

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

701 Kelly Road, Room 112

Cumberland, MD 21502

Tom Farrell, Chairman

Tom Melvin, Acting Chief Inspector

C Ron Miller, Commissioner

Brandy Gordon, Clerk

Danny Laffey, Commissioner

MINUTES – August 16, 2023

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. Present for the meeting were Chairman - Thomas Farrell, Commissioner – C. Ron Miller, Commissioner – Dan Laffey, Inspector – Tom Melvin, Office Clerk – Brandy Gordon, and Board Attorney Ramani Pillai. Also in attendance were Rick Kruczewski, Dennis Shoemaker, Alan Paxton, Amit Shah, Yashmi Shah, Jonathan Dayton, Yogesh Patel, Robert Welch, Dharmesh Kotak, Manali Kotak, Khush Kotak, and Matt Gilmore.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the August 2, 2023 minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and Wine) was approved for Rick Kruczewski, Dennis Shoemaker, and Alan Paxton with the Western Maryland Street Rod Association. The 50th annual car show will take place at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, beginning on Friday, September 1, 2023 and running through Sunday, September 3, 2023. Wristbands will be used for anyone over the age of 21. The Board reminded them that alcoholic beverage sales couldn’t begin until 11 AM on Sunday. All alcohol beverages will be consumed on the premises. There will be no “to go” sales. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer) was approved for Jonathan Dayton with the Rotary Club of Cumberland. This is a fundraiser event for the Rotary being held at the 1812 Brewery, 13006 Mason Road NE, Cumberland. The event will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2023. The cornhole tournament is scheduled to begin at noon with a \$100 entry fee. Cumberland Rotary members will be policing the event. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “D” Beer, Wine, and Liquor License currently owned by Robert Welch, The Board Room 727 Park Street Ext, Cumberland. This license is being transferred to Yashmi Shah with Mountain City Liquors LLC. The paperwork has been filed for a bulk transfer permit. She plans to be open from 9 AM to 9 PM Monday through

Saturday and 11 AM to 7 PM on Sundays. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey

Sweet Ocean LLC – Khush Kotak and Manali Kotak – attended the meeting to give an update on 806-814 N Mechanic Street in Cumberland. They plan to begin demolishing the old Excelo building next week. Once demolition is over a new building will be constructed. The plan is to open only a liquor store. They expect this process to take a few months. The Board requested that they attend the October 24, 2023 meeting to give an update. If things move faster than expected, they are to call the office with updates.

Matt Gilmore attended the meeting on behalf of the Wills Hotel, 69 Baltimore Street, Cumberland. Mr. Gilmore apologized for none of the licensees being present. They plan to put the renovation project out to bid hopefully next week. Hopefully all the renovations can be done during the winter and fall since they were all inside the building. They don't want to open a restaurant/bar downstairs with major renovations going on upstairs. Their goal is to open Spring of 2024 possibly around Memorial Day. Mr. Gilmore explained with all the construction going on in the downtown mall area it was difficult for a business to function. The Board requested that someone with the Wills Hotel returns at the first meeting in January to give an update on the building. Mr. Gilmore said that if progress occurred faster, he would call into the office to provide updates.

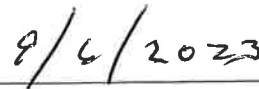
The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 112 routine inspections between August 2, 2023 and August 15, 2023. The Board discussed the applications received for the Inspector position. Interviews will be held on Thursday, August 24 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman



Date