

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: October 25, 2016
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: Curtis Meskus; Dan Walsh; Robert Borden; Richard Leibowitz; Tin Htway; Tony Zahariadis; Jeff Clemons; Christopher Rice; Paul Tacy; Richard Hanks; Dave Jansen

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Tin Htway brought to the Board a code change proposal from Paul J Moriarty to have homeowner pulling their own permits but having contractors do their work be licensed construction supervisors. Board Discussion followed.

Motion was made and seconded for the Board of Directors to bring the topic back to the Associations for comment. Should the board get involved with the BBRs Homeowner Exemption Affidavit and Paul J Moriarty's code change proposal?

September Minutes to be taken up at November meeting.

Treasures report was presented to the board and motion was made to approve, motion seconded, motion passed.

MBCIA participation; Brief discussion regarding MBCIA, no new information available.

ACCA working group, no new information available, no new news regarding new sheet metal code change.

26G; The BBRs voted at the March 2016 meeting to do research to see how 26G was being enforced across the State. The report was supposed to be completed by September. September came and went with out the report. A motion was made to have MFBO President to write letter to BBRs President Crowley to move the 26G study forward. Motion was seconded and passed.

Fire department access roads, BFPR voted to exempt 1 & 2 family homes from the requirement.

Enterprise Fund topic: after being brought to the Associations for review was determined not to be a topic of interest for the MFBO.

Vocational initiative; no report available for this meeting.

Floor Protection; Brief discussion, Dave Jansen to contact Chief Gallagar for additional information regarding possible code change proposal.

New Business

Discussion for Priority list for Commissioner Carlin;

- MGL 195 Training funds
- DPS Funding and Staff
- Sheet Metal conflicts with the building code.
- Building regulations arranged under one governing body.

AAB Position; Discussion regarding 2 building officials names put forward to fill vacancies on the AAB both have asked to have there name removed because of time requirement. Next opportunity for a building official to sit on the AAB Board may be 1 year away.

Discussion regarding letter from SEMBOA President Mendosa regarding his concerns about funding cuts and the future of State funded Building Official education.

9TH edition is believed to be stuck in Funding and Finance with no date for it to come out to go to public comment.

Discussion of sprinkler requirements in the proposed 9th edition.

Federation President Meskus has tended his resignation to take effect at the end of the December BBRs meeting due to increased needs of his family and community. He has offered to stay on as web master for the Federation website.