

APPROVED MINUTES

Record of the Meeting of the Liquor Control Board held February 14, 2018
at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont

LCB Members present: Martin Manahan Chair, Sam Guy, and Thomas Lauzon, Members.

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner, Wesley Lawrence, Board Counsel, Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General and Laurie Pecor, Administrative Coordinator

9:30 a.m. Meeting begins.

- Additions/Deletions to agenda: Request to move monthly meeting to Rutland area for Enforcement hearing in April or May. Request to move agenda item number 3 to number 2.
 - Board action on draft minutes and meeting held on January 17, 2018 - Approved
 - Board action on new licenses and permits issued January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 – Approved.
1. Public Comment – no one is present for Public Comment
 2. Discussion on Craft Cocktail Ingredients – Discussion on Craft Cocktail Ingredients – Members of the Bartenders Guild Stan Nelis, President of the Vermont Chapter of the United States Bartenders Guild, Stu Dunoskovic, and Alison Marlar appeared before the Board to request changes in regulations to allow for infused drinks. Deputy Kessler explained that the group had met the previous Friday to work on a rule change to allow infusions into spirits. A good discussion was had, and several drafts of a proposed rule change have been circulated. The Department is also looking to limit the rule expansion to prevent gelatin shots and other items that encourage rapid consumption of alcohol. The Department is also looking at preemptively prohibiting infusing alcohol with THC. More work is being done on these rule changes which will then move into the rule making process. The Department and the Guild will work together on these modifications.
 3. Enforcement
 - Trio Thai LLC, dba Dusit Thai Cuisine, 158 Main Street, Newport. Re: violation of general regulation number 34 (Locked doors) and general regulation number 16 (employees drinking on duty) **Board settlement: Licensee is in violation of general regulation**

**number 34 and will pay the fine of \$260.00 within 30 days of this settlement.
Violation of general regulation number 16 is dismissed.**

4. January listings are approved as submitted.
5. Commissioner comments:
 - Annual report submitted to Board
 - January Sales update
 - Signage for agencies – The RFP has been approved. The Commissioner is looking to get the law changed that prohibits signage that's visible from the highway for DLC.
 - Johnson agency – Discussion on the flooding and what to do with the product that was contaminated.
 - The Commissioner will look to see if our product is covered off premise. He will also investigate obtaining insurance for this as well as contacting Montpelier waste management to see what can be done with the contaminated product.
 - BGS/Fleet – discussion of one-year waiver regarding BGS management of DLC vehicles.
6. Other business:
 - Summary judgement motion was filed for a licensee that is up for a hearing in March.
 - Discussion of in house trainings and licensing servers. DLC plans to work with the Retail Grocers Association on a unified approach.

11:06 a.m. Board adjourns.

NEXT MEETING IS March 14, 2018