

BEER BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING October 19, 2011 4:00 P.M.

(RE: Christopher Rayment- Redi Mart C – Stores LLC dba Hampton Bait Shop / off premises permit)

The Beer Board of the Carter County Commission conducted a public hearing Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 4:00 p.m. in the Main Courtroom, Carter County Courthouse. Members present were: Scott Sams, Steve Chambers, Richard D. Renfro, JoAnn Blankenship, Lawrence Hodge, and Tom Bowers. Patsy Lewis, Deputy Clerk and several concerned citizens were also in attendance.

Chairman Bowers called the Beer Board meeting to order and then immediately called a public hearing to order with a quorum present. Beer permit being considered: Christopher Rayment, Redi Mart C – Stores LLC dba Hampton Bait Shop 126 1st Avenue Hampton, Tennessee.

Mr. Christopher Rayment was introduced and took the podium at this time. It was noted by Chairman Bowers that no residences are located within 300 feet and no churches or schools are located within 700 feet of the business.

JoAnn Blankenship asked that on question # 9 that the address list 1439 West G Street Elizabethton, TN and question # 4 lists 266 Lakeshore Road Bluff City, TN. Why are there two different addresses? Mr. Rayment responded that that 1439 West G Street is the corporate address and 266 Lakeshore Road is the residence address.

Chairman Bowers asked Mr. Rayment if he had several store locations and Mr. Rayment responded yes, they (he and his father) actually run two different corporations with a total of fourteen different stores being split 7 and 7. Two of these are located within Elizabethton being Redi Mart # 10, Hwy 91 and Hampton Bait Shop. The store behind Blue Circle was noted as being owned by his father, Larry W. Rayment and the Roan Mountain Grocery.

Chairman Bowers asked Mr. Rayment if he at this time only had one beer permit and Mr. Rayment responded yes.

Chairman Bowers asked Mr. Rayment if he had any violations on the Hwy 91 store. Response by Mr. Rayment was no.

A question was asked if employees had been hired. Mr. Rayment responded yes and that several employees had worked at the location for over ten years.

There were no other questions from the committee and it was so noted than no one living in the neighborhood was present to express concern.

Chairman Bowers recessed the Public Hearing at this time and entered into a Session for Public Comments concerning this request. There was none, the Public Hearing concerning this matter was closed and the Beer Board was called back into session by Chairman Bowers.

With a motion by Richard D. Renfro and a second by Steve Chambers the application for the Beer Permit was approved by majority vote with Lawrence Hodge voting "No".

The Beverage Permit Certificate was at this time issued by the Carter County Beverage Board and completed by the County Clerks office with necessary fees being collected by the Clerk.

Roy Livingston approached the podium and addressed the Board during the Public Comments session regarding the filing procedures for Beer Board files.

Being that there were no other business or public comments a motion to adjourn was made by Lawrence Hodge and seconded by Richard Renfro. By majority vote motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Patsy H. Lewis, Recording Secretary