

## MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 10:00 AM in the Garrett County Commissioners Public Meeting Room 209. Present at the meeting was Commissioner Lisa Herman, Commissioner Michael Fratz, Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston and Attorney to the Board, M. Elizabeth Georg.

Commissioner Herman called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets. The Board approved the October 13, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Fratz made the motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was second by Commissioner Herman approved by mutual consent.

There was general discussion before the hearings. Ms. Owston presented the 2024 legislative requests for review. The Garrett County delegation legislative meeting will be November 21, 2023 at 4 PM at the Garrett County Courthouse. A discussion took place on BYOB and unlicensed establishments. Ms. Owston asked the Board if their motion on October 13, 2023 in regard to expanding the hours for New Year's Eve until 2 AM included extending the hours for package stores due to the holiday falling on a Sunday. The Board agreed the motion would be for both on-premise establishments and package stores. The second round of compliance checks was conducted on October 13, 2023. All businesses were in compliance. Hav-A-Lot store closed on September 4, 2023. Riverside Grill was licensed on October 18, 2023. They opened to the public on October 27, 2023. They will be requesting approval for additional storage. Winner's Circle may apply for a Private Bulk Sales Permit from the ATCC Office. Eastern Garrett County VFRD will conduct a Gun & Cash Bash on November 18, 2023. Knights of Columbus #1771 held an event on November 4, 2023. The administrative hearing was October 27, 2023. GRMC will have their GALA fundraiser on December 2, 2023 at the AG Heritage Hall. The administrative hearing is pending. A TIPS for Concessions training will be held on December 7, 2023 at the Bittinger VFD from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. DCGT Holdings, LLC dba The Greene Turtle recently had more than a 50% change in investors. As a result, a transfer hearing will be required.

A violation hearing was held at 10:20 AM as a result of a failed compliance check on September 27, 2023 by an employee of Deep Creek Beverage. In accordance with the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 6-304, selling or providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21 years is strictly prohibited. The Business entity name is Deep Creek Beverage, LLC, dba Deep Creek Beverage. Margaret Lascaris is the sole license holder. The business is located at 25297 Garrett Highway in McHenry. Margaret Lascaris and James Lascaris were present. The license holder acknowledged the facts of the report. Ms. Owston explained the fine and suspension guideline. Commissioner Fratz made a motion for a letter of reprimand to be placed in the license file and a fine of \$300.00 for a first offense for sales to a minor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman and approved by mutual consent. The license holder agreed with the facts as presented and the Board's decision on the matter and waived her right to appeal the Board's decision to Circuit Court. The violation fine is due within 30-days from the hearing.

A violation hearing was scheduled for 10:40 AM as a result of failure to keep accurate records on all alcoholic beverages purchased as required by the Board of License Commissioners while the business is on probation and failure to respond as to the status of the business. In addition, willful failure, or refusal of the license holder to comply with the Alcoholic Beverages Article or Tax General Article. The business entity name is Deep Creek Bar & Grill, LLC, dba Deep Creek Bar & Grill. Licensees are Jason Cayer and Drew Algeo. The business is located at 17869 Garrett Highway, Oakland, MD. Mr. Algeo was present at the hearing. His legal counsel was not able to attend the hearing due to a scheduling conflict. As a result, the Board voted for the continuance of the hearing. Commissioner Fratz made a motion for continuance of the show cause violation hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman and approved by mutual consent. A discussion took place about the possibility of a special meeting prior to the December 14, 2023 monthly meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday December 14, 2023.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Fratz made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman and approved by mutual consent.

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David Moe  
Chairperson

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December 14, 2023

Date