

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL, GAS BOARD MEETING  
PATUXENT BUILDING MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND  
Wednesday, July 13, 2011**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernard Taylor at 2:05 p.m. Members present were Daryl Calvano, Dwight Mason, and Richard Montgomery. Harry Knight and Jada Stuckert were also present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of June 8, 2011 were approved as presented.

**New Business**

- **Introduction of New Members**

Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Richard Montgomery and welcomed him to the Board. Ms. Stuckert explained that Mr. Donald Johnson was also appointed to the Board however could not attend today's meeting.

**Old Business**

- **Update on Plumbing**

Mr. Knight stated the Legal Department had asked when the State would be adopting the 2009 code and with the answer have signed off on the code. Mr. Knight explained that Mr. Shire would request a date for the first reading in the near future, then the public hearing will be scheduled. Mr. Knight stated he should know by the August meeting when the first reading will be scheduled.

- **Update on Tri-County Forum**

Ms. Stuckert asked for additional direction as to how to proceed with the scheduling of the Tri-County Forum. It was the consensus of the Board to host the meeting in St. Mary's County on a Wednesday afternoon and potential items for discussion should include 1) Homeowners doing their own plumbing work 2) Unlicensed plumbers 3) List of licensed plumbers and 4) Graywater systems permitting and inspections. Ms. Stuckert stated she would inform the Board once the meeting has been successfully scheduled.

- **Update on HVACR**

Mr. Knight stated the County can enter into an agreement to enforce the State Code but can not adopt our own code. Mr. Knight stated new legislative proposals need to be submitted prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> and it was recommended that the County ask for permission to adopt our own code for HVACR. Mr. Knight stated he has submitted the proposal to the Legal Department for review. Mr. Knight explained an agreement with the State would not give the County any interpretation authority whereas if the legislation request passes the County would have the authority to enforce our own code.

- **List of Plumbers**

Mr. Knight provided the Board with a list of Licensed Plumbers that he obtained from MDIA. Ms. Stuckert clarified that the purpose of the list was to mail out the registration forms and ultimately post the list on the County website. The Board agreed. Mr. Knight explained the pros and cons of having a registration fee associated with the registration form. It was the consensus of the Board to not have a registration fee.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Jada Stuckert  
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session: August 10, 2011

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Bernard Taylor  
Chairman