

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
BEER BOARD MINUTES
MAY 1, 2017
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The Beer Board of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee met in regular session on May 1, 2017, immediately following the Town Board meeting. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call. Board Members answered as follows: Susan Bain-here; Chuck Coffey- here; Teresa Fuson- absent; Jerry Hopson -here; John Ravnum-here; Phillip Waller-here.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for approval of the minutes. Chuck Coffey made a motion to the approve minutes, with a second by Jerry Hopson. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson-absent; Jerry Hopson –yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for Old Business:

New Beer codes

At the April Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting, the board voted to pass an ordinance approving new alcoholic beverages codes. Mayor Pucciarelli asked the board to set a time frame for all establishments to comply with the new codes.

Chuck Coffey made a motion to allow each establishment 60 days to comply. Phillip Waller seconded the motion. Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson-absent; Jerry Hopson –yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.

Mayor Pucciarelli called for New Business:

Chris Anderson, owner of the Gap Tap, stated he felt he was being singled out and if one person is required to comply with all the codes then everyone else should as well. If one ordinance is required to be followed then all should. He cited several ordinances that he felt were not being enforced. Examples included, but not limited to:

- The fence at Angelo's is not made of permitted fencing materials as listed in the codes. Will they be required to remove the fence? Mayor Pucciarelli stated that the fence was there before the codes were in place. No one has a problem with the fence at Angelo's, nor the wood fence Anderson has at his establishment. The biggest issue is that the area is enclosed.
- The 49/51% requirement (beer sales should not exceed 49% of sales) should be lowered or removed completely. He doesn't understand why that is a big issue all of a sudden.

Mayor Pucciarelli stated that the ordinance (the new and updated alcoholic beverage codes) have been passed, but the board can go back and make changes if they choose. He further stated that the ordinances are being enforced the best they can with the limited resources the town has. He commented that everyone has a responsibility to the town and all should work together. If Anderson wanted to put together a proposal for some changes, they will be discussed at the next planning meeting.

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With no other business to come before the board, Jerry Hopson made a motion to adjourn, with a second by John Ravnum Mayor Pucciarelli called for a roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Susan Bain-yes; Chuck Coffey-yes; Teresa Fuson-absent; Jerry Hopson –yes; John Ravnum-yes; Phillip Waller-yes.