

Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board (Tuesday, June 10, 2025)

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Meeting called to order at 2:01 PM**Members present**

Bernard Taylor, Chairman

Daniel Garrison

John Fluhart

Ed Hogan

Heather Moritz

Members absent

Richard Montgomery

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board

2. Roll Call

A. Roll Call Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A. Review and Approve meeting minutes from April 23, 2025

Motion to approve the April 23, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by John Fluhart.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. Old Business

A. Draft Cross Connection Program recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County

Discussion of letter to Commissioners of St. Mary's County

Bernie Taylor, Chairman contacted Drew Sterling an inspector from Calvert County, MD to ask if they had a Cross Connection Program. Mr. Sterling stated that Calvert County does not have a Cross Connection Program. He recommended to contact Kristy McAndrew, Cross Connection Control Specialist from Charles County, MD. Ms. McAndrew sent information to Mr. Taylor via email their Water & Sewer

Ordinance <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/1192/637100377339900000>

Mr. Taylor asked if anyone would like to address the draft letter. Ed Hogan, MetCom member, stated he added a few things to the draft letter. Mr. Hogan suggested the board send the letter to The Department of Land Use and Growth Management as a first step. Amber Harding, Building Official stated The Department of Land Use and Growth Management will receive the letter and add it to the annual report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Heather Moritz, Health Department Member asked Amber if the annual report would explain additional staff needed and the additional cost. Amber stated that this would not be required yet. Amber stated there would be research of all counties and what their requirements for inspections are. This would be the next step before the costs for additional staff and training. John Fluhart, member suggested they send the letter to The Department of Land Use and Growth Management and the Commissioners. Mr. Taylor suggested that they send the letter to the Department of Land Use and Growth Management and send the letter with the annual report to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Mr. Hogan will update the changes and will send the letter with the annual report to the commissioners. Daniel Garrison, member asked what happens when the report is sent to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Amber stated David Weiskopf, St. Mary's County Administrator will

review the letter and it then will be reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. The Commissioners will send questions to the board. Amber stated to keep things moving is trying to figure out what the other counties in Maryland are doing. Amber will get a spread sheet of all counties in Maryland and it could be split among the members to contact other counties on if they have a program and how it works. Daniel Garrison, member asked if the commissioners ask how many systems in the county would be looking at having a program. Heather stated it is pretty small outside of what MetCom oversees. MetCom oversees St. Mary's County public water supply but Charles County's program oversees all of their own community water supply. There is the mention of other high risk situations that are not classified as community water supply such as marina's and thing like that and incorporate them. Mr. Fluhart suggested that any water that serves the public. Heather stated the regulations specific to community water supply. Heather stated do we want to go into the non-community water supply like which is school on private wells. Mr. Fluhart suggested they should have some type of protection. These are the systems that are not captured by regulations that could be potentially incorporate because of who they impact.

Motion to accept the memo as amended.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by John Fluhart.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Adjourn

A. Motion to adjourn the Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board meeting for June 10, 2025.

Motion by Ed Hogan, second by Daniel Garrison.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Meeting Adjourn 2:25 PM