. They are:

- 4th class license holders be allowed to hold events in fourth class locations.
- Increase the amount of spirits or fortified wines to be served in drinks at fourth class locations.
- Allow Art Gallery/Book Store/Library/Museums to serve spirits and fortified wines.
- Permit nonprofits to auction spirits and fortified wines.
- Allow fourth class license holders to sell beer and wine by the keg.
- Permit to allow employees of a manufacturer/rectifier to serve beverages held at a tasting by a second class licensee.
- Permit a second class licensee to discount malt under certain conditions. Essentially a "Happy Hour"
- Increase the gross revenue thresholds for tax rates on the sale of spirits and fortified wines.
- Permit a first class licensee to temporarily discount malt and vinous beverages which is also essentially to allow "Happy Hour".

These are significant changes. Commissioner Delaney will write up a brief paper on the Boards concerns. There will be a discussion on these at a future date.

- House Bill 89 is a bill to allow performing arts venues to sell and serve alcohol without a license. The Department does not support this bill.
- Title 7 rewrite is moving along and going to cross over into the Senate in a few days.

9:01 a.m. Member Lauzon's earlier motion to go into executive session is back on the table. The Board votes to go into executive session to discuss the Lake House Saloon. Motion carries.

9:55 a.m. Board comes out of executive session and adjourns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS MARCH 8, 2017 AT 9:30 A.M.