

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
OF CECIL COUNTY**

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, April 27, 2015** at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Tim Snelling, Chairman
Herrel "Cuz" Curry, Commissioner

Earl R. Bradford, Chief Alcohol Beverage Inspector

Robin Trader, Administrative Assistant

John Eller, Commissioner and H. Norman Wilson, Jr., Esquire were excused. Chairman Snelling stated there is a quorum and anyone who wished to have a full Board could reschedule.

REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP - Pin Cass, President and Director; Edwin B. Fockler, IV, Vice-President; Dennis Cass, Secretary/Treasurer; Alang Corporation, T/A San Lin East, 953 W. Pulaski Highway, Elkton, MD 21921 – Did not appear

UPDATE

Ingrid Louise Rautenberg, Managing Member; Denis Minihane, Member; Robert Valliant Jones, Resident Agent; Cunnamore, LLC, T/A Minihane's Pub, 101 West Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921

Denis Minihane appeared before the Board; he was duly sworn by the Clerk. Mr. Minihane stated they would like to convert the area out back into an outside deck area to use during warm weather. Commissioner Curry asked if they have approval from the Town of Elkton; Mr. Minihane stated yes, they do. Chairman Snelling asked if they would have outdoor entertainment; Mr. Minihane stated they would like to have a sound system out there for background music, no live bands and they will not be playing late. Chairman Snelling stated the Board usually grants these requests for 30-days and if there's no problems, they will make it permanent. With no further questions, Commissioner Curry made a motion to approve the outdoor area with a 30-day trial period and receiving a copy of the approve from the Town of Elkton; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the outdoor area with the above conditions.

APPLICATIONS

TRANSFER

Application received from Barbara Ann McGuirk-Millar, Managing Member; Ellen H. Cochrane, Resident Agent; Pleasant Farms at Worsell Manor, LC, T/A Worsell Manor, 555 Worsell Manor Road, Warwick, MD 21912 for transfer and reclassification of Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License No. A-10 from Karen Kunda, President/Director; Hacks Point General Store, Inc., T/A Hacks Point General Store, 1444 Glebe Road, Earleville, MD 21919

Scott Millar and Ellen Cochrane appeared before the Board with attorney, Robert Jones. Chief Bradford introduced Jeff Thorpe, inspector for the Office of Permits & Inspections; the applicants and Inspector Thorpe were duly sworn by the Clerk. Chief Bradford read the legal notice which appeared on dates of April 15 and 22, 2015. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 1; a signed zoning certification from the Cecil County Office of Planning and Zoning; the certification form stated "providing alcoholic beverages for weddings, social events and concerts held at Worsell Manor". Chief Bradford asked the applicants several questions from the application and the applicants answered accordingly. Mr. Millar stated they have been open for business two years, they offer weddings April through October; they have a concert once a month and cooking classes

from November through March. He continued they have 18 weddings booked this years and seven concerts. They 18th Century Manor House is located on 50 acres with two barns and the garden; they would like to serve beer during the concerts and full bar service during weddings. He continued the hours of operation would only support functions, open one to three days per week as they rent the Manor House from Friday through Sunday.

Jeff Thorpe, Inspection, Cecil County Office of Permits & Inspections stated their office has not issued the Certificate of Use & Occupancy; he stated they issued a temporary permit two years ago that was valid for two events that were scheduled at that time. Mr. Jones stated Mr. Millar will stop by the P&I office before he leaves today. There was a discussion regarding approving the license conditioned upon the Certificate of Use & Occupancy being issued; Inspector Thorpe asked if the Board could put a time limit on that being issued, as it has been two years.

With no further questions or concerns, Commissioner Curry made a motion to approve the transfer and reclassification of the license conditioned upon issuance of the Certificate of Use & Occupancy and all other permits being issued within 60 days of today's date; the \$1,000 reclassification fee being paid; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the transfer and reclassification of the license with the above conditions.

NEW LICENSE

Application received from Lynn Bollinger, Member; Larry Bollinger, Member; Michael Fuggitti, Member Chef's Kitchen LLC, T/A Chef's Kitchen, 2440 Pulaski Highway, North East, MD 21901 for issuance of Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License.

Lynn Bollinger, Larry Bollinger and Michael Fuggitti appeared before the Board; they were duly sworn by the Clerk. Chief Bradford read the legal notice which appeared on dates of April 15 and 22, 2015. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 5. The certification form stated .84 acres, 2440 Pulaski Highway; Freestanding building with parking lot; Full Service Restaurant serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Opened Daily 5 a.m. Chief Bradford asked the applicants several questions from the application and the applicants answered accordingly. Commissioner Curry made a motion to go into Executive Session to consult by telephone with attorney, H. Norman Wilson. Commissioner Curry then made a motion to end the Executive Session. Chairman Snelling called Pastor Jamie Fetter; he was duly sworn by the Clerk. Pastor Fetter stated he is the pastor at the Bay Church; the church uses the establishment's parking lot to get to their driveway. He stated he opposes the issuance of the license; he is concerned about the safety of the children of his church as well as the members. There was a discussion with Pastor Fetter and the applicants; Mrs. Bollinger stated their primary business is a restaurant; they are a restaurant serving alcohol, not a bar serving food. Mr. Fuggitti stated their hours are 5 AM to at the latest 9:30 PM; they let the customers dictate the closing. With nothing further to discuss, Commissioner Curry made a motion to approve the issuance of the license; Chairman Snelling seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the issuance of the license.

General Business

- Approve Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

- Specials

Old Business

New Business

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

BY:

Tim Snelling, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant