

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL GAS BOARD MEETING
LUGM MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND
Wednesday, January 9, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gerald Davis at 6:17 p.m. Members present were Bernie Taylor, Daryl Calvano, Charles Downs, Dwight Mason, David Shapiro and Mike Sullivan. LUGM staff present was Adam Knight. Others present were Ken Moore of MDIA.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were tabled to the next meeting.

Old Business

Update on Ordinance & By-laws: Mr. Knight stated he received the Deputy County Attorney recommended changes to the Ordinance. Mr. Knight stated there were a few small recommended changes such as using Board of County Commissioners rather than BOCC. Mr. Knight stated he would make the necessary changes and re-submit to the legal department for final review. Mr. Knight stated he would like to take this to public hearing in the middle of February if the Commissioners will give him time. Mr. Knight stated he would send a response letter to the State board concerning their letter asking for information.

Out of Order Discussion: Mr. Knight gave an update of the On The Spot case with Mr. Higgins stating he will check in to the three permits he has not taken care of at this time to make sure there are no problems. Mr. Knight stated the letter was sent out concerning their visit here including the seven items Mr. Higgins needed to take care of. A question was asked regarding the six month probation period. If another complaint comes forward would we proceed to inspections or what? Mr. Knight stated we left it open to hearing each complaint on a case by case basis. If we recommend that someones license be suspended will the State honor it? Mr. Knight stated this is something we need to ask the State.

Rewriting New Plumbing & Fuel Gas Rules & Regulations: Mr. Davis gave an overview of the items already discussed including the establishment of the board, amendment of the by-laws, purpose of the board, jurisdiction of the board, etc. Mr. Knight stated he may need to revise the by-laws because the Commissioners do not need to approve the by-laws; the public information office approves them.

Mr. Davis stated his goal is that once this database is collected homeowners looking for a licensed plumber can go to our website and find the information they need. The board discussed the terms of the members. It was decided to include unless decided by the Board of County Commissioners. The board also discussed disciplinary action. It was decided to utilize the State standards. The board decided they will come back to the testing portion of the rules & regulations.

New Business

Mr. Shapiro asked that the letter going to the State outlining some of the questions we would like answers to include the following questions.

Can they administer the plumbing test and not have us choose the questions or even grade it? It was stated that they do not deal with this anymore PSI who is a private contractor handles this. Does the State have a homeowners exam? Does the State allow a limited license? What is the definition of a limited master plumber license?

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jada Stuckert
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session: March 12, 2008

Gerald Davis
Chairman