

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

On June 11, 2014, 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 Assistant County Attorney Timothy Dixon, Counsel to the Board, Jo Vance, Administrative Hearings Coordinator and Charles Kaizer, Liquor Inspector.

10:00 a.m., the Board addressed the following official business:

1. The minutes from the May 14, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion from Mr. Tabler, seconded by Mr. Brauning with a unanimous vote.
2. There was an appearance by the licensee of Gourmet Wine & Spirits, Cindy Pehl. She was requesting in person, and by previously received letter, to be allowed to hold a beer, wine and liquor tasting under a tent in the parking lot of her establishment during a Grand Re-opening celebration planned tentatively for August 9, 2014. She was also asking that she be allowed to display some craft beer six-packs on the parking lot to be sold for carry-out purposes only. In addition, she was also requesting permission for future tastings to be allowed to take place on the sidewalk in front of her establishment. After questions and much discussion about the details of her request, the Board voted on motion by Mr. Tabler, seconded by Mr. Brauning and voted on unanimously, to deny this request as it would set a precedent for Class A establishments and would be a violation of their liquor license stipulations. The Class A license was deemed to be an off-premises alcohol license whereas other licenses allowed for the consumption of alcohol on the premises.
3. Case 5759, Class BC – Beer, Wine and Liquor license issued to Christine Liberatore for the use of CNL, Inc., t/a Liberatore's Ristorante, 521 D Jermor Lane, Westminster, violation hearing for sale to a minor was heard by the Board. Mr. Kaizer testified to the age violation and how it occurred on the evening of May 14, 2014. Jose Liberatore testified that this was their only age compliance violation for this establishment and for the Eldersburg establishment. After hearing all testimony and considering the facts, the Board decided that the Licensee was guilty of the violation of sale to a minor and the Board fined the establishment \$300.00 to be paid by thirty (30) days after the decision.
4. An application for a one day liquor license for an outdoor event for the Sykesville Memorial Post No. 223 was approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Brauning and seconded by Mr. Tabler.
5. An application by the Manchester Fire Company requesting permission to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, June 14, 2014 was approved unanimously after testimony by Mr. Dell of the Manchester Fire Company and a representative from the Manchester Police Department on a motion made by Mr. Brauning and seconded by Mr. Tabler.

6. A request from Audrey Cimino of the Community Foundation of Carroll County to hold an outdoor Wine Festival at Taneytown Memorial Park on 6/21/14 was approved on a motion by Mr. Brauning and seconded by Mr. Tabler with a unanimous vote.
7. There was a brief discussion about the proposed change to Rule 46.1 and, as there were no citizen comments, the vote on this rule will be held at the July 9, 2014 meeting.
8. Another rule change request was presented to the Board, for Rule 43 regarding special and temporary licenses and outdoor events. This item was tabled until an advertisement can be run to notify the public of the possible rule change.
9. There was a brief discussion of the new Growler Bill, HB 208, and whether or not any rules or regulations needed to be added by the Board for Carroll County. At this time, it was decided to have Mr. Kaizer and Ms. Vance draft a brief application for licensees to use to request that the growler be added to their licenses at a cost of \$50.00 with the notation being made on the bottom of the license indicating their licensure for growlers.
10. A request was made to change the date of the December, 2014 Board of License Commissioners meeting from December 10, 2014 to December 17, 2014. This request was approved.
11. Two letters from Bill Woodward, President of the United Coon Club, requesting approval for outdoor events on 7/26/14 and 9/6/14 were reviewed and the approval was granted.
12. A request for a one day liquor license from Walter Michael for Common Ground On the Hill, Ltd. For a wine/beer garden at a music/art festival at the Carroll County Farm Museum on 7/12/14 and 7/13/14 was reviewed and approved.
13. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Mr. Tabler and seconded by Mr. Brauning with a unanimous vote at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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