

## Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

### Approved September Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held September 8, 2021 via web and phone.

**Members Present:** Martin Manahan, Chair, Megan Cicio, Ed Flanagan, Sam Guy

**Others Present:** Wendy Knight, Deputy Commissioner Liquor Control; Sabina Haskell, Deputy Commissioner Lottery; Wesley Lawrence; Jacob Humbert; Brian Evans, Financial Director; Skyler Genest, Tonia Pryce, Purchasing Coordinator; Kim Walker, Director of Retail Sales; Danielle Jensen, Director of Customer Service & Licensing; Tammy Pidgeon, Marketing & Sales Supervisor; Don Wenner, Finance Manager; Kelsey Hall, Social Media & Web; Katie Fleury, Program Technician; Cheryl Mowel, Executive Staff Assistant

**Meeting Start:** 9:00 am.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**

- None

**Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:**

- Approve minutes from August 2021 Board Meeting – **Moved and approved.**
- Approve licenses issued August 1, 2021 – August 30, 2021 – **Moved and approved.**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Licensing:**

- None

**Enforcement:** Derby Corner Mini Mart – Docket No. 2021-002

Nabil Ibrahim, Licensee, appeared by phone. Investigator Jennifer Czachor is present to testify. Jacob Humbert reviewed charge and possible sanctions. Stipulates to admission of Exhibits 1-9. Martin Prevost, Director of Licensing, provides testimony as to notice of impending license expiration. After discussion, and with warning to Licensee that future violations will result in full fine being imposed, Flanagan moves to impose \$1 fine for violation of tobacco training, Cicio second. No discussion. All in favor.

## **Deputy Commissioner Comments:**

### **Liquor Control**

- Retail Ops have been reviewing incentive criteria and working on revisions.
- Year over year weekly sales robust.
- Out of stock at about 270 products (20%).
- Governor has now toured the Warehouse.
- Working on developing department strategic goals.

Working on legislative priorities to include staggered license due dates.

### **Lottery**

- Introduce Skip Whitman, Lottery Marketing Manager.
- Big Spin event in NH last week. Vermont resident won \$50,000.
- Signatures secured for new vendor; continue working with Intralot on extension.
- Sales have increased; Sabina will have additional details to report.

### **Other Business:**

- Oath of Office – Investigator John Stoughton.
- Sunday closings – request a waiver of Board approval for the next two years. Board approves a 12-month waiver. Megan moves waiver through September 2022, Flanagan second. No further comment. Approved without dissent.
- Marty spoke with Governor’s office and will follow-up.
- Retroactive license – Department can issue upon receipt of completed application.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:03 am**

**Next Meeting: October 13, 2021**