

BEER BOARD
Public Hearing December 29, 2011

Re: *Brian Scott Dockemeyer, Mountain Investments, LLC*
DBA/Black Bear Resort, 1511 Dennis Cove Road
Hampton, TN 37643

Other Business: *Permit # 53 Lloyd Isaac Fortner,*
Black Mtn Branch Trading Post
1238 Dennis Cove Rd.
Hampton, TN 37643

The Beer Board of the Carter County Commission conducted a public hearing Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. In the Main Courtroom, Carter County Courthouse.

Members present were: Tom Bowers, Steve Chambers, JoAnn Blankenship, Scott Sams, and Lawrence Holly. Brian S. Dockemeyer and several concerned citizens and news media was also present.

Member absent: Dickie Renfo

Chairman, Tom Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Motion was made by Lawrence Hodge, seconded by Steve Chambers to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting with noted correction requested by JoAnn Blankenship to page 3, paragraph three. (Corrected copy filed).

By majority voice vote, being all ayes, motion carried.

At this time Chairman Bowers entered into a PUBLIC HEARING concerning the application for Brian Scott Dockemeyer, Mountain Investments, LLC. DBA/Black Bear Resort.

Brian S. Dockemeyer approached the podium and addressed the committee. He stated that the property had been purchased with the intent to open as a family style Campground/Resort doing special events such as reunions, weddings, etc. He stated that the Convention Center has approximately 1,700 square foot open area which would be used for holding the special events. Cabins are nearby for guest also a store would be on the property for guest to purchase items.

Members questioned if anyone other than a guest would be allowed to make purchases. It was stated by Mr. Dockemeyer that it was his intent for sales to be strictly for guest only.

It was also stated by Mr. Dockemeyer that a "Guest List" would be checked along with the necessary identification needed before being allowed to purchase beer. He noted that he had previous work experience and was familiar with the requirement concerning the sale of beer.

Photos of the area were passed among the Committee showing the store, convention center, and several other areas of the property. Some of these copies are on file.

Mr. Dockemeyer stated that he was a member of the Elizabethton/Carter County Chamber of Commerce and the Bristol Chamber of Commerce also and that it is his intent to be open for business March 1, 2011. It was also noted that all necessary business licenses and fees had been paid.

Discussion included the number of exit doors to the convention center with Mr. Dockemeyer replying to five (5) doors. He noted that the bridge approaching the property had been completed and a photo was included in the file.

Transportation of the beer was also discussed. Mr. Dockemeyer noted that it was custom for a van to make the delivery and no large trucks would be doing so, however nothing was available in writing as he said this was "common procedure" for most companies.

Mr. Dockemeyer's family was also in the audience and stated that the property was beautiful as well as the cabins and convention center and it was the intent to present a nice, clean well kept business and to market the property for area events.

At this time Chairman Bowers asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Committee and entered into the Public Comments session of the meeting.

Jean Rhea, a resident of the Dennis Cove area, approached the podium. She questioned if people would be allowed to consume alcohol and leave the area. Mr. Dockemeyer stated that only guests would be able to purchase beer. Service and sale of beer could be refused to anyone if so desired.

Ms. Rhea stated that she had concerns due to people drinking and driving

drunk which would endanger others. Ms. Rhea was assured by Mr. Dockemeyer that those leaving would be monitored and would not be allowed to leave if drunk.

Being that no other public comments were made, Chairman Tom Bowers called the meeting back to order.

Discussion was made concerning that this application submitted was for both on and off premises. Mr. Dockemeyer stated that he had no problems with changing it to on premises only which would be for guest only on the property as that was the general intent of the business.

Motion was made by Steve Chambers, seconded by JoAnn Blankenship to amend and approve the application to be a on premises permit only

By majority voice vote with only one "no" vote being voiced by Lawrence Hodge, motion carried.

In other business Beer Permit # 53 Lloyd Isaac Fortner, Black Mtn. Branch Trading Post was discussed.

Chairman Bowers stated that Mr. Fortner had not had a current business licenses for several years. It was noted that Mr. Fortner had been paying renewal fees for the past several years but did not have an established business. Due to this fact the Clerks office was instructed not to accept the \$100.00 renewal fee until receiving instructions from the Board.

A letter was sent to Mr. Fortner informing him of the meeting he replied per certified letter (copy in file) stated his desire to postpone meeting until May 2012 as he was in Florida until the end of April 2012.

Chairman Bowers stated that he appeared to be home today as he had driven by the home. It was noted that if the owner let the licenses lapse that a Beer Permit could not be retained.

Clerk noted that Mr. Fortners intent was to insist that payment be made so that he could retain permit and also it was noted that the Property Tax did not reflect a business that the address given.

Motion was made by Scott Sams, seconded by JoAnn Blankenship to not renew Beer Permit #53.

By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Board noted that the current permit was to be surrendered within fifteen (15) days. A certified letter will be sent informing Mr. Fortner of such and if he so desires he can reapply for new licenses.

Scott Sam voiced concern with information in the packets. It was stressed that the information was strictly confidential and should be destroyed once viewed so that no one other than the board could view these records. Everyone was in agreement with this procedure.

Being that no other business was to be discussed motion to adjourn was made by Lawrence Hodge, seconded by Scott Sams.

By majority voice vote, all ayes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Patsy Lewis Recording Secretary

Tom Bowers, Chairman