

Minutes of the
Algonquin Village Special Liquor Commission Hearing
held in Village Board Room on March 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Liquor Commissioner John Schmitt opened the meeting at 7:15 PM. A roll call by Village Clerk Jerry Kautz showed the following commissioners were present: Debby Sosine, John Spella, Janis Jasper, Jerrold Glogowski, Laura Brehmer, Jim Steigert.

Staff in Attendance: Assistant Village Manager Mike Kumbera, Police Chief John Bucci, and Village Attorney Kelly Cahill.

For Alleged Violations of Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, of the Algonquin Municipal Code and applicable sections of the Illinois Compiled Statutes Selling/Serving Alcohol to Minors

(Please Note: A Court Reporter was present to take verbatim minutes)

1. Algonquin Commons Co. d/b/a Bull Dog Ale House - 1520 S Randall Road, Algonquin

Algonquin Commons Co. was issued a liquor license by the Village of Algonquin for the fiscal year 2017/2018. Algonquin Commons Co. operates a restaurant known as Bull Dog Ale House at 1520 South Randall Road, Algonquin, Illinois. Bull Dog Ale House is owned by Algonquin Commons Co. and is authorized to conduct business in the State of Illinois.

On February 21, 2018, at its licensee's premises 1520 South Randall Road, Algonquin, Illinois, at or about 9:15 p.m. hours, said Licensee, by and through its employee or agent, Taylour A. Felt, sold, furnished, gave or delivered alcoholic liquor, namely: she sold one 12 ounce bottle of Corona brand beer to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years contrary to Sections 33.25 and 33.30 of the Village Code of the Village of Algonquin, Illinois, and Chapter 235, Section 5/6-16 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

The incident referred to herein constitutes good cause to revoke and/or suspend the liquor license of Algonquin Commons Co. at 1520 South Randall Road, Algonquin, Illinois and hold Algonquin Commons Co. responsible for costs of prosecution and payment of a fine according to Section 33.29 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Algonquin.

The commission was not pleased at all to see that this business has only been open for about six months and already has its second violation. The Manager was very apologetic, stating the corporation has high standards and they will strongly emphasize caution in the future. The server in question was immediately fired on the spot.

Commissioner Sosine wants to see an ID scanner used at all the bar registers. The representative for Bull Dog Ale House, Ms. Ockert, stated that this could be a possibility and is working with Chief Bucci to come up with a viable solution. Mr. Schmitt suggested a door man be posted to check all ID's on entering the establishment and to stamp the hands of all those eligible to buy alcoholic drinks. This would take the pressure off the bartenders and servers especially on busy days.

Second offense negotiated plea of guilty: \$2,000 fine plus Administrative Court fees. Suspension of selling liquor for two days April 5 and 6, 2018. Five employees must attend Algonquin Police Department BASSET Training.

2. Colatorti Inc. d/b/a Cucina Bella – 220 S Main Street, Algonquin

Colatorti, Inc. was issued a liquor license by the Village of Algonquin for the fiscal year 2017/2018. Colatorti, Inc. operates a restaurant known as Cucina Bella at 220 South Main Street, Algonquin, Illinois.

On February 21, 2018, at its licensee's premises 220 South Main Street, Algonquin, Illinois, at or about 7:00 p.m. hours, said Licensee, by and through its employee or agent, Patrick C. Bigoness, sold, furnished, gave or delivered alcoholic liquor, namely: he sold one 12-ounce bottle of Miller Lite brand beer to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years contrary to Sections 33.25 and 33.30 of the Village Code of the Village of Algonquin, Illinois, and Chapter 235, Section 5/6-16 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

The Commission members took note that Cucina Bella has been open for a long time with no violations until now. They do not expect this business to be in violation again. The same type of ID scanner was suggested to make sure this does not occur again.

Settlement: \$1,000 fine plus court costs, also three servers must attend Algonquin Police Department BASSET Training

3. 31 Edgewood Inc. d/b/a Algonquin Tobacco & Liquor – 1117 S. Main Street, Algonquin

31 Edgewood Inc. was issued a liquor license by the Village of Algonquin for the fiscal year 2017/2018. 31 Edgewood Inc. operates a retail store that sells packaged liquor, e.g., beer, wine and alcoholic liquor known as Algonquin Tobacco & Liquor at 1117 South Main Street, Algonquin, Illinois 60102. Algonquin Tobacco & Liquor is owned by 31 Edgewood Inc. and is authorized to conduct business in the State of Illinois.

On February 21, 2018, at its licensee's premises 1117 South Main Street, Algonquin, Illinois, at or about 7:40 p.m. hours, said Licensee, by and through its employee or agent, Elizabeth A. Russell, sold, furnished, gave or delivered alcoholic liquor, namely: she sold one six-pack of 12 ounce bottles of Corona brand beer to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years contrary to Sections 33.25 and 33.30 of the Village Code of the Village of Algonquin, Illinois, and Chapter 235, Section 5/6-16 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

The manager explained what precautions he will take in the future to be sure no violations occur. First time offense negotiated plea of guilty: \$1,000 fine plus Administrative Court fees. In addition, two employees must attend Algonquin Police Department BASSET Training.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, Commissioner Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted; _____
Jerry Kautz, Village Clerk