

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES**

On May 8, 2013, the Board of License Commissioners met in Room 003 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Board members Roland Meerdter, Chairman, Robert Tabler and David Brauning were present as well as Attorney Timothy Dixon and Nancy David.

10:05 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Case 5699, Application of Ramandip K. Chahil for the use of MK Chahil, LLC, for the transfer of the existing Class A – Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued to John Connole for the use of JC Companies, LLC, t/a Paddock Wine & Spirits, 7627 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, in Election District 14.

The Board found the applicant to be a fit and proper person and approved the application as presented upon motion of Commissioner Brauning and seconded by Commissioner Tabler.

11:00 a.m. to 11:35 a.m., Case 5701, Class A - Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued to Laura Barnes for the use of College Square Liquors, Inc., t/a College Square Liquors, 444 WMC Drive, Westminster – Violation Hearing (Sale to a Minor)

The Board found the licensee guilty as charged and issued a fine of \$250.00, payable within 30 days of the written decision.

11:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Case 5702, Class B – Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued to Rachel Smith and Marc Ha for the use of Westminster Sakura, Inc., t/a Sakura Japanese Steak and Seafood House, 5 Westminster Shopping Center, Westminster – Violation Hearing (Sale to a Minor)

The Board found the licensees guilty as charged and issued a fine of \$500.00, payable within 30 days of the written decision.

12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., Case 5703, Class B – Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued to William Parks for the use of Parks Landing, Inc., t/a Parks Landing, 330 – 140 Village Road, Westminster – Violation Hearing (Sale to a Minor)

The Board found the licensee guilty as charged and issued a fine of \$250.00, payable within 30 days of the written decision.

12:45 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., the Board addressed the following official business:

1. The minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting of the Board, was approved upon a motion of Mr. Tabler and seconded by Mr. Brauning.
2. Frank DiFatta, of Belisimo's, appeared at the request of the Board to address the issue of DWI reports (total of 5 for 2012) mentioning his establishment. He informed the Board that one of his employees that had been working for 5 years was terminated since most of the DWI reports occurred when she was working. He had 15 current employees TAM certified at an onsite class on April 29. Mr. DiFatta also mentioned the competition by area clubs that make it very difficult for him to offer live entertainment. The Board noted that most of the DWI reports are violations in the early morning hours. The Chairman stated the purpose of this meeting was for information only.
3. Frank DiFatta, of Belisimo's, presented a diagram of possible renovations to his building to accommodate another business which he is in negotiations with to locate a spa type facility. The Board instructed him to let them know when and if the proposal is finalized.

4. A letter from Marvin Frush, of the Hampstead American Legion, requesting permission for an outdoor event (Bull Roast) on September 28 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. was presented and approved by the Board.
5. A letter from Vince Dell, of the Westminster American Legion, informing the Board of a change in their Sunday hours was presented and will be retained in the file.
6. A letter with a list of dates from Marcia Brengle, of the Westminster V.F.W., requesting permission for outdoor events in the pavilion area during May through August was presented and approved by the Board.
7. A letter and drawing from Augusto and Alisa Illiano, of Illiano's J&P Restaurant in Hampstead, requesting permission to serve alcoholic beverages in an outdoor area in front of their restaurant was presented and discussed by the Board. The Board expressed concerns about the openness of the area then Commissioners Meerdter and Brauning approved the request. Inspector Kaizer presented photographs of the area. Commissioner Tabler was opposed to the request.
8. A drawing from The Sideways Café requesting permission to serve alcoholic beverages in an outdoor area in front of the restaurant was presented and approved by Commissioners Meerdter and Brauning. Commissioner Tabler was opposed to the request.
9. A letter and drawing from Stacy Hurley, of Cryin' Johnnies, requesting permission to serve alcoholic beverages in an outdoor area in front of the restaurant was presented and approved by the Board.
10. One-day liquor license applications (3) for outdoor events from the Community Foundation of Carroll County (Taneytown Memorial Park on June 22), Common Ground on the Hill (Farm Museum on July 13 & 14), and the Forest & Stream Club of Westminster (Forest & Stream Club on August 3) were presented and approved by the Board.
11. An update on two establishments (Wakefield Valley Golf Club and New Windsor Inn) that have not picked up their renewed liquor licenses due to outstanding taxes to the State was presented. New Windsor Inn is closed and Wakefield Valley is open but is not serving alcohol. Attorney Dixon researched the situation and said refunds cannot be given. The Board requested a letter be sent to each establishment to let us know of their intentions.
12. Inspector Kaizer informed the Board of a problem in Art. 2B, Sec. 12-302 (c) regarding the legal age to sell alcohol in Carroll County. Changes were made in 1996 that must be added back into the law. This will be addressed in next year's legislation.

Respectfully submitted by:

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