

MFBO Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Date: September 27, 2011
Savings Bank

Location: Sturbridge

Attendance: Mike Foley; Dave Betts; Gary Stubbins; Dan Hellyer; Dave Jensen; Tony Zahariadis; Matt Hakala; Tim FitzGerald; Curtis Meskus; Paul Tacy; Joe Mikielian; Dan Walsh; Paul Spiro

Called to Order: 9:38 a.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Paul Tacy motioned to change previous minutes regarding the initials BFBR to BFPR in all areas where incorrectly referenced.

Paul Tacy motion to accept; Matt Hakala second: Passed

Treasurer's Report: Dave Jensen spoke on the report format and that expenses were not finalized since a final report and cost has not been received from the attorney. Dan Walsh suggested that Dave and Paul Tacy meet to go over the treasurer figures so that they would be all transferred to Dave.

Mike Foley motioned to accept; Curtis Meskus second: Passed

Old Business: Dan Walsh asked for members from our board to try to attend meetings with Mike Foley regarding the BFPR NFPA 1 subcommittee. Dan also stated that we may agree to its use as a "Maintenance Code" and would certainly disagree with it becoming a "Building Code". Joe Mikielian volunteered to attend the meetings at Stowe Fire Academy.

Mike Foley gave an update on the BFBR NFPA subcommittee meeting of September 8. Mike handed out documents and went over them with his comments. Dan Walsh felt the board should talk over the working documents with colleagues and get back to Mike Foley with any input. We should be working toward constructive solutions to what may be of concern to anyone.

Mike stated that the 20 -30 subcommittees of 527 CMR are trying to get pared down to about 7 committees with a building official included in each of these committees. He stated that there was an amendment to SB1244 to include on the Appeals Board a building official from a city or town. Paul Tacy inquired as to the selection process; Mike stated that at this time, it was unknown. Mike is being put on the DFS mailing list for future announcements and dissemination of materials.

Again, Dan made a plea to the presidents of the associations that with these committees, we have to get members of the associations involved.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Tim FitzGerald reported progress. Matt Hakala went over his handouts. He would appreciate any comments to be emailed to him and he will report to the board at next month's meeting. Paul Tacy stated that these bills were on the website.

Code Development: Curtis Meskus stated that the board had moved the proposals forward in the process. Again Dan Walsh wanted all to be mindful of how any proposal will impact our jobs. Mike Foley offered that we should look at the proposals without getting bogged down in minutia and possibly miss something bigger.

Fund Raising: Paul Spiro reported progress and noted that more letters were sent out to prospective partners that were on the approved list.

Public Relations: Mike Foley circulated a brochure for input. Curtis Meskus was placed on the public relations committee and would head up the brochure committee. Paul Tacy spoke on the Hiring Guide and stated that he was still receiving comments on this. Dan Walsh stated that the public relations committee should start thinking about Building Safety Month; incorporating Mike Foley's power-point presentation and build on it among planning other outreach.

Other Business: Dan Walsh spoke on the meeting he had with Fire Marshall Coan, FCAM president Paul Zebecouski, Steve Rourke along with Rick Wakem and Mike Mendoza. They went over SB1251 and SB1244 with its amendment.

Dan Walsh reported on Bob Camacho being requested by NFPA staff to give input on NFPA 5000 in Washington, DC. Curtis Meskus went over basic NFPA process with committees and adoption, etc. Bob Camacho will give more information on this at next month's meeting.

Dan Walsh reported that for full disclosure, his brother works at NFPA in the accounting department.

Curtis Meskus spoke on NFPA 1730. There is a projection of 2014 for this standard on organization and development of code enforcement; plan review, fire investigation and possible education operations for the public. He will continue to follow this.

Dan Walsh stated that he spoke with Secretary Heffernan regarding staffing requirements.

Tim FitzGerald stated that he sent a letter of interest to ICC to become a member of ICC District 6.

Dan Walsh spoke of the BBRS meeting of September 13 and the Model 15 Goal. Curtis Meskus gave an overview of this.... "A filter to all amendments coming through the process". The board wants to get as close to ICC as possible without MA amendments.

Dan Walsh spoke about NARI. Dan Hellyer will be representative to NARI for MFBO.

Dan brought up future meeting dates for 2012. Board agreed to keeping with 4th Friday. There was some discussion on rotating meeting venues.

Curtis Meskus spoke about MMA trade show and the possibility of MFBO having a table set up there.

Curtis Meskus spoke on the training program through DFS for certification as a Fire Prevention Officer.

Next meeting to be held at the same location on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Mike Foley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Joe Mikielian second. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Spiro
Acting Secretary