

June 13, 2023 Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board (Tuesday, June 13, 2023)

Generated by Betty Nickerson on Monday, July 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM

1. 2:00 PM Call to Order/Roll Call

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to order of the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board

Members present

Bernie Taylor, Chairman

Daniel Garrison, Member

John Fluhart, Member

Heather Moritz, St. Mary's County Health Department Representative, Member

Ed Hogan, MetCom Representative, Member

Members not present

Richard Montgomery, Member

Staff present

Amber Thompson Harding, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management

Approval of January 24, 2023 meeting minutes approved through email correspondence.

1. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Continued discussion of Back Flow Cross Connection Program letter

Discussion: Discussion on private wells and community wells. Heather Moritz stated that the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board should focus on the public water supply and community wells. She also stated it would be very difficult to monitor private wells. Ed Hogan, MetCom member, stated regulations were designed for public systems and that public systems have the means to cut service off if not compliant.

Discussion: How to find a working solution to protect St. Mary's County citizens. Bernie Taylor, Chairman, stated that members need to work on a program that is consistent.

Discussion: How most of the forms for inspections are basically the same for inspections that are existing from other counties in Maryland.

Discussion: Charles County and what their procedures are for monitoring, billing and inspections.

Conclusion: Heather Moritz, St. Mary's County Health Department Representative, member will draft a letter to the St. Mary's County Attorney. The letter will contain research provided from the Plumbing, Fuel and Gas Board members of what other Maryland Counties procedures and processes include. Estimate out how many staff would be required, fee requirements, compliancy of customers, when to test, and what would be the estimated cost associated with such a program for St. Mary's County. Board members to also include in the letter to include why a program is necessary for St. Mary's County.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. No new business

3. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn the Plumbing, Fuel and Gas Advisory Board meeting for June 13, 2023

Meeting Adjourn 2:56 PM

Motion by Ed Hogan second by Heather Moritz

Yea: Bernie Taylor, Daniel Garrison, John Fluhart,