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Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: January 26, 2016

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Curtis Meskus, Dan Walsh, Jeffery Clemons, Robert Borden, Richard Leibowitz, Gary Stubbins, Robert Lanciani, Paul Tacy, Joseph Atchue, Michael Giampietro, Richard Hanks, Tony Zaharciadis, Art Lawler

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes Mike second Duffy November 2015 minutes accepted

Old Business

Curtis mentioned the need to review by-laws about appointing/ electing a new secretary.

Fire service funding discussion regarding letter sent to Matt Carlin and Rob Anderson. Letter asked about training funds from DFS for building official training. No feedback was received from either recipient. Letter was directed to Felix Zimmel for action...board was looking for response in the form of a letter.

Motion, Dan Walsh to seek a written response to letter regarding training funds from commissioner, second Art Lawler
Motion Carried

Follow up on ACCA working group letter to Peter Kelly, MGL 112 ,237 two questions, Separate permits and single family home sheet metal requirements. Updated by Dan Walsh whom read response letter form sheet metal board, Patrick Franey to attend January 28 meeting and report back to board.

BBRS meeting update from Dan Walsh MGL 148, 26G move to 143, MFBO code change proposal...BBRS did not take action. The problem with moving code change proposal forward was complicated by changes in board.

December meeting had no building officials on the board.

2014 study was voted in 2014 but study was never initiated. Study would back up the premise 26G is not being applied across the board.

Discussion about moving MGL's into chapter 9, options;

1. Do nothing
2. Raise question to staff

3. Go to public comment.

Bob Borden suggested bring it to staff.

Dan Walsh believes code change needs to go through the BBRS chairman, and study needs to get done before we go forward and is an important part of the proposal.

Curtis proposed to ask chairman to have study done. Dan sees it as a matter for the commissioner. No Motion

Update AAB SB 1323 out of joint committee on public safety forward to Ways and Means.

DOER solar checklist, Dan Walsh spoke on DOER working group...DOER trying to promulgate a engineered check list for mounting solar panels on residential roofs aimed at reducing the cost of permitting roof mounted solar systems. Curtis to recommend a building official (Tim Fitzgerald) for the solar working group that recommendation to go to Felix Zimmel. Discussion went on about permit fees, changes to the DOER

Solar Group made up of;

- Home Builder
- DPS Staff
- DOER Staff
- Building Official

Discussion on MFBO legislative positions; Dan Walsh suggested we look carefully at what legislative actions we take positions on, suggesting we just look at those Bills that directly effect Building Officials and follow with our MFBO mission.

Legislative committee formed, made up of Dan, Jeff, Bob...Jeff and Bob need intratrack access.

Fund Raising...Gary Stubbins spoke...bottom line, the board needs to get more people involved.

Apparel ... Art Lawler is back helping Paul Tacy with apparel sales. Shirts for Mikey U decided to be given at cost, so that building officials will have at least one shirt identifying them as a building official.

Vocational out reach Mike Giampietro, Mike spoke about a meeting he attended together with Bob Borden and Dan Walsh at the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators. The Administrators were favorable to having building

officials come to vocational schools and speak on the inspection process and the future occupational opportunities for students in the trade.

Vocational outreach committee is made up of Jeff, Fitz, Mike, and Richard

Motion from Dan Walsh, have Mike Giampatro move the vocational initiative forward (to have building officials visit vocational schools and discuss what we do and how it relates to there future). Suggestion was made to have more than one Building official visit the schools at one time.

Second Duffy, Motion carries.

New Business

Update from December 8th BBRS from Dan Walsh public hearing on 9th edition to take place in March. DOER has requested for solar ready roofs for new construction and installations of charging stations for garages for new residential buildings and DOER support for new Stretch Code.

BOCC asked the BBRS Board to drop the technical portion of the commissioner's exam. Board voted in favor and included an educational program at the state level for building officials. Proposal will have to go to public hearing.

Discussion followed...MFBO board is not in favor of removing the technical portion of the commissioners exam and would like to collect more information before going public.

Update continued on BBRS meeting by Dan Walsh centered the makeup of BBRS advisory committees.

Update by Curtis, the 9th edition will have a concurrency period.

New Business

Discussion to have the MFBO take a position to oppose the Stretch Code provisions. President and board to find appropriate language, so we don't look

like we're slinging mud. Subject needs to be looked at more closely and circulated amongst the board for review. Avenue of attack needed.

Recording Device,

Motion to purchase a recording device to record board meetings. Motion made by Richard, motion seconded, motion carried.

Discussion regarding change to the makeup of the Certification Committee to include members of the 4 regional Associations, Four seats on the committee and four at large seats with recommendations for the seats coming from the MFBO.

Update on Metro West seats on board.

Motion to adjourn 11:36 motion carried.

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: February 23, 2016

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd, Charlton MA

Attendance: Curtis Meskus, Dan Walsh, Jeffery Clemons, Robert Borden, Richard Leibowitz, Gary Stubbins, Robert Lanciani, Patrick Franey, Matthew Hakala, Tin Htway, Tony Zahariadis,

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes with minor change. Motion Carried

Old Business

First order of business was to elect a new secretary, as Mr. Mendoza is no longer able to complete his term.

Motion to have Richard Leibowitz take the secretaries position until the next election cycle, Motion Carries.

Leibowitz asked to follow up with Kim Spenser regarding continuing education credits for MFBO participation and to report back at next meeting.

Curtis announced we have eight Board of Directors from each participating association.

ACCA working group discussion, Patrick Franey asked where to go now that we disagree with the sheet metal boards answer to the two questions posed by the MFBO Board. Does the sheet metal board's authority encompass residential 1 & 2 family (R-3) construction, and is a separate permit required for R-3 construction when a building permit has been already been issued. Where do we go now that we have an unfavorable answer from the Sheet Metal board? The MFBO believes the sheet metal board is in conflict with the BBRS? The MBFO discussed the matter, further inquires will be made and the subject will be continued.

Discussion took place regarding the MFBO board's position on the BOCC potential removal of the technical portion of the Commissioners Certification Exam. The MFBO Board is not in favor of removing the technical segment but wishes to reserve public comment until all facts regarding the BOCC's possible actions have been collected.

BBRS meeting update from Dan Walsh MGL 148, 26G move to 143, MFBO code change proposal...BBRS did take action deciding to list the Title of 26G but not the content into the building code.

The 26G study voted on by the BBRS has not taken place; the MFBO board is trying to decide what to do to help facilitate action on 26G.

Discussion on MFBO legislative positions; Dan Walsh suggested we look carefully at what legislative actions we look at, suggesting we just look at those Bills that directly effect Building Officials and match our MFBO mission.

Legislative working group made up of Dan, Jeff and Bob... Discussion took place regarding what Bills we want to take a position on and what we need to do to advocate successfully toward moving those Bills forward i.e. how do we take our support to the next level? Email legislators? Ask Association members to send emails? Focus on 5 or 6 Bills? Remind legislators that there is a system in place, voted in by the legislature, for code change proposals.

HB 2089 sent to study as 2121, An Act relative to enhance fire protection in one and two family buildings. Duffy volunteered to study and reported back.

HB 172 Support amendment to reference the ICC Plumbing Code

HB 1315 An Act relative to the illegal occupation of a building. Motion made to leave Bill on table to see where it goes, motion carried.

HB 2087 An Act relative to appointing procedures for the State Fire Marshal.

HB 3475 An Act relative to fire protection systems, Opposed by MFBO, position paper to be addressed by Jeff.

New Business

Stretch code discussion; Patrick Franey recommended we support IECC in its entirety without amendments except perhaps chapter 1. Doer has 3 energy matters potentially to be acted on by BBRs; solar ready roofs, charging stations in residential garages, and the Stretch code. Topic will be updated at March meeting.

Discussion to give Mikey U attendees a 25\$ credit toward MFBO sponsored clothing.

President Meskus brought up the idea of sending \$100 to BOWM to support Brian Gale's retirement recognition fund. A motion was made by the board and seconded. Motion Carried.

SEMBOA made a contribution to MFBO of \$3940, they have 223 paying members Metro West has 175.

Discussion ensued regarding following through with letter sent to Commissioner Carlin regarding training funding. Motion was made to request Commissioner Carlin attend our March meeting. Motion 2nd and carried.

Mike Giampietro will start his vocational school initiative on April 7th at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School.

Notice that The BBRs is looking into conflicts regarding the pointing authority for Building Inspectors and to whom Building officials actually are obligated to answer to.

Motion to adjourn at 12:08 pm

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: March 22, 2016
200 Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank,

Attendance: Curtis Meskus; Tim FitzGerald; Gary Stubbins; Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; David Jensen, Richard Leibowitz, Tin Htway, , Joseph M Atchue, Art Lawler, Christopher H Rice, Tony Zahariadis, Robert Berger, Michael Mendosa,

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Guests; Matt Carlin, DPS Commissioner
Felix Zimel, DPS
Dottie Harris, ICC

Matt open statement:

Spoke about safety first, having his department easy to work with, readily accessible for those using the system and getting a full days work out of him employees.

Goals; Get 9th edition approved and mentioned working the on sprinkled Town House controversy with DFS. Did not fully elaborate.

Mr. Carlin spoke on pending legislation to have Fire Marshall appointed by Governor. Mentioned riff between DFS and DPS has been fixed saying all new legislation proposed by the DFS will go through Carlin first. He went on to mention there are no conflicts between the DFS and DPS.

MFBO Query's

MFBO mentioned BBRS has pathways open for code change proposals that we fully support as opposed to legislative changes.

We asked about training money for building officials from Insurance companies 195-175, Carlin congratulated Fire services for what they have been able to achieve in the funding arena.

Felix Zimel mentioned Rob Anderson, the new training director, was looking for training topics. It has brought to Mr. Zimel's attention that 195-175 had training provisions for nightclub inspection with moneys allocated for building official training.

It was mentioned, that an important training objective for building officials is the elimination of inconsistent code enforcement across the board. Training to enforce the code evenly across jurisdictions is a primary objective of MFBO.

Another training goal was "Inspector skills courses" to improve custom service and procedural continuity.

Cohasset and North Andover over Fire Departments requiring sprinkler system in building they are not authorized to regulate was mentioned. Mr. Carlin said he had heard about it but did not elaborate.

Dan Walsh spoke on 148, 26G the study that the BBRS approved in 2014 but has yet taken place. Staffing came up in regards to BBRS/State Inspectors being the resource to carry out the study.

The Sheet Metal boards response to our query regarding permits and jurisdiction was brought to Mr. Carlin attention. His reaction centered on the discrepancy of having the regulatory boards for different trades in under different Secretariats.

MFBO board spoke of a follow up letter to Mr. Carlin with hopes of fostering an understanding of goals.

Dottie Harris spoke on ISO and how they are being more open with ICC. Also spoke on ACCA working group's hesitation to take on the Sheet Metal board.

Motion was made to help pay \$50 for a shared table at ACA-New England (Air Conditioning Contractors of America) with ICC at the April 14 meeting to show support and hand out MFBO brochure's. Motion Carries

Minutes Motion to accept February minutes, motion carried.

Treasures Report

Dave Jensen; Available funds 13,492.72, Metro West has made a donation of \$500
Motion to accept report, Motion carried

Old Business

MFBO, 26g initiative seeking intelligence, BBRS may want to pull study off agenda and assign to staff, board voted to hear back from BBRS staff sometimes in November December.

ACCA Working Group followed process but got nowhere with the sheet metal board to address questions to draft letter to DPS stating position and difficulties.

Legislative Positions

HB 2798 Filed by MFBO Bill would allow BBRS to comment on legislative proposals that affect the board... section 94 of 143, Gone to study

HB 3475 Wants to move 780 CMR chapters 4,9 and 34 to Fire code...MFBO opposes this bill, no action taken by legislature at this time. Motion was made to send draft letter opposing bill to legislature,

Discussion to send MFBO positions to Association Presidents with links to legislative sponsors for constituents comments and support.

HB 1315 has extension order until May 2nd.

HB 173 Legislation to regulate medical piping. Opposed by MFBO because it doesn't recognize the International Plumbing code.

Energy Code

Discussion, Stretch Code provisions draft testimony... no public hearing scheduled; MFBO position...DOER is over reaching, the building code is a minimum standard. Electrical vehicle charging station should be in the electrical code not the building code. Motion was made to have Patrick and Curtis finalize a letter regarding DOER stretch and the energy code to the BBRs.

Funding

No news from funding committee but funding is available for grant writing educational workshop voted by the board.

Selling of MFBO Apparel

May 11 & 12 Mike-U SEMBOA training...\$25 credit for attendees to purchase apparel-no cash value

Robert Berger spoke on possible 5 day IRC plan review training in Sturbridge for around \$800

Dottie spoke on building safety month, and ICC CEO region 6 tour on Monday August 8th.

Motion to adjourn 12:15

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: April 26, 2016
200 Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank,

Attendance: Curtis Meskus; Tim FitzGerald; Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; David Jensen, Richard Leibowitz, Art Lawler, Christopher H Rice, Tony Zahariadis, Matthew Halaka, Robert Lanciani, Michael Giampietro, John Coutune, Paul Tacy

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes, Motion to accept, Motion passed

ACCA report: Discussion regarding sheet metal board's answer to the 2 (Two) questions asked by MFBO regarding permits and jurisdiction over single family residences. MFBO letter sent to interested parties summarizing a non-favorable response by Sheet Metal boards lawyer. No communication between the ACCA working group has held this month.

MFBO Code Change proposals were discussed and the status of the 26g study approved by the BBRs but hasn't been acted upon.

John Coutune BBRs representative from a Town spoke on BBRs procedures for putting items in front of the BBRs board. Jon mentioned the lack of personnel currently employed by the BBRs.

Motion was made to forward 26G study information to John Coutune and for him to work with Dan Walsh to determine why the study has not been completed and move it forward. Motion carried.

Energy Conservation; The DOER study group hasn't has their first meeting. 2015 IECC not amended. MFBO president to speak at public hearing regarding DOER proposals i.e. charging station for single-family garages and solar ready roofs. Proposals are not a minimum standard and not directly connected to building safety.

Board member spoke for accepting Chapter 11 unchanged and allow CSL's to be approved to do blower door testing.

Apparel at Mike-U: There will be two tables at Mike-U one to sell stock on hand and the other to take orders from \$25 vouchers. Call for volunteers to man tables and sell 50/50 raffle tickets.

Motion was made to rescind "sales at cost" for Mike-U, motion seconded and carried. All sales at Mike-U are final, no changes, no refunds

Vocational School Initiative: Updated by Mike Giampietro, first exposure to students was positive some changes to power point presentation were suggested by Vocational staff such as web links to BBRS and the building code. Brochures were printed up and deliver to MFBO meeting to be possible handed-out at Voc. School presentations.

BBRS meeting updated: Insulation up-grades were rescinded, update of new employment reporting form to be signed by appointing authority. Under-floor protection was discussed due to possible change to R501.3. CSL Exam Transition Committee members were announced. BBRS board voted to sprinkle 3 family dwellings. Public hearing for the 9th edition most likely to take place in June of this year.

New Business: Follow up letter to commissioner Carlin's March visit was discussed. Proposal to soften content and send out to board members for comment and edits was approved.

Legislative committee report, Jeff put together email with links to inform building officials of pending legislation. Discussion on how often to send out informational effort First informational effort could be House Bill 3475.

Motion was made to support Jeff in his effort to keep building officials informed of pending legislation so that building officials can contact there legislators to help influence the decision making process. Motion carried

Discussion regarding BCCC agenda, Fire Department access roads and lack of advertising of BCCC meetings.

Tom Perry is retiring from the BBRS board of directors. The MFBO board is looking for resumes for a potential replacement to be recommended by this board to the appointing authority. Candidate interviews are to take place at our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn 11:45

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: May 24, 2016
200 Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank,

Attendance: **Curtis Meskus;** Tim FitzGerald; Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; David Jensen, Richard Leibowitz, Joseph M Atchue, Christopher H Rice, Tony Zahariadis, , Robert Lanciani, Michael Giampietro, Chis McWhite, Paul Tacy, Tim Htway, Richard Hanks,

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes, Motion to accept, Motion passed

The board scheduled 5 interviews for possible recommendation to serve on the BBRS Board as a representative from a City.

The five candidates were;

- Brian Rowan
- Steve Fredrickson
- Kathy Nugent
- Ranjit Singanayagam
- Robert Lanciani

Ranjit Singanayagam was unable to attend.

The board discussed this question; does the BBRS member from a City have to be a "Building Commissioner" or can a local inspector serve on the BBRS board?

After interviews the board voted on a motion to recommend 3 people to the BBRS. Kathy Nugent as our first choice to serve on the BBRS board of Directors, Robert Lanciani as the second choice and Steve Fredrickson as the third.

President will write a letter of recommendation to the BBRS to be approved by the Board.

Paul Tacy, Reported on apparel sales, Total sales were \$5606.92 from Mike-U for 2016 profit was \$1289.59 with an added amount of \$525 from 50/50 raffle. 105 Semboa apparel credits were used. The Board thanked Paul Tacy and wife for volunteering to work at the apparel table. Paul Tacy thanked all the volunteers who helped make the apparel sale a success.

ACCA working group report: Patrick reported that letters were sent out explaining the board's position on the reason for not requiring permits for sheet metal work in single-

family dwellings. The only answer came back from Felix Zimel who acknowledged the board's concerns.

Dan Walsh has been appointed by DPS to the sheet metal board as the commissioner's designee. Congratulations Dan

BBRS; The BBRS, at their May meeting, decided to vote in June on the 2015 Energy Code change, Stretch code and amendments.

Energy Conservation; The Board voted to send their letter of recommendations, on the Energy Code, to the BBRS as-is with no changes.

New Business: The Board discussed the ISO rating systems and the ramifications for Cities and Towns.

MFBO President talked about his meeting with the Fire Marshall regarding mending bridges between Building Officials and Fire Services. MFBO President has a meeting on June 14, with Commissioner Carlin. Motion was made to have the Vice President attend that meeting with the President. Motion carried.

Curtis spoke on his communication with the MBCIA vice president regarding their return to active membership within the MFBO. The board welcomes their participation.

Motion to adjourn 12:15

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: July 26, 2016
200 Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank,

Attendance: Curtis Meskus, Matthew Hakala, Patrick Franey; Dan Walsh; Jeffery Clemons; Robert Borden; David Jensen, Richard Leibowitz, Joseph M Atchue, Tony Zahariadis, Robert Lanciani, Michael Giampietro, Paul Tacy, Tim Htway, Richard Hanks

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes, Motion to accept May minutes, Motion passed

Old Business

The Board reviewed the thank you letter to Commissioner Carlin after meeting with our President and Vice President. Discussion ensued to edit letter to ask for a written response/ time line for implementing 175-195 (Funding for building officials training) to be included in FY year 18 Budget. Motion was made asking for a written reply on how he plans to implement the statute for the training of Building Officials. Motion passed. Motion to send letter as amended, Motion carried.

Thank You to Paul Tacy for editing letter.

Treasures report was given by Dave Jensen and handed out to attendees.
Motion to accept report, Motion Carried

Discussion: The MFBO Board's letter of recommendation for a BBRS Board Member from a City be send again to Commissioner Carlin via Felix Zimel for review.

ACCA working group report: Patrick Franey, MFBO's two questions were brought to the attention of Rich Crowley President of BBRS Board. Advice was sought on how to ask the question of the sheet metal board. Various avenues were discussed. Also, It came up that CSL's are tested on ductwork, can they do sheet metal work?

Update on 148-26g even though it was brought to and voted by the BBRS to investigate how it was being enforced, no movement was reported to the board.

DOER checklist update; BBRS voted to prorogate the 2015 IECC with amendments and the Stretch Code. Solar ready roofs and charging stations for residential occupancies were tabled until the 9th edition is prorogated.

Fire Department Access Roads, BFPR apparently but forward to the BCCC a proposal to exempt Fire Access Roads for 1 & 2 family homes.

Update for Vocational School Update...Proposal to transport students to a central location to attend MFBO presentation, nothing definitive at this time.

Web site update, recently updated, new link to the BBRS Official Interpretations introduced.

BBRS meeting update, some discussion regarding single family home sprinkler requirements over 14,400 ft². Manufactured buildings discussion regarding the handling of problems with construction defects. Nothing new regarding floor protection, brief discussion by board.

New Business:

State Representative Steve Hewitt offered to help with MFBO Legislative agenda. Contact information forward to President Meshus.

August 8 ICC Town Hall Forum brought to the attention of the board.

Board discussion on Architects letter asking for support for their position on CMR 521 and ADA, no finding.

Board update on ISO activities, Discussion regarding ISO having to make public records requests.

Legislative, MFBO to look at Bills where we can get positive results and offer solutions not objections.

Discussing on adding Latin saying to our Logo for "Through Unity Strength"

Motion to adjourn 11:06

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: August 23, 2016
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: Curtis Meskus; Tim FitzGerald; Gary Stubbins; Dan Walsh; Robert Borden; Richard Leibowitz; Tin Htway; Joe Atchue; Michael Giampietro; Tony Zahaziadr; Mark Robidoux;

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes: Motion was made to accept July 26th minutes, Motion carried

Welcome back to MFBO board member from MBCIA, Mark Robidoux

Old Business:

ACCA working group to meet with Rich Crowelly, MFBO had a conference call to set up a meeting to discuss ways to approach the sheet metal board regarding on going questions dealing with permits and related sheet metal building code issues.

Next meeting will have in attendance Commissioner Carlin and Felix Zimmel to discuss among other things, 26g proposal that was put before BBRS Board to gather information to determine how 26g is being enforced. No action appears to have been to initiate agreed upon study.

DOER Solar checklist meeting pending according to Felix Zimmel

Fire Department Fire Access Roads.

A&F looking into removing fire access roads from 1&2 family dwellings.

Update on meeting with ICC in Lowell. Open meeting, many State officials in attendance. Open opportunity to make our feeling known on various subjects to both ICC staff and State officials.

Discussion on adoption of the 2015 IECC and concurrency period to start on August 12 and end on January 2, 2017

Nothing new on 2015 IRC and IBC at this time

New Business

Discussion regarding the importance of information supplied by Instatrack, Motion to pay Instatrack bill, Motion Carried,

Go Daddy billed paid for MFBO web site.

Discussion regarding Enterprise funds for building Departments. Is legislation promoting Enterprise funds for building Department something MFBO wants to entertain?
Discussion followed, board consensus to bring the topic before the membership for further input.

Reminder brought forth to renew Corporate status with State of Massachusetts by November of this year. Noted by acting Secretary.

MGL 175 section 95, Question to be put before Commissioner Carlin at next meeting to see what he is doing to get money for Building official training.

Brief discussion regarding continuing education fees for Sate training.

Motion to adjourn at 10:47 Motion seconded.

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: September 27, 2016
Charlton Rd

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200

Attendance: Curtis Meskus; Tim FitzGerald; Dan Walsh; Robert Borden; Richard Leibowitz; Tin Htway; Joe Atchue; Michael Giampietro; Tony Zahaziadr; Mark Robidoux; Jeff Clemons; Matthew Hakala; Robert Lancini; Patrick Franey; Chris McWhite; Robert Camacho; Christopher Rie; Paul Tacy; Richard Hanks;

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Special Guest: DPS Commissioner Matt Carlin and Felix Zimmel

Matt Carlin and Felix Zemel spoke of budget cuts to the DPS amounting to 1.9 million dollars. Mentioned a State wide hiring freeze when asked about the unfilled BBRS Technical Director position.

Felix Zemel spoke on the revision of the manufactured housing program stating the BBRS will not do plan review but pass that off to the third party inspectors. The BBRS will only be doing administrative and technical assistance. Clarifications of program changes are due in a couple of weeks.

Felix spoke to the responsibilities of Local inspectors at times of emergency and of future guidelines forthcoming to define their roll.

Carlin was asked about the appointment to fill the seat of Tom Perry whom is ready to resign from the BBRS board. Steve Frederick's name was put forward. The appointment is being reviewed in the Govern's office.

Carlin was asked about training money from 175/195. It was referred to Rob Anderson for follow through, but at best would not be effective until next fiscal year. Felix Zimmel mentioned they are having trouble coming up with a dollar amount needed for training. It was pointed out that a proper training curriculum should be developed and then funded based on the curriculum's needs. Dan Walsh and Bob Borden will work together to come up with a dollar amount for Commissioner Carlin.

Commissioner Carlin mentioned the need to do better job finding funding sources for inspector training.

Discussion followed asking about training at DFS Stow facility. Carlin reiterated the good working relationship between the DFS and DPS.

Carlin was asked about 26G code change proposal, specifically the survey determining the efficiency of 26G and how it is being applied across the State. Carlin asked about a “constant contact solution.” He suggested more information was needed for practical ways to collect the needed information before it could go forward.

Sheet Metal, Felix attested to making progress defining the rolls between BBRS and the Sheet Metal Board. Discussion ensued regarding conflicts between 780 regulations and Sheet metal board regulations centered on single-family homes.

Our guests were asked about the 9th edition possibly being a blended code. The Secretary of State and the ICC are looking at the possibility; economics appears to be governing the outcome.

Commissioner Carlin ended his visit asking for a list of priorities from the MFBO to be addressed by his office.

The board was unable to ask Commissioner Carlin about:
Building officials not being able to report to the appointing authority.

Education discussion by MFBO Board resulted with;

- Dan asked Bob Borden to work with him to come up with a monetary number for 175/195 to present to Rob Anderson.
- Tim Fitzgerald and Mike Giampietro offered to form an educational committee to look at the educational needs of Building Officials.

Minutes: Motion was made to accept July 26th minutes, Motion carried

Old Business:

ACCA working group, as a next step is looking forward to speaking with Richard Crowelly from the BBRS board regarding sheet metal regulations.

Discussion about 26G and what the MFBO are looking for from the survey, whether it is being enforced across the board or not, the information to be used to bolster change in legislation to put 26G into the Building Code.

Discussion regarding licensing of garage doors and swimming pools ensued after being taken up by the BBRS.

Motion to support, with MFBO funds Bob Camacho’s talk to the NFPA Annual Convention in Boston, Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn 11:52 Motion carried.

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.

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Date: November 22, 2016

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd, Charlton Massachusetts

Attendance: **Curtis Meskus;** Tim FitzGerald; Dan Walsh; Robert Borden; Richard Leibowitz; Tin Htway; Richard Hanks; Michael Giampietro; Jeff Clemons; Paul Tacy; Patrick Franey;

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes: Motion was made to accept September 27th minutes, Motion **Carried**
Motion was made to accept October 25th minutes, Motion **Carried**

Treasures Report was accepted.

MFBO accepted a contribution from SEMBA for \$3820.00

Old Business:

The ACCA working group, made up of two groups, one of inspectors and the other of HVAC contractors. The group put together a list of proposed inspection areas known as “Best Practices Checklist”. The hope is to standardize inspection procedures. Discussion, heat loss calculation vs. Manual J

Motion to have the “Best Practices Checklist Document” once it is finalized by the ACCA working group, forwarded electronically to the MFBO Board for review and comment. Once the final copy has been accepted by the board the document is to be sent to the BBRs, and published on the MFBO website. **Motion carried.**

Discussion;

26G letter sent to BBRs president Rich Crowley asking again to follow through with the 26G study requested by the MFBO to collect data on how 26G is being enforced throughout the State. That letter was passed on to Felix Zemel whom called the MFBO president and stated; DPS does not take direction from the BBRs and will not do the 26G research study.

As stated by an MFBO Board member, the request for insurance funding from 195 lay’s out the Department of Public Safety as the agency that supports the BBRs “by statute” conflicting Mr. Zemel’s statement. Special emphasis was put on getting the MFBO Board before the Executive Office of Public Safety to reiterate the Building Officials positions on 195/175, the 26G study and the lack of representation on the BBRs Board.

Public Relations;

The next Vocation outreach to students will be on December 15 in Canton at Blue Hill Regional Vocational High School.

Discussion;

- DOER Solar checklist
- Homeowner Exemption Form; associations voted to have the MFBO board take up Paul Moriarty's code change proposal requiring "Anyone who contracts to perform work for a homeowner under section 110.5.1.3.1, (Homeowner exception) on or after January 1 2018, shall be licensed as a Construction Supervisor and shall notify in writing the appropriate Building Department of such role".
- Appointing Authority questioner sent out by Kim Spenser.
- Floor Protection

Discussion;

Resignation of the MFBO President Curtis Meskus and the transfer of power to a new President

Amend October minutes to change the date of President Meskus's resignation to the end of the MFBO meeting in December.

Members believe there is some urgency to elect a new President to move forward with the MFBO educational (195) agenda in front of the executive office due to apparent staffing confusion at DPS

Motion to elect Bob Borden as President when the current President steps down, and seconded.

Discussion; regarding re-election procedures ensued, complicated by the vice presidents' retirement from active service but waiting to be reappointed to another Town.

Motion to table the elect Bob Borden as President seconded and approved.

Motion to elect a new President at December's meeting on the 27th seconded and approved.

Discussion;

Motion to send proposed MGL 195 of Chapter 175 response, dated November 2, to Mr. Zemel. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business:

Discussion;

Regarding the possibility of hiring an executive director with ramification, duties, salary, and scope of the position. Exploring the possibility of having someone come in and speak to the advantages and disadvantages for such a move.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 11:25 seconded and approved.

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 27, 2016

Location: Southbridge Savings Bank, 200 Charlton Rd

Attendance: Curtis Meskus, Dan Walsh, Jeffery Clemons, Robert Borden, Richard Leibowitz, Paul Tacy, Michael Giampietro, Richard Hanks, Patrick Franey, Matthew Hakala,

Called to Order: 9:30 AM

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes November 22nd 2015 minutes, Motion Carries

Old Business

Report from ACCA working group. Working group needs new appointees due to attrition. Question posed to members to fill vacancies or should the working group be dissolved? Question: is the working group of any value? Discussion ensued about how to go forward. Ask presidents to ask their membership for volunteers.

Discussion; Staffing movement at the BBRS appears to be disrupting MFBO's attempt to move the 26G study forward. Chairman Crowley said he would put back on the agenda in February.

No news regarding solar checklist.

A code change proposal was brought to the board to have contractors working under a home owner exception be CSL's. This was brought to the membership but after discussion the subject was tabled until the next meeting.

A report of the meeting with a two board members and Rob Anderson to discuss Building inspector training/academy took place, some movement was reported to have trainings twice a year, one class to prepare and educate incoming Local Inspectors, and another for Inspector of Buildings was discussed. A possibility was presented that the technical exam portion of the commissioners exam would be removed and replaced with the fore mentioned training.

Motion was made to *oppose* the removal of the technical portion of the Commissioners exam and have a Massachusetts specific training for Building

Officials, this motion to be expressed to the BBRS at the public hearing for the 9th edition. **Motion Carries**

Update on the Vocational School initiative, call for pictures of field observations while doing inspections. Also call for a Vocational graduate to talk to students at MFBO presentations.

BBRS Update:

A coalition of Home Builders, General Contractors, Building officials, Architects, Engineers, had sponsored House Bill 2843 to oppose the continued propagation local adaption Stretch Codes. At a meeting in Boston Commissioner Matt Moran communicated that the executive office is opposed to the bill moving forward because they didn't want to legislate away executive authority.

New business

Discussion; 143 section 3; *the building official will report directly to the pointing authority and be solely responsible to that appointing authority.* Will MFBO take a position to reinforce 143 section 3? After discussion a **Motion** was made and seconded to write a supporting letter to BBRS Chairman Richard Crowley reaffirming the independence of the building official in support of 143 section 3. Draft letter to be brought back to the board for approval. Motion Carried.

Discussion from the BBRS meeting; On-line CSL continuing education credits and the problems encountered. CSL testing not to change to 2015 materials as previously reported. CSL testing material will change once 9th edition is propagated.

Curtis Meskus offered to continue to be the web master for the MFBO web page.

Due to the resignation of President Meskus and Vice President Fitzgerald Nominations for the two positions took place at this meeting. Bob Borden was nominated and elected President of the MFBO by unanimous vote. Jeff Clements was nominated and elected as Vice President also by unanimous vote.

Past President Meskus thanked the body for their support and offered his assistance to the new president.

Discussion regarding possible Building official public service announcement's.

President Borden mentioned he would be traveling to the Associations meetings to introduce himself and reach out for increase participation in the MFBO.

Motion to Adjourn and seconded 11:35

