

**Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board (Tuesday, January 9, 2024)**

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**Meeting called to order at 2:05 PM****Members present**

Bernard Taylor, Chairman

Daniel Garrison, Member

Richard Montgomery, Member

John Fluhart, Member

Ed Hogan, St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (METCOM), Member

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

**Guest Presenters**

Dwayne Cantrell, Water Superintendent, St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

Tom Buckley, Plumbers UA local 5

**Supporting Staff Present**

Amber Thompson, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management

Betty Nickerson, Sr. Administrative Coordinator, Land Use and Growth Management

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Call to Order

Call to Order of the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board at 2:05 PM

**2. ROLL CALL**

A. Roll Call

Roll Call all members present

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Continued discussion on the Back Flow Cross Connection Program letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County

Heather Mortiz, Health Department member would like to start with education to the public before any implementation for a Cross Connection Program for St. Mary's County. Water quality reports for St. Mary's County are available on MDE website. The Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board can look at and analyze the reports. Heather Moritz asked the members where does the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board need to start the process of a Back Flow Cross Connection Program for St. Mary's County? Bernie Taylor, chairman would like to work on an education bulletin. Heather stated there are resources available through the University of Maryland extension services for outreach to do webinars. If the information is provided to them they can do a Wednesday webinar.

Ed Hogan, member stated Metcom has a Cross Connection Program in place. Dwayne Cantrell explained how Metcom's Cross Connection Program works.

John Fluhart, member introduced Tom Buckley should explain what back flows are and what the importance is. Tom Buckley, working in the training facility for the Plumbers UA Local 5. Tom Buckley also worked for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Mr. Buckley gave a Power Point Presentation on Black Flow Cross Contamination.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2021 IRC Building Code

Amber Thompson, Permits Manager, Land Use and Growth Management discussed adoption of the 2021 IBC and IRC in May of 2024.

**5. Adjourn**

A. Adjourn the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board

Motion to adjourn the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board meeting for January 9, 2024.

Motion by Richard Montgomery, second by Ed Hogan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Daniel Garrison, Richard Montgomery, John Fluhart, Bernard Taylor, Ed Hogan, Heather Moritz

**Meeting Adjourn 3:01 PM**