

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

**DATE:** January 27, 2021

**PLACE:** Virtually on Microsoft Teams

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Greg Eigenbrode, Chairman  
Nicholas Loukides, Vice-Chair  
Glen Plutschak, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Phillip Moore, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector  
Crystal Dadds, Assistant Director of Codes  
Melanie Smith, Board’s Administrative Asst.

Chairman Eigenbrode called the meeting of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to order at 9:47 AM.

**REQUEST FOR TRANSFER**

**Greensboro Quick Shop – 13760 Greensboro Rd. Greensboro, MD**

Crystal Dadds read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record:

A request by Bhavisha Patel for the use of RUDRA 1 CORPORATION TA GREENSBORO QUICK SHOP, located at 13760 Greensboro Rd. Greensboro, MD for a transfer, class A – beer, wine & liquor (retail), 7–day off premise sales alcoholic beverage license.

Ms. Dadds read the Exhibit List into the record:

- 1 Notice of Public Hearing Published in the Times Record on January 13 and January 20, 2021
- 2 Staff Report
- 3 Application
- 4 Transfer Consent Form
- 5 Proof of Voter Registration
- 6 Comptroller Hold Notice
- 7 Applicant Notice

Bhavisha, Minesh and Krutarth Patel were all present. Bob Thornton, the Attorney representing the applicants, summarized their request.

The family is reorganizing their corporate entities for the purpose of selling a portion of their business. The application is for a transfer but is actually requesting to drop one of the license holders from the license. The corporate name will now be Rudra 1 Corporation T/A Greensboro Quick Shop. Otherwise everything is remaining the same.

Inspector Moore stated that he last inspected the establishment in December 2020 and there were no issues. Inspector Moore had no concerns about the transfer.

The Board went into deliberation. After some discussion the Board agreed that because the license is not changing hands, but the corporation has been restructured and the Inspector had no concerns they agreed to approve the transfer request.

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve the license transfer for Greensboro Quick Shop.

**Amendment:** Mr. Plutschak amended the motion and seconded it to approve the substitution of an officer on the license and on the condition that all outstanding items listed on the staff report are submitted within 30 days.

**In Favor:** All members voted in favor (3-0).

Chairman Eigenbrode asked Ms. Patel to be sure to submit the outstanding items as soon as possible.

### **Mike's Corner – 163 Main Street, Preston, MD**

Ms. Dadds read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record:

A request by Krutarth Kumar Patel and Minesh Patel for the use of NAVYA CORPORATION T/A MIKE'S CORNER, located at 163 Main St. Preston, MD for a transfer, class A – beer, wine & liquor (retail), 7–day off premise sales alcoholic beverage license.

Ms. Dadds read the Exhibit List into the record:

- 1 Notice of Public Hearing Published in the Times Record on January 13 and January 20, 2021
- 2 Staff Report
- 3 Application
- 4 Transfer Consent Form
- 5 Proof of Voter Registration
- 6 Comptroller Release
- 7 Applicant Notice

Bob Thornton, the Attorney, explained that Minesh Patel has operated Mike's Corner since 1984. Mr. Patel is interested in selling the business to Krutarth Patel who will be the new owner eventually. Presently he will be a 50% owner as is required.

They are also requesting to make changes for business reasons to a 50/50% ownership with Krutarth and Minesh Patel as a new entity, Navyah Corporation t/a Mike's Corner.

Inspector Moore has met Krutarth Patel and found him to be very knowledgeable and polite every time they have talked. He inspected the establishment prior to today's meeting. Inspector Moore added that while he was doing his inspection, a police chase ensued outside of the premise and the vehicle that the police were chasing ran into a pole outside their door.

Ms. Dadds added that the background check for Krutarth Patel was good and they provided more than enough names on the petition portion of the application. All the corporation paperwork has been received and approved for legal sufficiency.

Mr. Thornton asked about the fees required for the new corporation. Ms. Dadds answered that the license has been paid for the year and only a \$75 transfer fee must be paid.

The Board went into deliberation. They found that there was a sufficient need for the establishment. They have been a long-standing license holder without any issues. There were no negative effects to having the business where it is located.

**Motion:** Mr. Plutschak made a motion to approve the transfer on the conditions that all the outstanding items listed in Exhibit 2 are met within 30 days.  
**Second:** Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.  
**In Favor:** All members voted in favor (3-0).

## **SUBSTITUTION OF NAME ON LICENSE**

### **Denton Shell– 1103 Industrial Park Way, Denton, MD**

Ms. Dadds explained that this application is unlike the first two in that they are only requesting to change an officer of 404 Shore HWY, LLC. According to §15-1702 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, they are allowed to file a petition in lieu of filing for a transfer.

Ms. Dadds read the Exhibit List into the record:

- 1 Petition Letter
- 2 Staff Report
- 3 Assignment of Membership Interest

Ms. Dadds added that a Criminal History Report was completed for the new applicant, and no criminal history was reported. The corporation documents have been approved for legal sufficiency.

Chairman Eigenbrode swore in:

Mohammed and Sharaz Chaudhry, 5979 Federalsburg Highway, Federalsburg, MD.

Mohammed Chaudhry requests to replace one license holder, Faisal Farooq with his son, Sharaz Chaudhry. He added that Mr. Farooq has started his own business and desired to be removed from this corporation.

Inspector Moore recalled there were a few violations in the last year regarding TiPS requirements and employee documentation. However, he inspected the establishment this month and found no violations. Inspector Moore has not observed the new licensee at the business.

**Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve Sharaz Chaudhry as the new officer of the corporation on the condition that all outstanding requirements are fulfilled.

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

**In Favor:** All members voted in favor (3-0).

## **2020 LICENSE RENEWALS**

Ms. Dadds explained that she is working on bringing the 2020/2021 licenses into order. As of the Governor's Executive Order, licensing has been extended and there is no requirement for a licensee to file. However, the order is an extension of a license and not a waiver of the requirement. Once the Governor lifts the order, the licensees will have 30 days to complete the renewal. Ms. Dadds is trying to encourage license holders to do this because the 2021/2022 renewals are coming up in April. If the license holders wait for the Governor to lift the extension, they will only have 30 days to process two license cycles.

### **Om Shiv Groceries, Inc. t/a Bodie's Dairy Market**

Ms. Dadds stated that this licensee has paid the fee and submitted all the required documents for their 2020/2021 license renewal.

### **404 Shore Hwy, LLC. t/a Denton Shell**

Ms. Dadds stated that Denton Shell needs to pay their license fee and to submit a copy of their current business license before their new license can be released. All the other requirements have been satisfied.

### **Kruti Corporation t/a Greensboro Quick Shop**

Ms. Dadds stated that this licensee has paid the fee and submitted all the required documents for their 2020/2021 license renewal.

## **Mary's Country Store**

Ms. Dadds stated that this licensee has paid the fee and submitted all the required documents for their 2020/2021 license renewal.

## **Ambica Corporation t/a Mike's Corner**

Ms. Dadds stated that this licensee has paid the fee and submitted all the required documents for their 2020/2021 license renewal.

## **Purav Corporation t/a Preston Super Soda**

Ms. Dadds stated that this licensee has paid the fee and submitted all the required documents for their 2020/2021 license renewal.

These six licenses have fulfilled the requirements for the Boards approval.

- Motion:** Mr. Plutschak made a motion to approve license renewal applications for the following six entities: Bodies, Denton Shell, Greensboro Quick Shop, Mary's Country Store, Mike's Corner, and Preston Super Soda.
- Second:** Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.
- In Favor:** All members voted in favor (3-0).

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

### **August 26, 2020 Minutes**

Having read the minutes, the Board voted.

- Motion:** Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve the August 2020 meeting minutes as written.
- Second:** Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.
- In Favor:** All members voted in favor (3-0).

## **INSPECTORS REPORT**

Inspector Moore reported that he has wrapped up his work for 2020 and has completed many of the inspections ready for the first quarter of 2021. There was one violation to report for not having a required sign posted. Inspector Moore suggested, if the Board agreed, that he send a written warning to the licensee. The Board agreed.

Inspector Moore has represented Caroline County on the Maryland Alcohol Licensing Association (MALA) conference calls. He has also been working together with the Eastern Shore Counties as they navigate their responsibilities during the Covid Pandemic.

He has been in contact with several of the establishment owners to support them through the crisis. He explained that Nich's had closed their business when their lease was not renewed. There have been several owners/licensees dealing with health issues. Mr. Plutschak asked how many alcoholic beverage businesses were closed in Caroline County in 2020. Inspector Moore listed, Nich's, J & R Country Store, Fat Ricky's and Turnbridge Point.

Mr. Plutschak stated that Caroline County lost 10% of their liquor establishments. Inspector Moore stated that the reason had more to do with loss of leases and health issues as opposed to the pandemic. Mr. Plutschak asked about a few other businesses. Inspector Moore reported that Dave's place is not open very much and Mary's is trying to sell their business property.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the County Attorney's new position as District Court Judge. Ms. Dadds was aware of several options the County Commissioners are considering for the position, but they have not decided yet.

The Board discussed upcoming legislation that pertained to state licensing regulations.

**Motion:** Mr. Plutschak made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 AM.  
**Second:** Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.  
**In Favor:** All members voted in favor (3-0).



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