

MINUTES

Record of the Meeting of the Liquor Control Board held May 10, 2017
at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont

LCB Members present: Stephanie O'Brien, Chair, Julian Sbardella, Sam Guy and Martin Manahan, Members.

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner. Wesley Lawrence Board Counsel, Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General, Laurie Pecor, Administrative Coordinator, Ashley Griffin, Program Technician and Martin Prevost, Sergeant, Licensing

9:30 a.m. Meeting begins.

- Additions/Deletions to agenda: None
 - Board action on draft minutes and meeting held on April 5, 2017 – Approved.
 - Board action on new licenses and permits issued April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 – Approved.
 - Board decisions: V-Twin, dba Corner Pocket, Slimain Handy's Convenience Stores, Inc. dba Simon's Essex Center Store & Deli – The Board will discuss these cases during executive session.
1. Public Comment - Todd Bouton, General Manager, Farrell Distributing discussed pickup and credit issues for Wholesale Dealers.
 2. April listings – Approved
 3. Enforcement
 - **Docket number 2017-012** – Wellfleet Inc., 25 Main Street, Saxtons River. Re: violation of general regulation number 13 (failure to ID). Hearing conducted and testimony considered.
 - **Docket number 2017-013** – Maplewood Lodge LLC, 4992 Memorial Drive, Lyndon. Re: violation of general regulation number 10 (Taxes) – Licensee has come into compliance with the Tax Department. Hearing is dismissed.
 - **Docket number 2017-014** – Kanta Chander, dba Indo-American Grocery, 69 Elliot St, Brattleboro. Re: violation of general regulation 45 (failure to pay employees) and education regulation 3b (employees not trained) – Licensee agrees to pay the fine and take the suspension that was issued. Hearing is dismissed.

10:27 a.m. Board recesses.

10:36 a.m. Board reconvenes.

4. Discussion of seasonal store pilot program. The Board votes to approve the seasonal store pilot program.
5. Contracts – Approved for the following year.
6. Discussion of Wholesale Dealer Regulation number 6. The Board would like Deputy Commissioner Kessler to define credit and bring it back before the Board.

11:50 a.m. Board enters executive session consistent with 1 V.S.A. § 313 given an affirmative vote of all members present to discuss the pending Board decisions listed above and with findings made that such decisions and the deliberations regarding same are such that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Board/state at a substantial disadvantage.

12:45 p.m. Board exits executive session and reconvenes.

7. Discussion concerning License simplification. Deputy Commissioner will draft something up for the Board to discuss.

8. Commissioners Comments:

- Discussion about Times Argus article.
- Legislative issues – Title 7 was rewritten and passed by both bodies in the legislature. We are waiting to see what the conference committee does with the bill.
- Liquor/Lottery Merger discussion.
- Board retreat discussion.
- Break open tickets discussion.
- Discussion on warehouse reconstructing project.
- North Troy agency has closed and the grand opening of Jay Peak agency will take place next week.
- Discussion concerning the marketing calendar.
- Update on the Director position.
- Discussion about Massachusetts and New Hampshire personnel traveling to Vermont for a two-day training with DLC.
- Discussion concerning grants from the Health Department which will be used to purchase age verification machines.
- Point of Sale system update.

1:50 p.m. A Motion is made, seconded and by unanimous vote, the Board adjourns.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS JUNE 14, 2017