

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL, GAS BOARD MEETING
PATUXENT BUILDING MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND
Wednesday, June 09, 2010**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernard Taylor at 1:02 p.m. Members present were Charles Downs, Daryl Calvano, Dwight Mason, Mike Sullivan, Gerald Davis, and David Shapiro. Others present were Ken Moore, Adam Knight and Jada Stuckert was the Recording Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 14, 2010 were approved as presented.

Old Business

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

Ms. Stuckert stated the Commission on the Environment has requested that she and a few of the Plumbing Board members attend to discuss the upcoming expo. Ms. Stuckert stated she would send out a reminder email with the meeting date and asked that members attend at their convenience.

Ms. Stuckert stated 247 invitations have been sent out as of yesterday morning and she has already started receiving phone calls regarding the 2010 Expo. Ms. Stuckert stated so far 20 emails were returned as undeliverable and 1 declined.

Ms. Stuckert stated she has been working on gathering advertising prices, sign pricing, table cover pricing, and canvas bag pricing. Ms. Stuckert stated if we are interested in purchasing the table cover, sign, or canvas bags we should do so now under the current year's budget. **Mr. Calvano made a motion to allow Ms. Stuckert to spend up to \$500.00 on canvas bags with the County seal on them and Mr. Mason seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.**

Mr. Mason made a motion to allow Ms. Stuckert to order the table cover with "St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel, Gas Board" printed on it and Mr. Downs seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Mason made a motion to allow Ms. Stuckert to order, if not donated, a vinyl sign for the expo and Mr. Calvano seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Stuckert stated Mr. Brad Clements waived the fee for the building use however would be charging us \$360.00 for two building service workers. Ms. Stuckert stated she hopes to split this with the Commission on the Environment. **Mr. Davis made a motion to allow Ms. Stuckert to process the bill through finance and Mr. Mason seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.**

Mr. Calvano asked if Ms. Stuckert has spoken with DPW&T regarding utilizing the electronic sign for advertising the expo. Ms. Stuckert stated she will speak with Mr. Erichson regarding the use of the sign.

Mr. Shapiro suggested contacting Somerville and Nolan to possibly post large signs on their fences for further advertising. Ms. Stuckert stated she would work jointly with these companies and the Department to see what signs are allowed in these areas.

- **2009 Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code Chapters 4-8**

Mr. Knight stated he does not have any major changes for these chapters. Mr. Downs and Mr. Mason agreed stating they did not have any major changes either.

Mr. Knight recommended he write the ordinance incorporating the changes so that we will be closer to having a final document. ***Mr. Shapiro made a motion to allow Mr. Knight to do so and Mr. Davis seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.***

- **2009 Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code Chapters 9-13**
This item was discussed as above.
- **2009 Annual Report**
Ms. Stuckert presented the 2009 Annual Report and asked for additions and/or amendments. Mr. Shapiro asked if we could include heating, cooling, and mechanical under the mission statement. Mr. Knight explained that the mission statement can not be amended with approval by the County Commissioners and that this Board does not deal with these items at this time. After reviewing and amending the report ***Mr. Davis made a motion to allow Mr. Taylor to sign the 2009 Annual Report and have Ms. Stuckert forward the report to the County Commissioners and Mr. Mason seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.***

New Business

- **Forged Licenses**
Mr. Moore stated he had a homeowner come in to inquire about their permit for a wood stove and did not know who their contractor was. Mr. Moore explained the story and asked what should be done about forged licenses. Mr. Davis stated we need to have some type of proof as to who is doing the work versus who is obtaining the permit. Mr. Davis stated maybe we need some type of ID to prove it is a legal company doing the work and pulling the permits.

Mr. Davis stated this is a goal to get the registration forms locked down within the next few months prior to the expo. Mr. Knight recommended advertising that if you register at the expo we will waive the registration fee.

Mr. Moore announced that Maytag is recalling 1.7 million dishwashers sold between February 2006 and April 2010 after receiving reports of fires starting due to electrical problems with the heating element. Mr. Moore provided copies of the recall notice to the members.
- **Membership**
Ms. Stuckert stated the Board's request to allow Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Downs to remain members until new members could be found was declined by the Legal Department. Ms. Stuckert stated unfortunately we will be saying good-bye to Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Downs as of June 30, 2010. Ms. Stuckert asked that the members solicit two additional members in their spare time and have them contact her for the application.
- **Additional Information**
Mr. Taylor informed the Board of his emergency first responders training last week stating he has the DVD and presentation available if anyone wishes to view the information.

Mr. Knight raised an issue where a contractor wanted to fire his Master Electrician and refused to relinquish his permit because he was owed money. Mr. Knight stated the department has always handled these issues however the contractor in this case is a Charles County Electrical Board member. Mr. Knight asked that the Board continue to allow his department to act on this matter per the Policy and Procedures of St. Mary's County. After reviewing the Policy and Procedures of St. Mary's County the Board members agreed with the actions and responses of Mr. Knight and his department.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. Davis in Huntingtown, MD.

Date approved: August 11, 2010

Jada Stuckert
Recording Secretary

Bernard Taylor
Chairman