

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND
16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2021

This meeting took place at Water's Edge Event Center, 4687 Millennium Drive, Belcamp, MD 21017.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Vice Chair Majewski and Commissioners Merchant, Welch, and Burdette along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell (via "gotomeeting").

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Harford Bank	Withholding	2381.09
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	757.30
Payroll	Payroll	6610.94
It's PayDay	Accounting	77.00
MD State Retirement	Withholding	489.55
Amy Finneran	Legal	2002.50
Kopin LLC	Rent	2590.00
Self Storage Plus	Rent	130.00
First Bankcard	Credit card	182.06
First Bankcard	Credit card	94.88
Interconnect Services	Telephone	154.50
Water's Edge Event Center	Meeting	522.00
Comcast	Telephone	208.88
Town Security	Maintenance	291.50
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	2342.98
First Bankcard (Board of Director's Acct.)	Credit card	100.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C., T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits – New License Protest Hearing (Tentative Approval)
Ankit Desai, Member, Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits, appeared in person along with its attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with tentative approval for a Class A1 – BWL – Off Sale Only License to be located at 1027-1029 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, MD 21078. This is a protested hearing, with protestants' being represented by their attorney, David F. Mister.

Ankit Desai, Member, will hold 100% interest in the L.L.C. He has taken and passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator.

Testimony was heard and evidence presented on behalf of the Applicant by:

- Tiffany L. Martin, Cierra Robinson, Delman Ball, Alga L. Bridges, Jr., and Steven Penrod for the community
- Judy Stewart, Property Manager, Harbor Shops, L.L.C.
- J. Mark Keeley, PTP, Traffic Concepts, Inc.
- Gerald R. Patnode, Jr. D.Ed., Professor of Marketing, Graham School of Business, York, College of Pennsylvania

For the Protestants:

- Thomas J. Maronick, DBA, JD, Emeritus Professor of Marketing/Consultant
- Brijesh Patel, License Holder, Northside Liquors
- Sandip Shah, License Holder, Post Road Liquors
- Niraj Shah, 2097 Misty Manor Road, Finksburg, MD 21048, affiliated with MSLBA (Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association) and AARBO (Asian American Retail Business Owners)
- Michael McDonald, License Holder, Cork & Barrel

After consideration of all testimony presented and review of the exhibits, motion was made by Commissioner Merchant and seconded by Commissioner Burdette to convene to executive session to meet with legal counsel; the vote was unanimous.

The Board returned to public session.

Findings of Fact

The Board considered the testimony and evidence from both the applicant and its witnesses, and those opposed to the license. The Board reviewed the list of factors to be considered when deciding whether to approve a new license, and after analysis of each factor, the Board determined the following:

- (1) That there was adequate public consent to the license, and no real public dissent from any citizens other than existing license holders;
- (2) That a determination could not be made as to how an additional license would affect existing license holders in the area;
- (3) That the issuance of the proposed license could potentially be a benefit to the community; and
- (4) That the issuance of the proposed license would not significantly impact the health, safety, and welfare of the community in a negative manner.

Based on the above findings, Motion was made by Commissioner Merchant and seconded by Commissioner Welch to grant tentative approval of this application; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on June 9, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Paul J. Majewski, II, Vice Chair

Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

Susan Burdette, Commissioner