

**St. Albans City Council
Liquor Control Board
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, July 9, 2018
City Hall, Council Chambers**

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Council Present: Mayor Tim Smith; Aldermen: Michael McCarthy, Tim Hawkins and Chad Spooner; Alderwomen: Marie Bessette and Kate Laddison.

Council Absent: Alderman Jim Pelkey.

Staff Present: Dominic Cloud, City Manager; Chip Sawyer, Director of Planning & Development; Curry Galloway, City Clerk; Marty Manahan, Director of Operations & Business Development & Tom Leitz, Director of Administration.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Smith who presided.

2. Liquor License Approval

a. St. Albans Cooperative Creamery, Inc. – 138 Federal Street, St. Albans, VT. Second Class – Retail Delivery Permit.

Ms. Galloway stated that the St. Albans Co-op submitted an application for a second class liquor license and introduced representatives, Leone Berthiaume and Kiersten Bourgeois. Mayor Smith asked Mr. Berthiaume if it's correct that the Co-op does not sell liquor currently. Mr. Berthiaume responded that they have not had a liquor license since 2014 and their board has asked them to revisit the opportunity of selling beer and wine in their retail store. He recalled that they moved into the new retail store in April, 2012 and are looking for opportunities to better serve their members and the community. Mr. Berthiaume explained that originally there was some conversation about offering alcohol and having it compete with milk and decided to put the alcohol piece on hold while they matured the business. He thinks they are better positioned today with the new retail store and confident with the tenure of the new management staff.

Mr. Hawkins stated that he has always considered the co-op as a niche business and asked if they are going to sell domestic beers. Ms. Bourgeois responded that they are talking to distributors now but envision craft beers and supporting local businesses. Mr. Hawkins asked if there's a possibility they will be operating like the Breakyard across the street. Ms. Bourgeois responded that it's possible but on a much smaller scale. Mr. Berthiaume stated that the goal isn't necessarily to turn it over to a convenient store but to support the demands of the members. Mr. Hawkins noted that the license also gives them the ability to sell wine and asked if they planned to sell wine in addition to beer. Ms. Bourgeois responded that they may do that as well on a smaller scale than beer. Mayor Smith asked if they would be expanding. Mr.

Berthiaume responded negatively. Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. Berthiaume if they are familiar with the training and requirements. Mr. Berthiaume responded that all four managers and all of the staff would be required to complete the training and want to enter this slowly and cautiously. Mr. Spooner asked Mr. Berthiaume if they plan to have electronic readers for ID's. Mr. Berthiaume responded that initially it would be on the manual side. Mayor Smith asked what the timeline would be. Mr. Berthiaume responded that it would be in September.

A motion was made by Alderman Hawkins; seconded by Alderman Spooner to approve second class liquor license for the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery, Inc. Vote was unanimous, 5-0 with Alderwoman Bessette abstaining.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – 6/11/18 (D&V).

A motion was made by Alderman Hawkins; seconded by Alderman Spooner to approve 6/11/18 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous, 6-0.

4. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Alderman Hawkins; seconded by Alderman Spooner to adjourn from Liquor Control Board at 7:04 pm. Vote was unanimous, 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Smith

Community Relations Coordinator