

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL GAS BOARD MEETING  
PATUXENT BUILDING \* MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Taylor at 2:05 PM.

**Members present:** Bernie Taylor (Chair), Charles Down (Vice Chair) Richard Montgomery (Local Plumber) Daniel Garrison (Local Plumber), Daryl Calvano (Health Department) and Mike Sullivan (METCOM)

Department of Land Use and Growth Staff: Larry Eberhard, Zoning Compliance Supervisor, Sandie Greene, Recording Secretary and Sherrie Young, Inspectors Coordinator.

**Guest:** Christy Hollander, Acting Chief Engineer with METCOM, R. Christopher Beaver, Attorney for METCOM, Mr. William Mehaffey and Cortney Cameron of Mehaffey & Associates PC.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Mike Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2017; Bernie Taylor seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.*

*Charles Downs made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 with an amendment to change the METCOM Director's name from John Groeger to George Erichsen. Mr. Charles Down seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Old Business**

**Mr. William Mehaffey's Letter of Concern**

**Attachments:**

1. Mr. Mehaffey's Letter to the Board
2. Review comments from METCOM to Mehaffey & Associates
3. Email from METCOM
4. Memo from Mr. Beaver, Attorney for METCOM

Mr. William Mehaffey and Courtney Cameron of Mehaffey & Associates attended the meeting to discuss concerns in regards to the question of which entity had the final decision in the review and construction of plumbing, whether it is the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Gas Code (PHCC) and the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (METCOM) Design Manual Specifications and Standards for Construction Details.

After hearing William Mehaffey's concerns and METCOM's, Acting Chief Engineer, Christy Hollander, and Christopher Beaver, METCOM Attorney responses the two parties were excused from the meeting. The Board discussed the different options and the decision was made to recommend the following solution to both parties:

When a difference occurs between the PHCC and the METCOM Design Manual the applicant should consult first with METCOM's, Christy Hollander, and Acting Chief Engineer. If after meeting with METCOM the applicant is not satisfied, they can appeal their decision to the St. Mary's County Government Legal Department.

**Discussion**

Senate Bill 140: In the May 10, 2017 meeting the Board discussed sending a letter to George Sparling, County Attorney, regarding the future of the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board. Chairman Taylor is going to send an email to George Sparling, County Attorney asking for clarification on the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board after October 2017.

**Attachment**

1. Senate Bill 140

**New Business**

Department of Land Use Growth Management, Sherrie Young, Inspections Coordinator gave Chairman Taylor the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board Rules and Regulation brochure to bring to the table for discussion. The last update was made in September 2008. Several areas of review were highlighted that need to be addressed.

**Attachment:**

1. Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board Rules and Regulation brochure

**Areas of review:**

1. St. Mary's County Trade Registration Card
2. Reciprocal Licensing
3. Applying for Trade Registration Card
4. Card Letters of good standing and Certificate of Insurance
5. Review the website "Volunteer Boards"
6. Review of the By-Laws
7. A review of all other sections

Each member was given a brochure to review and provide changes at the September 13, 2017 meeting.

The first and immediate correction has been recognized to update the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on the back of the brochure.

**Other Business**

None

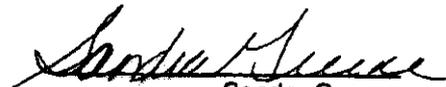
**Adjournment**

*Mr. Daryl Calvano made a motion for adjournment at 3:15 PM. Mr. Mike Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approved: November 15, 2017

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2017 in the Land Use and Growth Management Conference room.

  
Bernard Taylor  
Chairman

  
Sandra Greene  
Recording Secretary