

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020** at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Bernard Chiominto, Commissioner
Jason Allison, Board Attorney
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

VIOLATION

Raymond Walters, President; Valerie Walters, Vice President; Sara Cox, Board Member; Walt's Tavern, LLC, T/A Walt's Tavern, 301 Augustine Herman Highway, Southfield Park, Suite 103, Elkton, MD 21921

Raymond Walters appeared before the Board with attorney, Justin Hill, as well as Elkton Police Department OFC Kevin Forrester and SGT Hoffman. Chairman Miller thanked the officers for appearing, however the hearing will need to be postponed until all of the officers could appear to present all of the charges in this case. The hearing will be held at the March 25, 2020 meeting.

LEASE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

James William Kuhn and Elizabeth Rose Kuhn; Bainbridge Grill, Inc., Licensees, Adam Kelso., Lease Manager, T/A **Old South Smokehouse**, 1195 Tome Highway, Port Deposit, Maryland 21904 Lease Management Agreement

Adam Kelso appeared before the Board; he was duly sworn by the Clerk. Mr. Kelso stated he will be moving his business, Old South Smokehouse to 1195 Tome Highway, Port Deposit and utilizing the Bainbridge Grill, Inc. license. When asked he stated there will not be outdoor seating, however, he will be enclosing the back deck and utilizing that area for seating. With no further questions, Chairman Miller called for a motion; Commissioner Chiominto made a motion to approve the lease management agreement; Commissioner Ortt seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the Lease Management Agreement.

William E. Gravlee, Owner; John Bragg, Manager, T/A **Unwined On The Water**, 285 Plum Point Road, Elkton, MD 21921

John Bragg appeared before the Board and was duly sworn by the Clerk. A signed Lease Management Agreement was received; Mrs. Trader stated she has spoken with Mr. Bragg and Cindy at Triton stating the LMA needed to be with the entity purchasing the alcohol and paying

the taxes. Mr. Allison asked if Mr. Bragg would continue outdoor seating; Mr. Bragg stated yes, though the number of seats is unknown at this time. Mr. Bragg also stated later that he is not a fan of the picnic tables and will be replacing them after speaking with Mr. Gravlee. Mr. Allison asked if he would have live music; Mr. Bragg stated they would have live music, but they also would be conscientious of the homes in the area. Mr. Bragg stated the house would be Monday through Wednesday 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM and Tuesday through Sunday 11 AM – 10 PM. Mr. Allison asked if he had a menu and Mr. Bragg stated he is finalizing that now; Mr. Allison stated he would need to submit a copy of the menu to the Board office. With no further questions or comments, Chairman Miller called for a motion; Commissioner Ortt made a motion to approve the lease management agreement conditioned upon the paperwork stating the entity purchasing the alcohol and submitting the tax info to the State of Maryland Comptroller's Office; a letter from Mr. Gravlee stating the current lease management agreement is terminated, the tax matter be cleared with the Comptroller's Office; Commissioner Chiominto seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the lease management agreement with Mr. Gravlee and Mr. Bragg with the stated conditions.

APPLICATION – TRANSFER

Application received from Ravikumar Kanaiyalail Patel, Stockholder, East Coast Spirits, Inc. T/A **East Coast Liquors**, 5279 W. Pulaski Highway, Perryville, MD 21903 for transfer of Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License No. A-33 from Ankuj Desoi, Harpreet K. Virk, William F. Riddle, Cecil County Resident, East Coast DVP, LLC T/A East Coast Liquors, 5279 Pulaski Highway, Perryville, MD 21903

Ravikumar Patel appeared before the Board with attorney, William Riddle; the applicant was duly sworn by the Clerk. Mr. Allison read the legal notice stating it was advertised on the dates of February 14 and 19, 2020. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 7. Mr. Allison asked if the information in the application as submitted had changed since submitting; the applicants stated no. Mr. Riddle stated there are no planned changes to the premises or business. With no further questions or comments, Chairman Miller called for a motion; Commissioner Chiominto made a motion to approve the transfer of Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License No. A-33 from Ankuj Desoi, Harpreet Virk, William Riddle, East Coast Liquors, DVP, LLC T/A East Coast Liquors, 5279 Pulaski Highway, Perryville, MD 21903 to Ravikumar Kanaiyalail Patel, East Coast Spirits, Inc. T/A East Coast Liquors, 5279 W. Pulaski Highway, Perryville, MD 21903; Commissioner Ortt seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the transfer of the license as stated.

***OFFICE AMENDMENT** – Mr. Riddle contacted the Board office and stated to maintain the current lease the shares of East Coast DVP, LLC were transferred to Ravikumar Patel. Proper paperwork was submitted by email.

Application received from Martin R. Galyen, President; Tiffany L. Galyen, Vice President; R.E. Galyen & Sons, Corp. T/A Fair Hill Liquors, 3135 Singerly Road, Elkton, MD 21921 for transfer of Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License No. B-63 from Robert E. Galyen, President; Martin R. Galyen, Vice President; Shirley M. Galyen, Secretary/Treasurer, R.E. Galyen & Sons Corp., T/A Fair Hill Liquors, 3135 Singerly Road, Elkton, MD 21921

Tiffany Galyen appeared before the Board; she was duly sworn by the Clerk. Mrs. Trader stated Mrs. Galyen had stated Martin would be at the store and would be unable to attend. Mr. Allison read the legal notice stating it was advertised on the dates of February 14 and 19, 2020. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 4. Mr. Allison asked if the information in the application as submitted had changed since submitting; the applicants stated no. Mrs. Galyen stated there will be no changes to the business, as she and her husband purchased the business from her in laws so they could retire. With no further questions or comments, Chairman Miller called for a motion. Commissioner Ortt made a motion to approve the transfer and reclassification of Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License No. B-63 from Robert E. Galyen, President; Martin R. Galyen, Vice President; Shirley M. Galyen, Secretary/Treasurer; R.E. Galyen & Sons Corp. T/A Fair Hill Liquors, 3135 Singerly Road, Elkton, MD 21921 to Martin R. Galyen, President and Tiffany L. Galyen, Vice President; R.E. Galyen & Sons, Corp, T/A Fair Hill Liquors, 3135 Singerly Road, Elkton, MD 21921; Commissioner Chiominto seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the transfer as stated.

General Business

- **Approve Minutes**
The minutes from the January 29, 2020 were not available
- **Specials**

Old Business

- **Archway Inn Appeal** – Mr. Allison stated as of 2/26/2020 the Circuit Court of Cecil County approved a motion to dismiss

New Business

At 9:46 AM, Chairman Miller called for a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Ortt made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Chiominto seconded that motion and the meeting was adjourned.

BY:

Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:
Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant