

PLUMBING COMMISSION
February 15, 2017

Members Present: Steve Heidler, Chairman
Jeff Ferguson
Daniel Seckman
Jim Scardina
J. Paul Kingston

County: Larry Parsons (Public Works Utilities)
Jia (Kay) Liu (Public Works Utilities)
Tom Gruver (Health Dept.)

Secretary: Barbara Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am.

Exams

- Disposal Systems Contractors - The Plumbing Commission reviewed and approved one (1) exam application for testing.
- Utility Contractors – Three (3) applicants tested in January – two (2) passed, one (1) failed.

Disposal Contractors

- Concerns discussed regarding grease disposal. The County doesn't have a facility to dispose of grease which necessitates disposal in other jurisdictions.
- Public Works will look into software for card system to be reactivated at Cox Creek.
- Letter of concern signed today and will be sent to Chris Saunders in Public Works.

PW Utilities

- No change in costs or fees. More inspections are taking place due to more construction in County.
- Mayo Project – MDE gave limit of 2017 for completion. Project should be finished by mid-summer.

Master Plumber Association

Nothing new to report.

House Bill 405

HB405 – Plumbing and Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Inspectors – Qualifications - states a plumbing inspector must have 5 years of experience as a plumber. Wording of Bill is unclear – Steve wrote to Delegate Anderson, the sponsor of the Bill. No reply has been given to-date.

House Bills Affecting Labor Industry

- *HB1 – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act* – requiring employers with 15 or more employees to provide paid sick leave.
- *HB531 – Labor and Employment – Labor Organizations – Right to Work* – specifies an employer may not require an employee to become a member of a union as a condition of employment.

Special Note

St. Mary's County is now paying their Plumbing Commission for their services.

Health Department

Senate Bill 776 – Environment – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Nonprofit Campgrounds – new legislation for septic systems at nonprofit campgrounds. The Bill would require MDE to allow nonprofit campgrounds with a maximum daily flow of 5,000 gallons per day to break their flows down in separate units. The tank size won't change. This applies to non-critical areas only.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 15 at 8:30 am in the first floor conference room, 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis.

Without further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.