

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Preliminary Minutes

Present: James Andretta, Terry Heller, Vice Chair Dusty Jones, Bill Maloney, Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Chair Sarah Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer’s Warrants

a. Terry Heller moved to approve the payroll warrants of February 10 and February 17, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.

b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of February 14 and February 21, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023 as amended. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Public Comment – none

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Department head monthly reports – see submitted reports

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. New Business

a. Monthly Financials

- HM Payson Statement of Accounts
- January Expense/Revenue

b. Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Nancy Carleton for 532 Indian Road, Map R02, Lot 059, Dresden, ME 04342 (Wiscasset portion). **Terry Heller moved to execute the municipal quitclaim deed to Nancy Carleton for 532 Indian Road map R01, Lot 059 in Dresden, ME 04342 (Wiscasset portion). Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Other Business: Carrie Hipfer, County Administrator for Lincoln County, asked the board to consider amending the Wiscasset ordinance, in approving future towers, to allow local and county emergency operations communication devices to be installed and maintained free of charge similar to the Waldoboro ordinance. **Bill Maloney moved to make a change in our ordinance similar to Section 10.2.8.3.9.4 (of the Waldoboro ordinance) to allow Local and County emergency operations communication devices to be installed and maintained free of charge. Vote 5-0-0.** The matter was referred to the Ordinance Review Committee.

11. Assessors Business – none

12. Town Manager's Report – none

13. Other Board Business

a. Executive Session for the discussion of a legal matter. At 6:15 p.m. **Terry Heller moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E). Vote 5-0-0. Bill Maloney moved to exit executive session at 7:22 p.m.**

14. Adjournment

Bill Maloney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

Town of Wiscasset
Board/Committee Membership Application

Full Name: Steven Christiansen

Street Address: 30 Willow Lane

Mailing Address: PO Box 99 Home Phone: 207-380-9901

Town of Legal Residence: WISCASSET

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 207-380-9901 E-mail christiansensteven8@gmail.com

I wish to be considered for the appointment to the: Cemetery
Committee Term Of Appointment 1 year

Full member: X Reappointment: _____ Alternate member: _____

Do you currently serve or have you ever served on any Town Board? Cemetery Committee **yes**

If yes, please state which Board or Committee/term exp. Cemetery Committee

List civic organizations to which you belong now: none

Prior experience, knowledge, or abilities that you have which would contribute to the activities of the Board or Committee: Cemetery Committee in 1980's & 1990's

Signature: [Signature] Date: Feb. 16, 2023

Additional comments can be made on the reverse side of this form.

Please return to the Selectmen's Office, 51 Bath Road, Wiscasset, ME 04578, by fax 882-8228 or e-mail at clerk@wiscasset.org

For Office Use:

Date received: 2/16/2023 Date Appointed: _____ Term: _____

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Town of Wiscasset Board/Committee Membership Application

Full Name: Cecilia Lidwig

Street Address: 161 Maine Street, Wiscasset, Me. 03578

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 162 Home Phone: 302/864-4834

Town of Legal Residence: Wiscasset

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail _____

I wish to be considered for the appointment to the: Appearance of the town

_____ Term Of Appointment _____

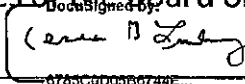
Full member: _____ Reappointment: _____ Alternate member: _____

Do you currently serve or have you ever served on any Town Board? NO

If yes, please state which Board or Committee/term exp. _____

List civic organizations to which you belong now: Maine Art Gallery

Prior experience, knowledge, or abilities that you have which would contribute to the activities of the Board or Committee: Head of small credit union

Signature:  Date: 2/18/2023 | 16:45 EST

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Town of Wiscasset Board/Committee Membership Application

Full Name: Stephen J Ludwig

Street Address: 161 Main Street

Mailing Address: PO Box 162 Home Phone: 3026821114

Town of Legal Residence: wiscasset

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: 3026821114 E-mail stephenludwig44@gmail.com

I wish to be considered for the appointment to the: wiscasset Beautification Committee

Term Of Appointment Unknown

Full member: _____ Reappointment: _____ Alternate member: _____

Do you currently serve or have you ever served on any Town Board? NO

If yes, please state which Board or Committee/term exp. _____

List civic organizations to which you belong now: _____

Prior experience, knowledge, or abilities that you have which would contribute to the activities of the Board or Committee: Uncertain

Signature: Stephen J Ludwig Date: 2/18/2023 | 14:44 EST

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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND LOTTERY OPERATIONS
DIVISION OF LIQUOR LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT

Application for an On-Premises License

All Questions Must Be Answered Completely. Please print legibly.

Division Use Only
License No:
Class: By:
Deposit Date:
Amt. Deposited:
Payment Type:
OK with SOS: Yes [] No []

Section I: Licensee/Applicant(s) Information;
Type of License and Status

Legal Business Entity Applicant Name (corporation, LLC): Business Name (D/B/A):
Maine Tasting Center Maine Tasting Center
Individual or Sole Proprietor Applicant Name(s): Physical Location:
506 Old Bath Rd, Wiscasset, ME 04578
Individual or Sole Proprietor Applicant Name(s): Mailing address, if different:
Mailing address, if different from DBA address: Email Address:
Telephone # Fax #: Business Telephone # Fax #:
410-971-1171 410-971-1171
Federal Tax Identification Number: Maine Seller Certificate # or Sales Tax #:
85-1429045 1016-6091
Retail Beverage Alcohol Dealers Permit: Website address:
RET-2021-13084 www.mainetastingcenter.com

1. New license or renewal of existing license? [] New Expected Start date:
[X] Renewal Expiration Date: 04/30/2023

2. The dollar amount of gross income for the licensure period that will end on the expiration date above:
Food: \$ 26.59 Beer, Wine or Spirits: \$ 30.01 Guest Rooms: \$ 0.00

3. Please indicate the type of alcoholic beverage to be sold: (check all that apply)
[X] Malt Liquor (beer) [X] Wine [X] Spirits

4. Indicate the type of license applying for: (choose only one)

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant
(Class I, II, III, IV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Class A Restaurant/Lounge
(Class XI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Class A Lounge
(Class X) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel
(Class I, II, III, IV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel – Food Optional
(Class I-A) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed & Breakfast
(Class V) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course (included optional licenses, please check if apply)
(Class I, II, III, IV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Cart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tavern
(Class IV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified Caterer | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Sponsored Events (Qualified Caterers Only) | |

Refer to Section V for the License Fee Schedule on page 9

5. Business records are located at the following address:

506 Old Bath Rd, Wiscasset, ME 04578

6. Is the licensee/applicant(s) citizens of the United States? Yes No
7. Is the licensee/applicant(s) a resident of the State of Maine? Yes No

NOTE: Applicants that are not citizens of the United States are required to file for the license as a business entity.

8. Is licensee/applicant(s) a business entity like a corporation or limited liability company?

Yes No If Yes, complete Section VII at the end of this application

9. For a licensee/applicant who is a business entity as noted in Section I, does any officer, director, member, manager, shareholder or partner have in any way an interest, directly or indirectly, in their capacity in any other business entity which is a holder of a wholesaler license granted by the State of Maine?

Yes No

Not applicable – licensee/applicant(s) is a sole proprietor

10. Is the licensee or applicant for a license receiving, directly or indirectly, any money, credit, thing of value, endorsement of commercial paper, guarantee of credit or financial assistance of any sort from any person or entity within or without the State, if the person or entity is engaged, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture, distribution, wholesale sale, storage or transportation of liquor.

Yes No

If yes, please provide details: _____

11. Do you own or have any interest in any another Maine Liquor License? Yes No

If yes, please list license number, business name, and complete physical location address: (attach additional pages as needed using the same format)

Name of Business	License Number	Complete Physical Address

12. List name, date of birth, place of birth for all applicants including any manager(s) employed by the licensee/applicant. Provide maiden name, if married. (attach additional pages as needed using the same format)

Full Name	DOB	Place of Birth
Andrew Gross	12/29/1956	Philadelphia, PA
Sara Gross	07/20/1991	Baltimore, MD
Residence address on all the above for previous 5 years		
Name Andrew Gross	Address: 13336 Elliott Dr, Clarksville, MD 21029	
Name Andrew Gross	Address: 53 Church St, Damariscotta, MD 04543	
Name Sara Gross	Address: 2514 Devonshire, Lansing, MI 48910	
Name Sara Gross	Address: 87 West Hill Rd, Gardiner, ME 04345	

13. Will any law enforcement officer directly benefit financially from this license, if issued?

Yes No

If Yes, provide name of law enforcement officer and department where employed:

14. Has the licensee/applicant(s) ever been convicted of any violation of the liquor laws in Maine or any State of the United States? Yes No

If Yes, please provide the following information and attach additional pages as needed using the same format.

Name: _____ Date of Conviction: _____

Offense: _____ Location: _____

Disposition: _____

15. Has the licensee/applicant(s) ever been convicted of any violation of any law, other than minor traffic violations, in Maine or any State of the United States? Yes No

If Yes, please provide the following information and attach additional pages as needed using the same format.

Name: _____ Date of Conviction: _____

Offense: _____ Location: _____

Disposition: _____

16. Has the licensee/applicant(s) formerly held a Maine liquor license? Yes No

17. Does the licensee/applicant(s) own the premises? Yes No

If No, please provide the name and address of the owner:

18. If you are applying for a liquor license for a Hotel or Bed & Breakfast, please provide the number of guest rooms available: _____

19. Please describe in detail the area(s) within the premises to be licensed. This description is in addition to the diagram in Section VI. (Use additional pages as needed)

The alcohol serving area is limited to the indoor seating area of the tasting room and the attached exterior deck, plus occasional service in the classroom during private tasting and pairing classes.

20. What is the distance from the premises to the **nearest** school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house, measured from the main entrance of the premises to the main entrance of the school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house by the ordinary course of travel?

Name: Wiscasset Christian Academy

Distance: 1.10

Section II: Signature of Applicant(s)

By signing this application, the licensee/applicant understands that false statements made on this application are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this application is a Class D Offense under Maine's Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year, or by monetary fine of up to \$2,000 or by both.

Please sign and date in blue ink.

Dated: Feb 7, 2023

Andrew Gross

Signature of Duly Authorized Person

Sara Gross

Signature of Duly Authorized Person

Andrew Gross

Printed Name Duly Authorized Person

Sara Gross

Printed Name of Duly Authorized Person

Section III: For use by Municipal Officers and County Commissioners only

The undersigned hereby certifies that we have complied with the process outlined in 28-A M.R.S. §653 and approve this on-premises liquor license application.

Dated: _____

Who is approving this application? Municipal Officers of Wiscasset

County Commissioners of _____ County

Please Note: The Municipal Officers or County Commissioners must confirm that the records of Local Option Votes have been verified that allows this type of establishment to be licensed by the Bureau for the type of alcohol to be sold for the appropriate days of the week. Please check this box to indicate this verification was completed.

Signature of Officials	Printed Name and Title

This Application will Expire 60 Days from the date of Municipal or County Approval unless submitted to the Bureau

Included below is the section of Maine’s liquor laws regarding the approval process by the municipalities or the county commissioners. This is provided as a courtesy only and may not reflect the law in effect at the time of application. Please see <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/28-A/title28-Asec653.html>

§653. Hearings; bureau review; appeal

1. Hearings. The municipal officers or, in the case of unincorporated places, the county commissioners of the county in which the unincorporated place is located, may hold a public hearing for the consideration of applications for new on-premises licenses and applications for transfer of location of existing on-premises licenses. The municipal officers or county commissioners may hold a public hearing for the consideration of requests for renewal of licenses, except that when an applicant has held a license for the prior 5 years and a complaint has not been filed against the applicant within that time, the applicant may request a waiver of the hearing.

A. The bureau shall prepare and supply application forms.

B. The municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, shall provide public notice of any hearing held under this section by causing a notice, at the applicant's prepaid expense, stating the name and place of hearing, to appear on at least 3 consecutive days before the date of hearing in a daily newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located or one week before the date of the hearing in a weekly newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located.

C. If the municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, fail to take final action on an application for a new on-premises license or transfer of the location of an existing on-premises license within 60 days of the filing of an application, the application is deemed approved and ready for action by the bureau. For purposes of this paragraph, the date of filing of the application is the date the application is received by the municipal officers or county commissioners. This paragraph applies to all applications pending before municipal officers or county commissioners as of the effective date of this paragraph as well as all applications filed on or after the effective date of this paragraph. This paragraph applies to an existing on-premises license that has been extended pending renewal. The municipal officers or the county commissioners shall take final action on an on-premises license that has been extended pending renewal within 120 days of the filing of the application.

D. If an application is approved by the municipal officers or the county commissioners but the bureau finds, after inspection of the premises and the records of the applicant, that the applicant does not qualify for the class of license applied for, the bureau shall notify the applicant of that fact in writing. The bureau shall give the applicant 30 days to file an amended application for the appropriate class of license, accompanied by any additional license fee, with the municipal officers or county commissioners, as the case may be. If the applicant fails to file an amended application within 30 days, the original application must be denied by the bureau. The bureau shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision to deny the application including the reasons for the denial and the rights of appeal of the applicant.

2. Findings. In granting or denying an application, the municipal officers or the county commissioners shall indicate the reasons for their decision and provide a copy to the applicant. A license may be denied on one or more of the following grounds:

A. Conviction of the applicant of any Class A, Class B or Class C crime;

B. Noncompliance of the licensed premises or its use with any local zoning ordinance or other land use ordinance not directly related to liquor control;

C. Conditions of record such as waste disposal violations, health or safety violations or repeated parking or traffic violations on or in the vicinity of the licensed premises and caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises or other such conditions caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises that unreasonably disturb, interfere with or affect the ability of persons or businesses residing or located in the vicinity of the licensed premises to use their property in a reasonable manner;

D. Repeated incidents of record of breaches of the peace, disorderly conduct, vandalism or other violations of law on or in the vicinity of the licensed premises and caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises;

D-1. Failure to obtain, or comply with the provisions of, a permit for music, dancing or entertainment required by a municipality or, in the case of an unincorporated place, the county commissioners;

E. A violation of any provision of this Title;

F. A determination by the municipal officers or county commissioners that the purpose of the application is to circumvent the provisions of section 601; and

G. After September 1, 2010, server training, in a program certified by the bureau and required by local ordinance, has not been completed by individuals who serve alcoholic beverages.

3. Appeal to bureau. Any applicant aggrieved by the decision of the municipal officers or county commissioners under this section may appeal to the bureau within 15 days of the receipt of the written decision of the municipal officers or county commissioners. The bureau shall hold a public hearing in the city, town or unincorporated place where the premises are situated. In acting on such an appeal, the bureau may consider all licensure requirements and findings referred to in subsection 2.

A. Repealed

B. If the decision appealed from is an application denial, the bureau may issue the license only if it finds by clear and convincing evidence that the decision was without justifiable cause.

4. Repealed

5. Appeal to District Court. Any person or governmental entity aggrieved by a bureau decision under this section may appeal the decision to the District Court within 30 days of receipt of the written decision of the bureau.

An applicant who files an appeal or who has an appeal pending shall pay the annual license fee the applicant would otherwise pay. Upon resolution of the appeal, if an applicant's license renewal is denied, the bureau shall refund the applicant the prorated amount of the unused license fee.

Section IV: Terms and Conditions of Licensure as an Establishment that sells liquor for on-premises consumption in Maine

- The licensee/applicant(s) agrees to be bound by and comply with the laws, rules and instructions promulgated by the Bureau.
- The licensee/applicant(s) agrees to maintain accurate records related to an on-premise license as required by the law, rules and instructions promulgated or issued by the Bureau if a license is issued as a result of this application.
 - The licensee/applicant(s) authorizes the Bureau to obtain and examine all books, records and tax returns pertaining to the business, for which this liquor license is requested, and also any books, records and returns during the year in which any liquor license is in effect.
- Any change in the licensee's/applicant's licensed premises as defined in this application must be approved by the Bureau in advance.
- All new applicants must apply to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) for its Retail Beverage Alcohol Dealers permit. See the TTB's website at <https://www.ttb.gov/nrc/retail-beverage-alcohol-dealers> for more information.

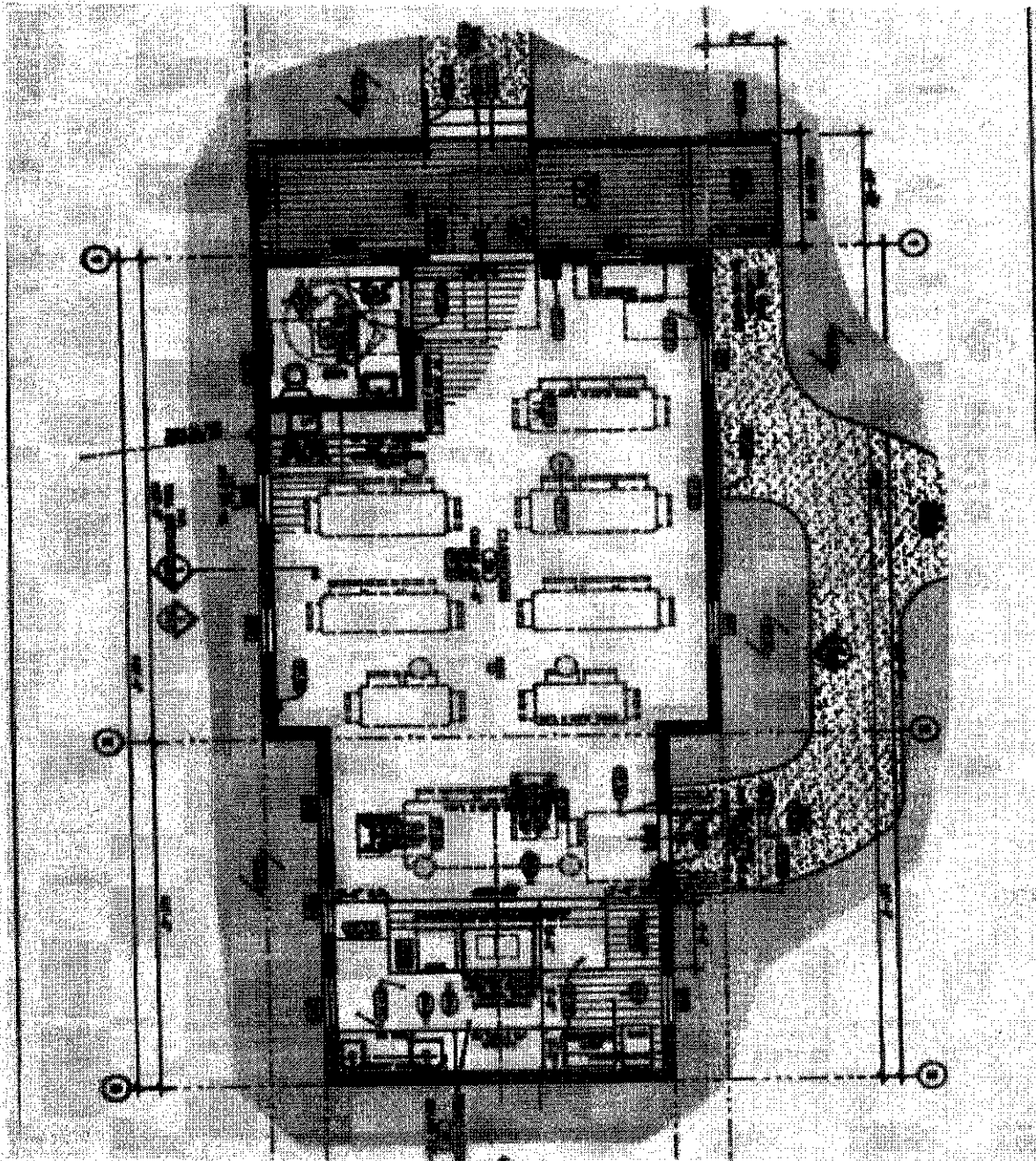
Section V: Fee Schedule

Filing fee required. In addition to the license fees listed below, a filing fee of \$10.00 must be included with all applications.

Please note: For Licensees/Applicants in unorganized territories in Maine, the \$10.00 filing fee must be paid directly to County Treasurer. All applications received by the Bureau from licensees/applicants in unorganized territories must submit proof of payment was made to the County Treasurer together with the application.

Class of License	Type of liquor/Establishments included	Fee
Class I	For the sale of liquor (malt liquor, wine and spirits) This class includes: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Courses; Hotels; Indoor Ice-Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Vessels; Qualified Caterers	\$ 900.00
Class I-A	For the sale of liquor (malt liquor, wine and spirits) This class includes only hotels that do not serve three meals a day.	\$1,100.00
Class II	For the Sale of Spirits Only This class includes: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Courses; Hotels; Indoor Ice-Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; and Vessels.	\$ 550.00
Class III	For the Sale of Wine Only This class includes: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Courses; Hotels; Indoor Ice-Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Restaurants; Vessels; Pool Halls; and Bed and Breakfasts.	\$ 220.00
Class IV	For the Sale of Malt Liquor Only This class includes: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Courses; Hotels; Indoor Ice-Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Restaurants; Taverns; Pool Halls; and Bed and Breakfasts.	\$ 220.00
Class III and IV	For the Sale of Malt Liquor and Wine Only This class includes: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Courses; Hotels; Indoor Ice-Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Restaurants; Vessels; Pool Halls; and Bed and Breakfasts.	\$ 440.00
Class V	For the sale of liquor (malt liquor, wine and spirits) This class includes only a Club without catering privileges.	\$ 495.00
Class X	For the sale of liquor (malt liquor, wine and spirits) This class includes only a Class A Lounge	\$2,200.00
Class XI	For the sale of liquor (malt liquor, wine and spirits) This class includes only a Restaurant Lounge	\$1,500.00

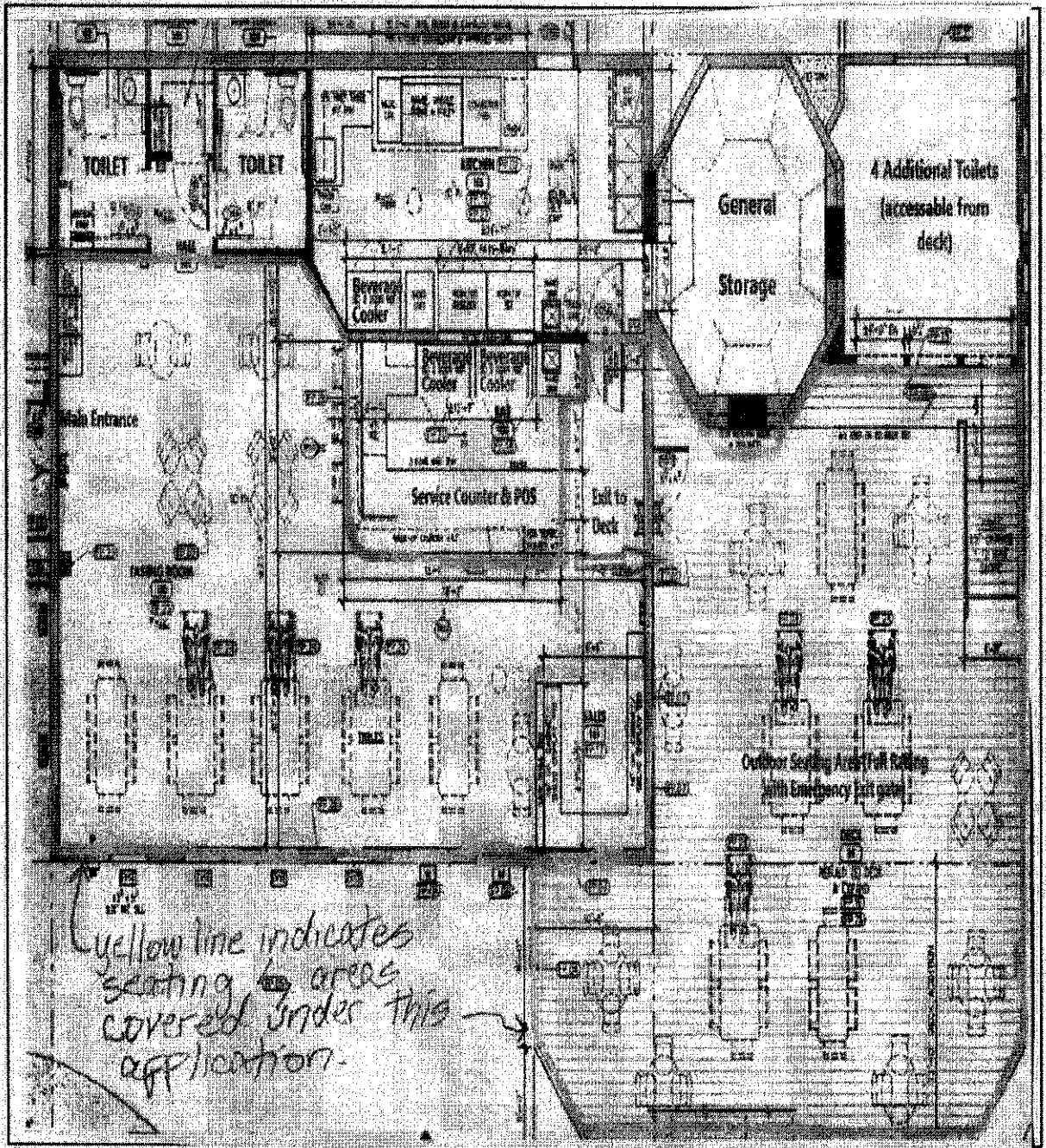
Classroom



Section VI Premises Floor Plan

In an effort to clearly define your license premise and the areas that consumption and storage of liquor authorized by your license type is allowed, the Bureau requires all applications to include a diagram of the premise to be licensed.

Diagrams should be submitted on this form and should be as accurate as possible. Be sure to label the following areas: entrances, office area, coolers, storage areas, display cases, shelves, restroom, point of sale area, area for on-premise consumption, dining rooms, event/function rooms, lounges, outside area/decks or any other areas on the premise that you are requesting approval. Attached an additional page as needed to fully describe the premise.



Section VII: Required Additional Information for a Licensee/Applicant for an On-Premises Liquor License Who are Legal Business Entities

Questions 1 to 4 of this part of the application must match information in Section I of the application above and match the information on file with the Maine Secretary of State's office. If you have questions regarding your legal entity name or DBA, please call the Secretary of State's office at (207) 624-7752.

All Questions Must Be Answered Completely. Please print legibly.

1. Exact legal name: Maine Tasting Center
2. Doing Business As, if any: _____
3. Date of filing with Secretary of State: 06/05/2020 State in which you are formed: Maine
4. If not a Maine business entity, date on which you were authorized to transact business in the State of Maine:

5. List the name and addresses for previous 5 years, birth dates, titles of officers, directors, managers, members or partners and the percentage ownership any person listed: (attached additional pages as needed)

Name	Address (5 Years)	Date of Birth	Title	Percentage of Ownership
Andrew Gross	53 Church St, Damariscotta, ME	12/29/1956	President	45.0000
	13336 Elliott Dr, Clarksville, MD			
Elizabeth Gross	53 Church St, Damariscotta, ME	05/16/1957	Food Director	45.0000
	13336 Elliott Dr, Clarksville, MD			
Sara Gross	87 West Hill Rd, Gardiner, ME	07/20/1991	Gen Manager	10.0000
	2414 Devonshire, Lansing, MI			

(Ownership in non-publicly traded companies must add up to 100%.)

CLOSE

Comments:

DocuSigned by:
Signed: Bruce Mullins Dated: 2/9/2023 | 11:35 EST
4F4F1178A104F1

Wiscasset Police:
No Concerns

Comments:
DocuSigned by:
Signed: Chief Hesselhine Dated: 2/9/2023 | 12:28 EST
1326245FC83F4111

Planning Department:

Comments:
Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Fire Department:
No concerns

Comments:
DocuSigned by:
Signed: Robert Bickford Dated: 2/13/2023 | 11:19 EST
F741189C0F12A481

EMS Department:
No Issues

Comments:
DocuSigned by:
Signed: Chief Erin Bran Dated: 2/9/2023 | 16:25 EST
271C0F4093B1154211

Waste Water: ~~My approval contingent upon him paying his \$3,488.40 Impact Fee from 11~~

Comments:
DocuSigned by:
Signed: Rob Lalli Dated: 2/9/2023 | 11:26 EST
231F2182F71157A131

Public Hearing Scheduled:

Advertisement in local publication:
Date of public hearing: 3/7/2023 Date public hearing posted: _____

License Approved: _____ Dated: _____

Revised 2/1/2021

CLOSE

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Dennis L Simmons

From: Kirsten Hebert <kirstenh@mainerwa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:47 AM
To: manager@wiscasset.org
Subject: talking points for Wiscasset Water District re authority to provide sewer services

Good Morning, Dennis,

Chris noted that you may like to have some talking points to share with the Selectboard re: upcoming discussions about requesting the Water District include the phrase "authority to provide sewer services" included in their impending charter change. I offer the following:

The Wiscasset Water District, as part of a regional water council, is working with neighboring utilities to prepare for future growth, climate adaptation and preservation of the public drinking water supply. As such, the Water District will be submitting a charter change to the Maine Legislature.

The Town of Wiscasset is in a unique position to request of the Water District an amendment to their charter to authorize the right to provide sewer and sanitation services. While this does not mean that the Water District would then take over the Wiscasset Sewer Department, it would, however, provide the Town with options. These options include the right to contract with the District for various services, the authority for the Water District to own/operate the assets of the Sewer Department (after successful passage at local referendum), or any combination thereof. But, without the inclusion of the authority "to provide sewer services", our window of opportunity to work with the Water District remains closed and we have no options other than to continue the course we are on; sole ownership and responsibility of the Sewer Department.

I encourage this Council to strongly consider authorization of "sewer services" for the Wiscasset Water District. With this language included in their charter, real conversations and options present themselves for our collective success.

If there is anything that I can do to be of help, Dennis, please let me know - feel free to massage this language any way you feel necessary.

Thank you,
Kirsten Hebert
Director
Maine Rural Water Association
c. 207 841 8920
P. 207 737 4092
f. 207 737 7150



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Dennis L Simmons

From: Rob Lalli <wwtp@wiscasset.org>
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 1:53 PM
To: 'Dennis L Simmons'
Subject: Jones Abatement Request
Attachments: JonesAbate.pdf

Dennis: I have received an abatement request from David Jones for his property at 28, Flood Avenue, Wiscasset. His consumption of 5,900 cu. ft. during December 2022 was unusually high. The home is unoccupied most of the year, with guests staying there for about a week in the summer and a week or so around the holidays. Mr. Jones did have a problem last summer when guests visited and he had a high consumption of 5,000 cu. ft. He had all toilets in the house and flappers replaced after that high bill (which he paid). He also had the Water District remove the water meter and had it checked for correct function and calibration (it was found to be accurate). Mr. Jones then had a plumber come out and check for leaks. None were found, nor were there any puddles, water in the basement/water stains on walls or ceilings, or mushy grass in the yard.

His request for an abatement is for the December 2022 bill of 5,900 gallons (\$858.40). When guests stayed for about a week during that billing period, the consumption went way up (see usage chart for December). After receiving the bill, he went to the property and found no signs of any leaks or running toilets, or mushy ground outside. He admits in his request form that he is unsure why the consumption would be so high.

It is still unclear that the water actually leaked somewhere and didn't actually pass into the sewer. On the usage chart, I find it unusual that there are no variations in daily usage (as you would have higher use on days when a washing machine or a dishwasher is in use). Usage pops up the day guests arrive and plummets back to near zero when they depart. With no evidence of leakage found and provided to me in this request, I must recommend against granting this abatement.

I sympathize with Mr. Jones, however I told him I believe the problem still exists and that he is likely to have this phenomena occur the next time guests visit the home. I do not recommend this abatement. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
Rob Lalli, Superintendent
Wiscasset Sewer Department

Town of Wiscasset

General Sewer Abatement Request

Instructions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. Fill in all blanks, attach additional paperwork as necessary. This form is for the application of general abatements only. General abatements are only considered for Pool Fill-ups, Meter errors and Leaks, or Miscellaneous billing issues. For Second Meter/Outdoor Water Use abatements please use the Seasonal Outdoor Water Use Abatement Request Form. Any petition for abatement must be filed in writing to the Town of Wiscasset within 30 days of the date reflected in the "billing date" section from the front of the usage bill. The filing of this form does not guarantee that your abatement will be granted. The filing of this form does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to pay the sewer usage bill in full by the due date specified. Abatements will be considered by the Town of Wiscasset on a case-by-case basis. Approved abatements will be reflected as an account credit in the next billing period. Return to: Wiscasset Wastewater Treatment Plant - 51 Bath Road-Wiscasset, Maine 04578

Subpart A - Account & Property Information

28 FLOOD AVENUE 6 72
 Service Street Address # of Bedrooms Account #

JONES DAVID
 Last Name or Business Name First Name

207-650-3455 DAVID@FOBAILEY.COM
 Contact Phone Contact email

12/27/22 837.80
 Date of contested bill Amount owed on contested bill

Your account must be in good standing for an abatement request to be considered. Please check the appropriate box to confirm that all past due amounts have been paid or enclose payment for past due amounts.

All past due amounts owed have been paid and this account is in good standing.

A payment is enclosed to bring the account into good standing. Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Subpart B - Reason For Abatement Request

Please check one. For second meter/outdoor water use abatements please use the Seasonal Outdoor Water Use abatement form.

	Enter date of	Dates
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Pool Abatement For abatements of one-time pool fill-ups. This adjustment is for permanently installed in-ground or above ground pools only. This does not apply to temporary pools or seasonal refilling or topping off. Please attach a photo of the pool and provide pool dimensions in Subpart C. Attach copies of receipts for new pool, pool liner replacement, or leak service.	pool fill box B1	B1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Leak and Meter Abatement For abatements of water volumes caused by leaks that were not discharged to the sewer, leak or meter. This includes leaks on outdoor water pipes or on pipes prior to plumbing fixtures. This does not include leaking toilet valves or faucets. Attach documentation from water department and describe the reason for the abatement including any calculations in Subpart E.	leak or meter In box B2	B2
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Miscellaneous One-Time Abatement For all other one-time abatements and billing adjustments. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis and any adjustment granted will be based on the circumstances described by the customer and by review of historical usage data. Describe the reason for the abatement including any calculations in Subpart D.	abatement In box B3	B3

Service No: _____

Subpart C - Pool Abatement Calculation

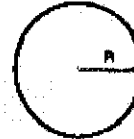
This section to be completed only by customers requesting an abatement for the fill up of a new pool, or the refilling of an existing pool due to liner replacement or leak repair.

Enter dimensions for your pool and attach a photo. For other pool shapes, please describe in detail in Subpart D and attach a photo.



Square / Rectangle Pool

Length (A) _____ Feet
Width (B) _____ Feet



Circular Pool

Radius (R) _____ Feet

Pool Volume - Determine the Pool Volume based on the calculations provided

Depth - Shallow End _____ Feet Square or Rectangular Pool Volume _____ CF
 Average Depth x Length x Width

Depth Deep End (if applicable) _____ Feet

Average Depth: _____ Feet Circular Pool Volume _____ CF
 Average Depth x Radius x Radius x 3.14

Subpart D - Abatement Description for Meter and Miscellaneous Issues

Please provide a written statement describing why you believe an abatement is owed on this account. If necessary, attach a written letter and associated documents. Please provide all calculations used to determine the amount of your request.

HOME HAS BEEN UNOCCUPIED WITH VERY MINIMAL USE. ALL TOILETS ARE TURNED OFF COMPLETELY. NOT SURE WHY THIS USAGE EXISTS HOWEVER NO CHANGE OF SEWER BEING USED

The undersigned certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that the information as contained herein is true and correct.

Sign Here

Signature

David Jones
David Jones

Date:

1/24/22

Printed name:

Do not write below this line

Wastewater Treat Superintendent recommendation

Meets the criteria for abatement _____

Does not meet the criteria for abatement

Robert T. Zalli

2/15/2023

Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Signature

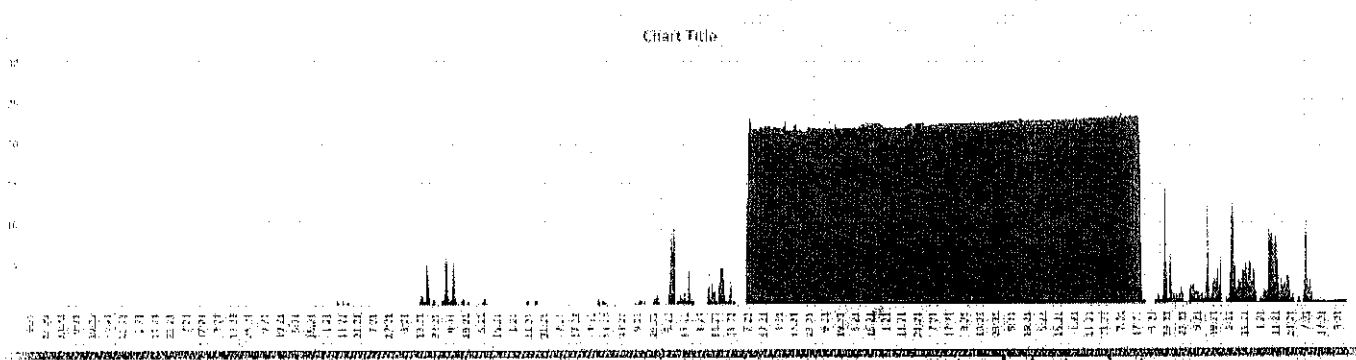
Date

Approval

Application approved by: _____

On date: _____

CHART OF DECEMBER 2022 USAGE



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

AIR TEMPS
 12/21 = 31°
 12/22 = 02
 12/23 = 46
 12/24 = 16°
 12/25 = 10
 12/26 = 18
 12/27 = 28
 12/28 = 25
 12/29 = 29°
 12/30 = 31°
 12/31 = 46°

Ten Days
 over the
Christmas
 Holiday