

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of License Commissioners**  
**Caroline County, Maryland**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018

**PLACE:** Health & Public Services Building  
403 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 110  
Denton, Maryland 21629

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Greg Eigenbrode, Chairman  
Nick Loukides, Vice-Chairman  
Glen Plutschak, Member  
Michael Mann, Alternate

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crystal Dadds, Assistant Director of Codes  
Heather Price, Board Attorney  
Phillip Moore, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector  
Melanie Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Boards

Chairman Eigenbrode called the meeting of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **SHOW/CAUSE AND INQUIRY HEARINGS**

### **WHISKEY BARREL** – 16450 Henderson Road, Henderson, MD

Ms. Dadds read the Summons into the record and marked it as Exhibit 1. She informed the Board that she had spoken to Ms. Pilipauskis and informed her that her license renewal was conditioned upon the outcome of this hearing, the business being in good standing with the State, issuance of the business license and payment of the renewal fee. At the time, Ms. Pilipauskis verified that she received the summons and knew she was to appear at 9:30 a.m. today. Ms. Pilipauskis never asked to postpone the meeting nor otherwise contacted staff to explain her absence today.

Ms. Price advised the Board of their options of either postponing the hearing, continuing with the hearing in Ms. Pilipauskis' absence or possibly hearing it upon her late arrival. Ms. Dadds also notified the Board that a representative of the Sheriff's Office was present at today's hearing. Mr. Loukides stated, "if his business license was being questioned for renewal, he would certainly be present for the hearing." The Board agreed to continue the proceedings despite Ms. Pilipauskis' absence.

Ms. Dadds explained that the Board requested an Inquiry Hearing of the Whiskey Barrel Saloon prior to approving the renewal of their annual liquor license. The business was found not in good standing with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation and the record of violations and complaints heard by the Board against the Whiskey Barrel was substantial. Ms. Dadds presented the Whiskey Barrel Timeline and corresponding documents as Exhibit 2.

Chairman Eigenbrode stated that the Board has charged Ms. Pilipauskis with the same violations as owner of the Whiskey Barrel that she was charged with as the owner of Severna's Bar and manager of Shooters Bar. Mr. Plutschak noted that within 30 days Ms. Pilipauskis received five violations at Severna's Bar which included failure to have TIPS certification, consumption of alcohol outside of the premises and consumption of alcohol not purchased from the licensed premise. Chairman Eigenbrode added that she was manager of Shooters in July of 2016 when they were found in violation of refilling and tampering and again in November of 2017 as owner of Whiskey Barrel. Ms. Pilipauskis is before them repetitively for the same charges.

Chairman Eigenbrode asked Ms. Dadds to explain, for the record, how Ms. Pilipauskis was approved for the license transfer when the record showed she was charged with a DUI and DWI in June of 2016. Ms. Dadds explained that the incident occurred in March before Ms. Pilipauskis became the manager of Shooters Bar. Her records check and FBI report did not reveal this prior to the transfer on August 24, 2016 because she was not convicted of the crime until October of 2016.

Mr. Plutschak added that the trouble was escalating. The bartender's relative was charged for an assault at the bar in September of 2017 which resulted in a broken jaw. Another bartender and boyfriend was arrested separately for drunk driving on the way home from the Whiskey Barrel in February 2018. There were also numerous reports of a barfight that Ms. Pilipauskis was allegedly involved in, which also occurred in February 2018.

Mr. Mann asked the status of the LLC. Ms. Dadds replied that the business is still not in good standing with the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation. Until that is resolved Ms. Pilipauskis is unable to renew her license. The Board was prepared to make a motion.

Ms. Price verified that Ms. Pilipauskis was put on notice of the hearing by summons and by a phone conversation with Ms. Dadds. She did not request a postponement nor did she inform anyone why she would be unable to attend today's hearing. The Board can review the Whiskey Barrel's license renewal in the same manner as for an original application in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

The tampering of alcoholic beverage bottles and the violence reported at the Whiskey Barrel has escalated. Both the owner and bartender, who are trained and accountable for ensuring patrons drink responsibly, have been charged with drinking and driving. For these reasons above all others, the Board expressed concern for the safety and welfare of the community.

Other factors that concern the Board is the character of the owner. Ms. Pilipauskis' absence today showed her lack of interest in saving her business and being issued her renewal license.

The Board noted the long list of violations and repeated offenses in Ms. Pilipauskis' history and current record. She has not shown the Board that she can run a business successfully and this is particularly true of an establishment that sells alcohol.

The Board determined that they had sufficient information to deny the renewal application. They will forego an additional show/cause hearing next month.

**Motion:** Mr. Plutschak made a motion, based upon the evidence and applicable laws, that Ms. Pilipauskis is found unqualified and not fit to receive a 2018 license renewal.  
**Second:** Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.  
**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

The Board directed Inspector Moore to arrange for a law enforcement officer to assist him in delivering the notice and picking up the Whiskey Barrel alcoholic beverage license.

**MARY'S COUNTRY STORE** – 6244 Harmony Road, Preston, MD

Ms. Dadds read the Summons into the record and marked it as Exhibit 1. She informed the Board that the owner Mary Vonville was served in person by Deputy Brummel on April 17, 2018. Ms. Vonville never requested to postpone the hearing or otherwise contact staff to explain her absence this day. The required appearance time was set for 9:30 a.m. and the time was now 9:48 a.m.

Ms. Vonville was charged with two offenses of each of the following charges:

**CHARGE NO. 1**

Alleged violation of §4-505(e) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulations No. 2.01, specifically, failure to have a licensee or an employee on-site that has completed training in an approved alcohol awareness program.

**CHARGE NO. 2**

Alleged violation of §4-505(f)(1)(iii) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulations No. 2.01, specifically, failure to present a valid alcohol awareness program certificate to the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector upon request.

**CHARGE NO. 3**

Alleged violation of §15-1902(a)(1) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulations No. 2.01(b), specifically, the individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program may be absent from the licensed premises for an emergency if the absence lasts for no more than two (2) hours.

**CHARGE NO. 4**

Alleged violation of §15-902(a)(2) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulations No. 2.01(c), specifically, the license holder did not have a log book on the licensed premises that documents each temporary absence, the length of time of the absence, and the reason for the absence, in the form required by the Board.

**CHARGE NO. 5**

Alleged violation of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulations No. 2.17(b), specifically, failure to maintain records of all employees on the premises.

**CHARGE NO. 6**

Alleged violation of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulations No. 2.36, specifically, failure to maintain and keep accurate records of all alcoholic beverage transactions on the premises where alcoholic beverages are sold for at least two (2) years.

**CHARGE NO. 7**

Alleged violation of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulations No. 2.46(b), specifically, failure to post signage upon the outside of the entrance to the establishment stating, "no alcoholic beverage sales to persons under 21 years of age: in large bold type.

Chairman Eigenbrode added an additional charge because of her absence.

**CHARGE NO. 8**

Alleged violation of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners Rule and Regulation No. 2.22, specifically, all licensees for a license must be present during any hearing or conference scheduled by the Board.

Inspector Moore read the Inspection report into the record and it was marked as Exhibit 2. On January 2, 2018 at 6:08 p.m. when he arrived at Mary's Country Store for a routine inspection a Mr. Baker was the only person working in the store. Mr. Baker stated that he was not certified in alcohol awareness nor familiar with such certification. He was unable to produce employee or alcohol sales reports as is required. He informed the inspector that the owner, Ms. Vonville, had worked during the day and was likely napping at home. The Rules and Regulations book was available as required but no log book was found to explain Ms. Vonville's absence nor did it appear she was absent for an emergency.

Inspector Moore gave Mr. Baker his business card and advised him to put a "no alcoholic beverage sales to persons under 21 years of age" on the front door. He further explained that it could be as simple as a hand-written sign but one was required to be posted.

Inspector Moore reviewed the report of the violations that were discovered and asked Mr. Baker to review this with Ms. Vonville and have her call him so that he knew she was aware the inspection occurred. It is customary for the Inspector to allow the licensee the opportunity to

correct a violation before it is reported to the Licensing Board. Mr. Moore also offered to be available before 5 p.m. when Ms. Vonville would be present at the store.

Inspector Moore never received a call from Ms. Vonville, so before she may leave the store he called to talk to her. Mr. Baker was again the only employee working in the store but expected Ms. Vonville to return from Walmart soon. Inspector Moore informed him that he would stop in to speak with her between 5:30 and 6 p.m. to see if she took the opportunity to correct the issues that were reported. Mr. Baker agreed that would work.

Inspector Moore arrived at the store on January 3, 2018 at 6 p.m. to find Ms. Vonville in the office. She confirmed that she had received and reviewed the inspection report from the day before. She told him that in the future if he wanted to see her he will have to come to the store during the day. He agreed that could be arranged. Ms. Vonville was uncooperative about correcting any of the violations that were found. Her excuses included not having employee records because she doesn't have employees other than her grandsons, it was cold where the alcohol sales were stored and she refused to retrieve them, she did not have her alcohol awareness certificate because the County should have to pay for the classes and for this reason she also would not put up the required signage. Inspector Moore explained that the sign could simply be hand written and taped on the door. She answered by stating to him "just give me the fine and come get all the beer. I only do \$10 in beer sales a day and I don't need it." Inspector Moore advised her that if she wanted to forfeit her license she should do so with a written request to the Board.

The inspection was concluded and Ms. Vonville signed the report. She was advised of the violations and the missed opportunity to correct them. He informed her he would notify the Board and they will be in contact with her soon.

Chairman Eigenbrode was perplexed that neither of the licensees that were summonsed to appear at today's hearing obeyed the order. He asked staff if they were certain they were both notified. Ms. Dadds referred to Exhibit 1, which included a "Proof of Service" that stated it was delivered in person to Mary Vonville on April 17, 2018 and signed by Deputy Brummel of the Caroline County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Dadds had confirmed that the previous licensee was aware of the hearing on two different occasions.

Mr. Plutschak asked Ms. Dadds if Ms. Vonville paid to renew her license and she confirmed that she had. Chairman Eigenbrode asked Ms. Dadds if Ms. Vonville attended the County class and received the Rules & Regulations at that time. Ms. Dadds stated that she did and was required to sign an affidavit. He also confirmed Ms. Vonville has never received a violation in the past.

The establishment has been for sale for several years and the members presumed that she truly wished for her license to be forfeited. They agreed that her behavior supported this assumption and without her presence to explain her actions they were forced to decide based on the evidence given.

Chairman Eigenbrode asked staff if there was documentation that Ms. Vonville was TIPS certified. Ms. Dadds stated that her license is pending such documentation. He asked if she had provided documentation in the past. Ms. Dadds stated that Ms. Vonville was given her license renewal

without it in 2017 with the understanding that a copy of the certification would be provided. Ms. Dadds remembers there was such documentation in the years prior to that. Mr. Plutschak asked how this error occurred. Ms. Dadds responded that Ms. Vonville assured staff that she was certified and staff took her at her word, not demanding proof of certification at the time of issuance of the license renewal.

Chairman Eigenbrode asked Ms. Dadds if Ms. Vonville had provided proof of Workers Compensation insurance in her renewal package. Ms. Dadds replied that such proof was not required in this case as family members are exempt but according to Caroline County Rule & Regulations No. 2.17 she is required to maintain records containing the legal names, aliases, addresses, ages and social security numbers of all persons employed by them (including casual labor) who handles alcoholic beverages.

Chairman Eigenbrode lastly asked what is involved in attaining an "under 21 sign" to be put on the front doors as required. Staff explained that many of the distributors provide them at no cost to their customers as a courtesy. Chairman Eigenbrode was not pleased that this license holder would respond that the County should purchase a sign on her behalf when all she was required to do was hand write the information and tape it to her door.

Ms. Vonville evidently was not concerned about the loss of her license to even correct this easily resolved violation. Her lack of concern was reconfirmed by her failure to appear at this hearing despite receiving a summons.

### **DELIBERATION**

The Board has not experienced this situation in the past and Chairman Eigenbrode asked counsel what direction she could give on how to respond.

Ms. Price stated that the Board has heard testimony that Ms. Vonville violated the Alcoholic Beverage Article which the State requires the local licensing board to enforce and provides a specific penalty.

Ms. Price added that the Board has heard testimony of mandatory grounds for revocation or suspension according to Maryland Annotated Code §4-604(b)3 and §4-604(b)7.

The members discussed whether to suspend or revoke Ms. Vonville's license. All agreed that her behavior and speech gave evidence that she is not interested in keeping her license, if the County expected her to follow the rules and regulations that go along with the privilege.

They discussed the fine for not presenting a valid alcohol awareness certificate, upon request, to the proper authority. Because Ms. Vonville was not present at the first inspection but did refuse to present the certificate on the follow up inspection, they agreed to only fine her the first offense fine of \$100.

Then the Board discussed how to penalize her for the remaining offenses. Mr. Mann stated that this was not the proper way to forfeit your license and desiring to forfeit your license does not

give you a pass to refuse to obey the law. He suggested a fine for each violation. The Board concurred but rather than charge her for both a first offense and a second offense they agreed to combine the offenses and charge the minimum fine of \$100 for each of the remaining offenses. This would bring the total fine to \$800.

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion, according to the Inspector and staff's testimony, the guidance of counsel and the failure of Ms. Vonville to appear, to find Ms. Vonville in violation of all charges.

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion to charge Ms. Vonville a fine of \$100 for each of the eight violations.

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion to revoke Ms. Vonville's license.

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

Chairman Eigenbrode reordered the agenda to accommodate the Public Hearing that was scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

## **NEW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION**

### **TURNBRIDGE POINT** – 119 Gay Street, Denton, MD

New Class B-BB – Beer, Wine & Liquor (Bed & Breakfast), 7-Day On/Off Premise Sales

Ms. Dadds read the Notice of Public Hearing for Application No. N180403 that was advertised on April 11, 2018 and again on April 18, 2018 in the Times Record. The Board received letters supporting the application from the Denton Town Administrator, Don Mulrine, and Denton Police Chief Cox, who was also present at the hearing.

She explained that this is a new class of license that was approved during this legislation session and is currently waiting for Governor Hogan's signature of approval. The effective date is July 1, 2018. Ms. Dadds confirmed that each requirement was submitted and complete except for the following:

- Sales & Use Tax License;
- Business License;
- Health Department Food & Beverage Permit;
- Workers' Compensation Insurance Certificate; and
- Alcohol Awareness Certification.

Chairman Eigenbrode swore in:

Robert Griffith, 119 Gay Street, Denton, MD  
Steve Konopelski, 119 Gay Street, Denton, MD

Chairman Eigenbrode asked what they intended to do with this new license.

Mr. Griffith explained that they desire the license to support the catered events they have on the property, separate from the normal Bed & Breakfast service. They have held small brunches and showers on the property. Although, the catering business coexists with their Bed and Breakfast, two events would not take place at the same time. They would not rent rooms for the B & B if there was a scheduled catered event. Reservations are required; no walk-in rentals are accepted.

They would like to offer champagne, wine or beer for such events. They would also like to allow their Bed & Breakfast guests to bring their alcohol on the premise during their stay and possibly be allowed to sell them a bottle of wine if they wish.

Mr. Griffith described the property as being bordered in the front by Gay Street and at the rear by the river. They have one neighbor on the left, who is supportive of their business. Bushes and some marshland separate the two properties. The other side is bordered by a right of way with the Town of Denton. They are requesting the premise include the entire property for both the catering and the Bed & Breakfast portions of their license.

Mr. Konopelski stated that they intend on storing the alcohol in the cool cellar under lock and key if required. There would never be much stored there as they will only purchase what is needed for a specific event. They do not have a bar. He added that they cap the hours of their events to three hours and 35 people. They are not equipped to handle any more than that. They will not be operating as a store front business; everything is scheduled at least 24 hours in advance, including their Bed & Breakfast guests.

They were interested in possibly offering a honeymoon or anniversary package that would include a bottle of champagne as has been suggested in the past. This license would allow them to offer such a package.

The owners stated that at least one of them will always be outside to oversee the open-air events. They are currently working with a landscaper about landscaping along the water and right of way that will create an additional buffer to water access. They have a front porch and a very small front yard area that stops at the sidewalk on Gay Street behind the Circuit Courthouse. Mr. Mann asked if they would agree to keep their front premise to the porch and not include the small front yard. They both agreed.

Mr. Mann asked how they will deal with parking for the large parties. Mr. Griffith explained that their events are scheduled on "off hours" and they inform their guests of the municipal parking areas. Their Bed & Breakfast consists of five rooms that each sleep two. The rooms are available for the Bridal showers if they choose to use them. Otherwise they would not be rebooked at the same time.



Mr. Konopelski explained that they are the only Bed & Breakfast in Caroline County and their business has grown substantially in the three years since they began. Their clients prefer the homelike setting of a Bed & Breakfast. The culinary aspect of their business also makes them unique. Having approval of this application will allow them to advance their business to meet the needs/desires expressed by their clientele.

Ms. Dadds informed the Board that the other establishments in the immediate vicinity that sell alcohol include:

- 1) The Market Street Pub – Class B-BWL (on premise), Caterer and Refillable Container
- 2) Harry's on the Green – Class B-BWL (on premise)
- 3) Bargain Beverage – Class A-BWL (off premise)

The remaining licensees are on the outskirts of town.

Their kitchen is rather small and besides themselves they employ two others. Most of their off-site catering is comprised of wedding cake orders. Their jobs consist of setting up, working the party and cleaning up. They do not serve hot foods off premise. Chairman Eigenbrode asked staff if the Board's approval is strictly for Caroline County and if they wanted to cater an event outside of the County they would have to seek permission from that particular jurisdiction. Ms. Dadds agreed with his understanding.

Inspector Moore asked where they are required to buy their alcohol with this new license? Ms. Dadds replied that they must buy from a distributor. The Inspector explained that they will also be required to keep two years of alcohol sales/purchase records available at any time. He suggested they keep the records divided by month and distributor for inspection. They will also need their employee information records available for inspection. He suggested they read the Rules & Regulations thoroughly as they include all the requirements mentioned.

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve the application for a new class B-BB – Beer, Wine & Liquor (Bed & Breakfast), 7-Day on/off Premise Sales Alcoholic Beverage License for Griffko, LLC T/A Turnbridge Point with a premise that includes the interior portion of the building and the outside grounds up to the front porch excluding the grassed area along the front of the property between the front porch and sidewalk. The license will be in effect on July 1, 2018. This is on the condition that the 4 remaining documents are turned in to staff (Health Department Food & Beverage Permit, Business License, Sales & Use Tax License and Alcohol Awareness certification).

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Eigenbrode, noticed a man sitting in the audience and asked if he wanted to speak. The man stated that he was researching buying the Whiskey Barrel property. He introduced himself

as a retired police officer that lives in Severna Park. The owner of the property desires to rid himself of the property so he can focus completely on running his body shop.

The gentleman was attracted to the size of the property and the location. He was thinking along the lines of a small café that served wine and beer maybe. He understands their 20-gallon hot water heater is insufficient to even wash their dishes. The property has failed a perc test and with the proposed public sewer coming through, if funding is available, he is uncertain about the wisdom of buying a \$15,000 BAT system that may or may not resolve the problem. With the revocation of the license and the property zoned R with non-conforming use puts a deadline on his plans.

The Board members expressed appreciation for his interest. They informed him that his plans for the property would be welcomed and beneficial to the County. Ms. Dadds has been working with the gentleman to find ways to overcome the obstacles he mentioned such as applying for a Rural Revitalization zoning district to encourage adaptive reuse of the existing structure.

## **TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION**

### **BARGAIN BEVERAGE- Beer & Wine Tasting/Sampling License**

Ms. Dadds read the license application. At the present time, no scheduled dates were listed therefore, they will need to notify the Board in writing at least five days in advance of the proposed event. The Board has approved the Bargain Beverage for this license in the past and there have never been any issues.

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion that because the Board has never had any problems with Bargain Beverage in the past, to approve their application for a beer & wine tasting/sampling license.

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

### **STATE LINE STORE- Beer & Wine Tasting/Sampling License**

Ms. Dadds read the license application. At the present time, no scheduled dates were listed therefore, they will need to notify the Board in writing at least five days in advance of the proposed event. The Board has approved Stateline for this license in the past and there have never been any issues.

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion that because the Board has never had any problems with State Line Store in the past, to approve their application for a beer & wine tasting/sampling license.

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

## **CHESAPEAKE CULINARY CENTER – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Farm to Table Fundraiser**

Ms. Dadds read the application. The Board has approved this function before and there has never been an issue. This year the event is taking place on the Simmons Farm on Willow Pond Road in Denton. The members were familiar with the farm and approved of the site plan that was provided. The event is confined to a building with a registration table at one entrance and a tent at the other which will serve as the bar area.

**Motion:** Mr. Plutschak, in accordance with the application and site plan, approved the Special Class C One-Day Temporary License for the Chesapeake Culinary Center's Farm to Table Fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at the Simmons farm on Willow Pond Road in Denton, June 2, 2018 from 5-11 p.m.

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Eigenbrode presented the minutes from the March 28, 2018 and April 6, 2018 Board of License Commissioners meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Plutschak made a motion to approve both the minutes as written.

**Second:** Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **CHOPTANK RIVER YACHT CLUB – Special Event Request for Paddlefest – May 19, 2018**

Mr. Mann explained that the Yacht Club will be hosting the annual Paddlefest with the Caroline Chamber of Commerce on May 19th. The event begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. or until the food runs out. The clubhouse will be open for regular business and they will also be serving beer along with food at the Cook Shack. The Cook Shack is located to the left of the clubhouse in a field bordered by a ditch and a picket fence with chains linked between the slats. A footbridge allows access to the Shack from the main building. The request was signed by David Wood.

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve the event request.

**Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

**In Favor:** The motion was unanimously approved (3-0).

## **BULLOCKS DELI**

Ms. Dadds read a notice from Bullock's Deli stating that they are doing some reconstruction to their business. They are adding a walk-in freezer to the back that will be wrapped to look like the rest of the building. They are also adding two bathrooms. In addition, they have changed their hours of operation to closing seven days a week at 9 p.m. The Board members had no comment until further information is provided.

## **BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES**

Ms. Dadds informed the Board that the Planning Commission has made a recommendation to the County Commissioners for a text amendment to the Zoning Chapter of the County Code to add breweries and distilleries as permissible land uses. The requirements are the same as what already exists for wineries. The Board had no comment since breweries and distilleries are licensed and overseen by the State Comptroller of Maryland.

## **INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Inspector Moore did 17 inspections this month. He advised the Board that they will hear a case in May that involves an overly intoxicated patron at an establishment that was transported to the hospital.

He mentioned another case they will hear of unauthorized storage of alcohol on a premise.

He did a final inspection on Sal's Pizza upon closure. All the alcohol has been removed from the location.

The Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company contacted him about maybe offering alcohol at the tractor pull events.

He was pleased to report he conducted an after-hours compliance check at Goose Creek and they did not sell to him after 2:00 a.m. Ms. Smith informed the Board the Inspector had approached her about somehow recognizing establishments that are outstandingly compliant such as Goose Creek. He felt such recognition may help promote compliance. The Board agreed and fully supported his suggestion.

There being nothing further to discuss Chairman Eigenbrode adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

## **BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

**Greg Eigenbrode, Chairman**



Minutes prepared by: Melanie Smith