

**Board Meeting Date: August 23, 2011**

Location: Sturbridge Savings Bank

Attendance: Mike Foley; Michael Mendoza; Thomas Perry; Tim FitzGerald; Dave Jensen; Matt Hakala; Bob Camacho; Curtis Meskus; Paul Tacy; Rick Wakem; Dan Walsh; and Paul Spiro

Called to Order: 9:30am

**Guest:** Thomas Perry

## **NFPA**

Meskus spoke on a study by NFPA regarding staffing for both building and fire departments. Discussion.

**Treasurers Report:** Jensen had not shown. Tacy stated that he is up to date with the info he need to send to Jensen, but will follow up with Jensen to see how thing are going.

**Minutes:** Mendoza stated that he had to update the July Minutes to reflect changes to the Committees and Committees in need of members. Discussion about the BCCC and how often they meet and where.

FitzGerald motion to accept July minutes with the changes

2nd by Foley

All In Favor

## **BFPR NFPA 1**

Foley spoke on the meeting and that the meeting covered NFPA 4 & 5 (deals with design elements). Foley stated that he felt that NFPA should be focused on maintenance not construction. Foley spoke about how Timothy Rodriquez asked him how they can work better with the building officials. The President stated that he would like to see more building officials at the October 6th meeting at Stow; at 9:30am, to attend with Foley. Discussion.

## **Chapter 9**

The President spoke on the status of the Chapter 9 issue. He stated that it is currently in the 485 process and that he would be meeting with the president of AFCAM to discuss communication and how to move forward. He stated that there has been discussion that we should form a small group to meeting each other in September. The President is under the belief that at our September 27th meeting, a representative from Fire would like to attend.

## **BBRS SEAT**

The President brought in Thomas Perry to be interviewed for the position of a representative of a city on the BBRS Board. Meeting opened up with everyone introducing themselves. Once Thomas

Perry introduced himself Meskus started to ask Mr. Perry the list of questions that we had for the candidates. Once done, Mr. Perry was asked to step out until the vote.

Discussion on the Candidates was tabled so that the regular meeting would continue

## **BBRS UPDATE**

The President stated that the next public hearing would be in September.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fund Raising: Spiro submitted a list of places that they wish to contact and he would like to hear about any other places that they could try to contact. Discussion about should they send the letters with an SASE. Discussion. SASE should be sent out with the letters.

Foley motion to accept the list

2nd by Meskus

8 in Favor 1 Opposed (Jensen)

**Legislative:** They will refine the 37 pages of proposed bills into 1 sheet listed in order of importance. The President spoke about 8 pieces of both House and Senate bills which he has made final drafts of our position which should be placed on the website.

We then went over the eight pieces of legislation.

H648 - Meskus questioned the need for the fourth bullet point in our position. Felt that it was already covered in the first bullet point.

H655 – Discussion that the fourth bullet point from H648 should be at the top of not only this position but on all of our position letters. (The bill attempts to write building code through legislation, rather than the hardened process of petitioning the BBRS for amending the code.) All agreed that this is the proper way to do it.

H662 – The fourth bullet point should be used in this position.

S1241 – This does not need the fourth bullet point.

H1558 - Fine as it is written.

H1751 - This does not need the fourth bullet point.

H2406 – Move the first bullet point to the bottom.

Discussion of providing a link to the MFBO site regarding Legislation.

**Public Relations:** Foley stated that he has not much progress on the pamphlet. Tacy talked about his hiring guide (hiring a building official) and would like to get some input from us on it. Tacy will send it out for comments which he hopes to have ready by September 12th. Currently, this is not a Public Document, so one can print these out but you can discuss it outside of this group.

Discussion if we should do a class at the next MMA meeting. Discussion. Camacho and Meskus will look into doing his as a presentation.

### **Home Builders Association**

President spoke about attending the meetings. Camacho stated that he will be at the next meeting to represent building officials and Dorothy Harris (ICC) will be looking into contacting them as well.

### **ICC SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship to the ICC Conference in AZ is due by August 29th.

### **INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

The President spoke about the meeting with the Commissioner of Insurance and who was present. The President stated that the discussion focused on ISO and how we can get more involved in the process. The end result was that the Commissioner of Insurance would arrange a meeting with a representative from ISO, their office and the Building Officials. Discussion.

### **MFBO AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

Tacy was still awaiting a call from the attorney.

### **SHEET METAL BOARD**

Mendoza stated that he was still having trouble contacting his contact on that board. Meskus spoke about Mr. Kelley and their conversation regarding the code.

### **Discussion on the Candidates was Re-Opened**

Discussion re-opened about both candidates. Suggestion that we should hold vote off until the September meeting. Mendoza was in favor of voting now.

Mendoza motion to vote on this today

2nd by Meskus

Discussion.

VOTE: All In Favor of Voting Today

Candidate Vote

President Walsh Abstained from voting.

Candidate Kevin Goggin as our 1st Choice      4 Votes

Candidate Thomas Perry as our 1st Choice      6 Votes

Thomas Perry is our 1st Recommendation

Kevin Goggin is our 2nd Recommendation

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jensen needed a letter from the Secretary for the bank, acknowledging he is our Treasurer.

**Adjourn: 12:07pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mendoza

Secretary