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**Minutes**

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January 23, 2017

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting Called to Order: 9:50**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept November Minutes, Motion passed

Dan Walsh reported on Home Builders Bill 4053 to limit Local Adoption Codes, Bill is moving forward.

MFBO is watching;

- Bill 1371 Building Code Coordinating Committee
- 1722 to prevent local adoption of the Stretch Code
- HB 2481 prevents Local Adoption of Sprinklers
- HB 1275 Takes Alarms out of the building code and into the fire code (not moving)

Question for the board; should the Board be proactive towards representatives filing Bills? Discussion

Richard Hanks, Update of meeting w/Home Builders Association. Discussion; benefits of collaborations with other associations, ACA, Home Builders etc.

Discussion; Campaign finance law, key points, chairman and treasurer can not work for a municipality or receive monies from a municipality. Discussion to of forming a Super PAC.

Motion was made to look into forming a Super PAC, Motion carried

BBRS overview;

- Build Official certification report form, who should be signing the form?
- Manufactured Building Program, BBRS formed a 3 member committee to look into problems, appointed by the chairman
- Open meeting law
- NFPA 241 Construction Safety

Discussion BOCC Building Official Certification Committee,  
3 candidates submitted interest in being a member at large.

Motion was made to put Michael Giampierito name forward as nominee from MFBO for BOCC Member at Large. Motion passed

Discussion; Apparel, Motion to form a committee to research apparel to buy quantities for the two day Semboa training. Motion passed

Discussion; Patrick reported on the actions of the ACA working group and their interactions with the Sheet Metal Board. ACA working group to address sheet metal board with letter to be reviewed/approved by MFBO board members.

President Borden mentioned MBCIA still not participating in MFBO. President Borden reported back to board on his meeting with Commissioner Bostel regarding educational funding and BBRS technical support.

Motion to adjourn 12:06



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February 27, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting Called to Order: 9:48**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept January Minutes, Motion passed

Dan Walsh, BBRs update.

- BBRs formed a manufactured building program study group.
- A code change proposal to have all CS continuing educational credits available on line did not pass.
- Before the BBRs; Tiny houses, 241 fire safety during construction, specialty licenses for swimming pool installers.

Update on House Bills of interest followed by the board;

- HB 1275 to move 143 to 148, gone to study
- HB 2481 fire protection of 1 & 2 family homes a local adoption Bill, out of committee.
- HB 1317 BCCC Legislative process
- HB 1334 window guards
- HB 2498 AAB changes to the makeup of the Board
- HB 4053 to prevent local adoption codes

Report on actions of the Sheet Metal Board; The SM Board voted to look at adopting the IMC but voted not to adopt the 2015. Motion was made by the MFBO Board to ask Association which version of the IMC they enforce, letter from Patrick Franey to go out to Association Presidents. BBRs enforces the 2015 IMC.

Question; Would the Association membership support the forming of a Political Action Committee (PAC) to spend money to influence pending legislation that effects our profession? Will the membership personally finance and support an MFBO PAC?

Discussion; Legal requirements, Section 13 of Chapter 55 regulates the activities of public employees, and prohibits the use of governmental resources for political purposes.

Apparel discussion;

Board to look into 1099K while using pay pal for apparel sales . Report from Kathy Nugent regarding WearGuard. Motion was made to place a \$5000 order for the 2 day training. Motion passed.

Resident Borden Communicated that Commissioner Bostel has included insurance monies for building Official Training in next years budget.

Discussion;

A tentative election date for MFBO board of director officers, vote to take place at April meeting, nominations to take place at March meeting.

Motion to adjourn 11:56

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**Minutes**

March 27, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting Called to Order: 9:40**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept February Minutes as amended,  
Motion passed

**Legislative Agenda Review;**

HB 131 Bill to have metal roofs as part of superstructure.  
HB 1721 & 1722 Local adoption Bill  
HB 1275 143 to 148 Chapter 9  
HB 1317 BCCC  
HB 2812 Swimming pool Builders License  
HB 4053 Prevents BBRS from accepting local adoption  
Senate Bill 1334 Window Guards  
HB 2481 Local Adoption of 1&2 family sprinklers

Discussion; Pool licenses pushed by national swimming pool industry not a local initiative, initiate code change proposal to have Swimming pool licenses as a BBRS specialty license.  
Dave Jenson Treasures Report, Report accepted

Review letter to Sheet Metal Board citing 271 CMR 6.02, International Mechanical Code. No clarification from Sheet Metal Board on which edition Building Officials enforce. Letter to be reviewed by President Borden and sent to Board.

PAC information, General support for forming a PAC to help influence legislation through personal contact with legislators. Do our members want us to be a different entity than what we have been in the past?

Apparel Report, 294 Items ordered for SEMBOA two-day conference. Motion made to order 24 hard hats in excess of previous order, motion carried.

Board discussion, on life safety systems in school.

Board discussion, on lack of access to printed code material.

Nominations of Officers;

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Motion to Adjourn, 12:05 Motion carried







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## Agenda

For: April 24, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library,

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**Minutes:** Motion to accept March 2018 minutes, motion passed

**Guest:** Jeff Putnum, State Chief of Inspections

**Discussion:**

- Re-organization of State inspectors and possible changes to the Milford educational site and the possible effects on building officials educational opportunities.
- **Manufactured Building Program**, Towns/ Inspectors need to reach out to the BBRS and respond to MBP building problems so that they can be addressed.

**Discussion:**

Town of Littleton local inspector denied by the BCCC to take local inspector exams but continues to work as a local inspector and sign off on inspections.

Motion for President Borden to draft letter to BBRS and express the concerns of the Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials of alleged illegal actions by the Littleton Building Commissioner regarded the appointment of an unqualified local inspector. Motion passed.

**Legislative:** The Board is shadowing the following Bills,

- HB 1275
- 1317
- 2481
- 4053
- 2812 Licensing of swimming pool installers

The Board would like to thank Gene Novak, District State Building Inspector, for his help in moving House Bill 2812 forward towards a BBRs specialty license.

**Old Business:**

**An MFBO Political Action Committee;** reports are back from the associations which show tepid support for an MFBO PAC.

Motion was made to have an established Lobbyist come to a MFBO Board meeting and speak to the benefits of forming a Pac and to help us better understand and better communicate our intentions to the membership. Motion Carried

**Apparel:** Kathy Nugent reported for the apparel committee on pricing and the amount and specific kinds of apparel ordered for the 2 day SEMBOA sponsored training. SEMBOA will again offer a \$25 credit toward the cost of an apparel item with paid tuition.

Motion was made to buy 3 new credit card scanners for apparel sales. Motion passed

**New Business:**

**Voting of Officers: Proposed;**

- **President**                      **Robert Borden**
- **Vise President**            **Tony Zahariadis**
- **Treasurer**                    **Dave Jensen**
- **Secretary**                    **Richard Leibowitz**

Motion was made to accept officers as proposed. Motion seconded, Motion carried.

**Discussion:**

Continuing education credits awarded for attending MFBO meeting.

Motion was made to ask the BBRs to award 3 credit hours for attending an MFBO meeting, Motion seconded and carried.

The board discussed the qualifications for a Local Inspector to become a Building Commissioner.

Motion to adjourn, 12:00 pm

Motion Carried.



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## Minutes

For: May 22, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting called to order: 9:40**

**Minutes:**

April 24, 2018, Motion to accept minutes as amended, Motion passed.

**New Member;**

Patty Sheehan, Shrewsbury Building Commissioner representing Metro West, welcomed to the MFBO Board of directors.

**Discussion and Report;**

MFBO apparel report from the 2-day training sponsored by SEMBOA. Apparel and 50/50 raffle were successful. Discussion about vender W9 forms requested my municipalities and the future of online apparel ordering

**Old Business:**

- Updates on Local Adoption Legislation
- Update discussion on Pool installation licensure

Review letter to BBRS chairman Couture regarding Littleton Building Commissioners appointment of a person who has repeatedly been denied by the BOCC to take the Local Inspector Exams, but continues to do inspections and sign off on Certificate of Occupancy's. Motion to send letter to BBRS President Couture, motion passed.

## **New Business:**

### **Discussion;**

Energy Score Card Legislation HB 4371,

- How will this legislation affect Building Officials?
- Should we support this legislation?

### **Report;**

President Borden's meeting with Commissioner Bostel.

- Training Funds from 175/195 to be a line item in the 2019 State Budget
- Staffing question of BBRS personnel in Boston
- Sheet Metal Code and enforcement and interpretation
- Continued access to training at the Milford facility
- Extended invitation to Commissioner Bostel to attend July meeting

### **Discussion;**

Mentoring program for Local Inspectors to become Building Commissioners.

**Discussion;** MFBO to look into Life Time memberships for Board Members.

Motion to adjourn 11:30



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## Minutes

July 24, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting called to order: 9:40**

**Minutes:**

Motion to accept May 22, 2018 minutes, Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Motion to accept Treasurer's report, Motion Passed

Motion was made to nominate Joseph Atchue as new Treasurer to take effect after transition with Dave Janson, Motion Passes

**Meeting with Commissioner Borstel Department of Safety and Inspections.**

- Reason for State Building Officials Offices move to 1000 Washington Street Boston.
- Discussion of support for Municipal Building Officials.
- Discussion of the Manufactured Building Program and Third party inspections
- Building Official training and 175, 195 insurance funds, part of next years budget.

Letter of interpretation of 175, 195 to be sent to Insurance Commissioner to foster understanding of the educational needs of Building Officials

**Board Discussion** on who has authority over CMR 241 Fire Department or Building Department.

**Board Discussion** on the Sheet Metal Board selecting an edition of the I Codes

**Discussion**, On CEU credits for attending MFBO board meetings. President Borden to write to the BOCC and ask for an increase of CEU hours for MFBO board members attending meetings. Motion was made and seconded, Motion Passed.

**Legislative Review** by Dan Walsh, which included the following Bills;

- 4767
- 4053
- 2481
- 4354

**Discussion** regarding the possibility of the MFBO manning a table, at the Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference; Secretary to address the possibility for the table and explore giving a presentation at one of the learning labs offered at the conference on the qualifications of Building Officials.

Motion to Adjourn, 11:58 Motion passed



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## Minutes

For: August 28, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting called to order: 9:40**

**Minutes:**

July 24, 2018, Motion to accept, Motion passed.

Board discussion on the adoption of the 2018 IECC by next June and BBRS considering code for tiny houses and apartments

Legislative review

- HB 2481
- HB 2482
- HB 1275
- HB 4053

Discussion about getting ahead of chapter 9 legislation, speaking with legislators that keep introducing the same chapter 9 bill year after year

**Old business:**

BOCC has voted to award 3 CEU's for MFBO Board participation.  
BOCC has been talking about a mentoring program for new Building Officials.

Motion was made to continue support for and looking into a mentoring program for Building Officials. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasures report by Dave Jensen, Motion to accept Dave's report, Motion seconded and passed.

**New Business:**

Motion was made to accept Bob Camacho as an honorary lifetime member to the MFBO Board of Directors with voting rights.  
Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion and motion to attend and pay for a booth at the 2018-19 MMA Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference in January  
Motion seconded and passed

Committee was formed to address the MMA booth requirements for budget, publications, design and attendance.

Discussion on next Board meeting dates, MFBO meeting dates are as follows:

- October 18
- November 27
- December 20

Dorothy Harris Vice President of Governmental Relations for the ICC was a guest at this months meeting. She brought up the topic of the ICC model plumbing code vs. the UBC codes. Discussion revolved around the fact that the State of Massachusetts uses the ICC family of codes for most codes with the exception of the plumbing code and the possibility of the State adopting IPC, International Plumbing Code to avoid confusion at the local level.

Dan Walsh mentions he was going to leave his job as Building Commissioner to take a new position as Code Development and Manufacture Building Represented for the State of Massachusetts. The Board wishes to thank Dan Walsh for his years of service to the MFBO and wishes him well.

Discussion by the Board on possible *Change of Use* for short-term rentals like Airbnb, CRBO, etc

Motion to Adjourn 11:48 Motion passed





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## Minutes

For: September 25 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting called to order: 9:40**

**Minutes:**

August 28, 2018, Motion to accept, Motion passed.

Treasurer's report from Joe Atchue

**Old business:**

Discussion on posters, personnel, presentation and talking points for the MMA conference in January

Secretary to send out to board members request for talking points for those members attending the MMA conference. Ask for pictures of building officials in the field for posters to be displayed at the MMA conference.

Discussion on solar ready roofs and energy score cards.

Discussion on manufactured building program and BBRS meeting.

No new legislation movement due to the legislature being out of session.

**New Business:**

Motion to send a letter to Commissioner Bostel regarding the importance of Building Official participation in school safety systems discussions.

FYI: Participants of the 2-day SEMBOA training will receive 10 CEU's

Motion to thank Dan Walsh or his years of service to the MFBO Board of Directors,  
Motion Passed.

Motion to Adjourn 11:48 Motion passed



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## Minutes

For: October 23, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library

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**Meeting called to order: 9:45**

### **Minutes:**

September 25, 2018, Motion to accept, Motion passed.

Motion to purchase a plaque to honor and acknowledge Dan Walsh for his service and dedication to MFBO. Motion passed

Treasures report, Discussion on the Associations tax status, Motion to accept treasures report, Motion passed.

### **Old business:**

Discussion, on posters, personnel, presentation and talking points for the MMA conference in January

### **New Business:**

Guest speaker, Craig Dauphinais from MaCapa spoke on ICC code change proposal G108 to allow 18 story wood frame constructed buildings from a concrete construction point of view.

BBRS review;

- Possible adoption of 2018 ICC series of codes
- DOER Code amendments
- School safety and Building Official input
- 2018 Public Hearings

Motion to add contact information of local building official organizations to MFBO hiring for Guidelines. Motion passed.

Motion to recommend the nomination Andy Bobola and John Naff as back up members of the BCCC  
Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn 11:42 Motion passed



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## Agenda

November 27, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library,

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### Call to Order 9:45

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Oct Minutes, Motion passed

### No Treasurers Report:

President Borden spoke on the BBRS meeting,  
IECC 2018, Proposal presented, to adopt, no vote at this time  
Pool & Spa code, specialty license, advocate

Jeff Clemons, spoke on school safety I.E. active shooter, sent his school committee to the BBRS

Update on Littleton building department, BOCC ordered a department review. Possible regulation for mandatory program for commissioners  
Discussion of alternates for BOCC, to be used in emergency, etc

Motion was made to recommend John Naff as alternate to BOCC in Andy Babola's position, Motion passed

Motion to name alternate from each Association to serve on BOCC in absents of appointed members.

Discussion; MMA conference January 18 & 19, Items needed to dress booth, brochures, handouts, banner, etc.

Discussion; Town of Douglas, privatization, Jeff Putnam, will send State Inspector to Douglas, administration to discuss.

Suggest a letter to BOCC to have their legal council determine the legality of privatization of building departments. Motion to send letter to BOCC, Chairman Kurcher, Commissioner Bostel, and Robert Anderson. Motion passed

Discussion of Joe Atchues' attendance with the Regionalization Commission, Central/Western MA Credit to Joe

Kathy Nugent investigated State "Torte" Law for liability of sub-contracted entities/employees in a municipal setting

Motion and discussion to remove Tin Htwy as associate member of MFBO Board of Directors. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn, 11:59



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## Agenda

December 20, 2018

Location: Charlton Public Library,

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### Call to Order 9:35

**Minutes:** Motion to accept November Minutes, Motion passed

Introduction of new board member Scott Shippey, Welcome!

**Treasurers Report: Discussion Topic:** contributions from Associations  
Motion for Treasurer to look into using a different bank to work with MFBO accounts, motion passed

**Discussion;** Town of Douglas and problems with finding building officials for rural areas.

**Discussion;** ICC Region 6 and whether MFBO should have a part to play in recommendations for representation on the Region 6 board of directors.

**Discussion;** MMA conference funding, motion was made to fund hotel rooms and parking for board members who wish to work the conference and spend the night due to travel distances of up to \$1500. Motion passed

Motion to spend enough money to cover the cost of an MFBO banner and for the required rug for the MMA conference, Motion passed.

Motion to reimburse Kathy for the MMA booth raffle price, motion passed

Guest Dan Walsh from the State manufactured building program spoke to proposed changes to the program. Three parts to compliance: installer, CSL, and third party inspector. Possibly in line for new CSL certification for manufactured building installation.

Discussion regarding online testing of building officials.

Discussion regarding regionalization.

Motion to Adjourn, 12:12

Meeting dates for 2018: Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 28? Jun. 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24,

Proposed: Oct. 15 (ICC conflict), Nov. 19 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 17 (Christmas)