

FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Monday October 4, 2021

Those Present: Mrs. Debbie Burrell, Chair
Ms. Joan Aquilino, Board Member
Mr. Chris Glass, Board Member
Mr. Andrew Ford, Assistant County Attorney
Mr. Bob Shrum, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Mr. Robert Lind, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Ms. Dawn Shugars, Coordinator
Mrs. Ashley Kneessi Gay, Administrative Specialist V
Ms. Tiffany Bridgmon, Administrative Specialist V

A Public Meeting was held virtually and was called to order at 8:30 AM by the Chair, Debbie Burrell. Tiffany Bridgmon swore in all participants for today's hearing.

1. Transfers

a. Chili's Grill & Bar

Chili's Grill & Bar
Barbara Freund, Daniel Fuller & Christopher Green
For the use of Chili's of Maryland, Inc
Transfer from: Chili's Grill & Bar
Barbara Freund, Jonas Huffman & Robert Easby-Smith
For the use of CFI of Frederick, Inc

- Pending Items are ABLE training will happen upon the issuing of the license. Working on receiving the retail Sales Tax from the Comptroller of Maryland. Inspectors Report, Fingerprints from Fuller and Green.
Inspector Shrum went to the establishment on September 18, and they meet all the requirements of the board.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Mr. Glass made a motion for conditional approval until November 30, 2021, pending all fingerprints results and given all rules, regulations are meet and items are completed.

SECOND: Ms. Aquilino seconded the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Mrs. Burrell –Aye
Ms. Aquilino – Aye
Mr. Glass – Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

2. New License (Continuation of September 13 Hearing)

a. Trout's Market

Trout's Market
John Trout
For the use of Trout's Market, Inc

- Pending items are ABLE Training.

Board Determined that approval would stand as of September 13, for Trout's Market. For the record, three emails were received by staff and put on the record of the opposition to issue this license. The emails were from Three Star Liquors, Westridge Liquors, and Mountaindale Convenience. In addition, Moutaindale Convenience also provided an email that contained a petition.

There was public comment.

- Julian & Rida Mitchell-Opposition to Application
- Rick Sweadner- Opposition to Application
- Robert Mitchell- Opposition to Application
- Steven Chung- Opposition to Application
- Delegate Jesse Pippy- Offered input on making a difficult decision.

MOTION: Ms. Aquilino made a motion for conditional approval until October 31, 2021, given all rules and regulations are meet and items are completed.

SECOND: Mr. Glass seconded the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Mrs. Aquilino –Aye
Mr. Glass – Aye
Mrs. Burrell - Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

3. Staff Meeting

- a. Policy Review Committee- Next Meeting October 13th, 2021
- b. Discussion on policy 1.07 – Board reviewed, Andrew Ford, Jennifer Keefer to revise
- c. Follow-up granting Administrator Authority (90-day review until 01/2022)
- d. Staffing Update - 1 ½ Positions available waiting to hear from HR.
- e. Review Minutes (adopt them by November 8th hearing)
- f. Move Update -Unsure of new move date.
- g. Annual Alcohol Forum-Update-October 15th-Staff working with Delegate Pippy for corrections
- h. Hearing dates for December 2021-2022- Board approved as is – Staff will need to send calendar invites and reminders.
- i. Legal Counsel requested administrative function meeting to discuss hearing procedures. This will be held following today’s hearing.

MEETING ADJOURN: 10:30AM

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Bridgmon, Administrative Specialist V
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