

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL, GAS BOARD MEETING**  
**PATUXENT BUILDING \* FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND**  
**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Taylor at 2:05 p.m. Members present were: Bernie Taylor (Chairman), Charles Downs (Vice Chair), Mike Sullivan (Metcom), Richard Montgomery, Dan Garrison (Local Plumber), and George Thompson (LUGM).

**Approval of Minutes:** *None*

**Old Business**

**1. Amendment 12-18-1 Island Sink Venting**

The Plumbing and Fuel Gas Board must make a request to the St. Mary's County Attorney's office to change the code. The County Attorney will then take the request to the County Commissioners for approval.

**New Business**

**2. Back check valve**

The plumbing code requires a check valve when the plumbing is lower than the street. Apparently, it had not been enforced in the past, but now it is being more heavily enforced. There was a discussion about the potential issues with the valve itself not getting cleaned by homeowners, getting clogged, and/or the valve accidentally getting broken by the equipment plumber's use. Also there was a lengthy discussion about the potential liability issues for Metcom for houses on public water and sewer without a check valve. The Town of Leonardtown does not require a check valve.

*Mr. Taylor made a motion to set forth a petition to amend the back check portion of the plumbing code. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1.*

**Other Business**

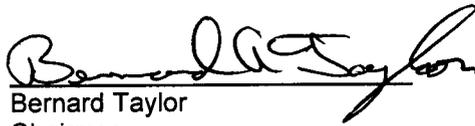
**3. Air admittance valve**

*Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the amendments of E8.1 through E8.6 of the air admittance valve section of the code book. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment**

Mr. Taylor made a motion for adjournment at 3:25 PM. Mr. Sullivan seconded.

Approved: <sup>June 8, 2016</sup>  
~~May 11, 2016~~

  
Bernard Taylor  
Chairman

  
Ashley Renshaw  
Recording Secretary