

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL, GAS BOARD MEETING
PATUXENT BUILDING MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND
Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernie Taylor at 1:10 p.m. Members present were Daryl Calvano, David Shapiro, Dwight Mason, and Mike Sullivan. Members excused were Charles Downs, and Gerald Davis. Adam Knight, Inspections and Jada Stuckert, Recording Secretary were also present.

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 13, 2010 were approved as presented.

Old Business

- **Update on Joint Plumbing Board/COE 2010 Expo**

Ms. Stuckert stated she and Mr. Mason met with the Commission on the Environment on February 3rd to discuss the possibility of combining the COE Forum and Plumbing Expo. Ms. Stuckert reported the COE asked several questions prior to making a motion to combine efforts. Ms. Stuckert provided the Board with a memo dated 3/3/10 from herself to the COE Members which answered their questions.

Ms. Stuckert reported since this date she has learned that the Chef is not available on weekends to cater the event and asked for advice from the Board.

Ms. Stuckert stated the COE was concerned about the space available at the Tech Center. Ms. Stuckert provided the Board with a sample layout of the expo which shows ample room available for 55 or more vendor tables and 8 tables for the caterer whoever that may be. Ms. Stuckert stated we can also utilize the entry way for a check-in booth and the caterer if necessary to free up space for more vendors and public who may attend the expo.

Ms. Stuckert stated she has received the application for the room and will be filling it out for October 2, 2010 with a rain date of October 9, 2010. Ms. Stuckert stated the COE normally holds their forum from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and asked if the Board has a preference on times.

- **Update on Homeowner Letter**

Mr. Knight stated he has not received anything from the State Board. Mr. Knight asked if removing this from the agenda for awhile would be in our best interests. Mr. Knight stated it seems we are waiting on the Assistant Director to have this letter reviewed by the Legal Department. Mr. Knight stated the purpose of the letter would be to remove the standard that allows homeowners to do their own plumbing work. It was the consensus of the Board to remove this item from the agenda for awhile or until it becomes an issue.

Mr. Shapiro stated there are no Manual J Calculations required in this County and asked when we will begin the push for an HVAC Board. Mr. Knight stated while a Manual J may be prudent the County Commissioners - Energy Code with Building Code Board of Appeals is in the process of undertaking the review of the Energy Code. Mr. Knight recommended a sub-committee from this Board help in the review with the Building Code Board of Appeals.

New Business

- **2009 Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code Review of Chapters 1-3**

Ms. Stuckert stated Mr. Downs did not have any issues with Chapters 1-3. Mr. Shapiro stated he noticed on page 14 that the water hammer raster has been eliminated as they say it is no longer effective. Mr. Sullivan stated he noticed on pages 80 and 81 under food handling that changes had been made and asked that Mr. Calvano reviewed this. Mr. Knight noticed the appendices have to be adopted as well. Mr. Calvano stated there is nothing in here that is a conflict at this point. Mr. Sullivan asked if the brand markings required on page 83 are normal. Mr. Mason stated yes this is normally marked on cast iron fittings and pipes. After review it was the consensus of the Board that Chapters 1-3 are acceptable as written.

Chairman Taylor asked that each member review Chapters 4 through 8 for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Sullivan recommended if any hot items come up and we have questions we could email them to Ms. Stuckert to forward to the group for possible answers prior to the next meeting.

- **Additional Information**

Mr. Shapiro invited all the members to a Father's Day outing on June 20th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2010 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the LUGM middle conference room.

Jada Stuckert
Recording Secretary

Approved on open session: April 14, 2010

Bernie Taylor
Chairman