

Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes; June 27, 2017

Location: Charlton Public Library

Attendance: Dan Walsh, Jeffery Clemons, Robert Borden, Richard Leibowitz, Fred Lonardo, Tony Zahariadis, Tin Htway, Matthew Hakala, Joseph M Atchue, Patrick Franey, Don Torrico, Kathy Nugent, David Jensen

Called to Order: 9:48 AM

Minutes:

Motion to accept April 28, 2017 minutes, minutes accepted

Old Business

ACA The working group is proposing a code change to introduce HVAC CSL licensing. Will update at next meeting

Issues continue with sheet metal board's authority to regulate

- 1 & 2 family homes
- Metal roofing

Town of Berlin's attempt to sprinkle single-family homes through Town meeting went nowhere.

Legislation;

House Bills per legislative committee;

Multiple Bills where looked at (26), many were found to offer no benefit to Building Officials, some bills were opposed, some were offered support some bills the committee found to be of no interest. The following bills received support or opposition:

- HB 1237 support
- HB 2481, Senate B 1301 opposed
- HB 2488 support

The board discussed licensing of interior designers

Special guest:

Charles Bostel, Commissioner of the Division of Professional Licensure.
Open Statements;

Will not compromise public safety for development.
Coordination of all trades

President Borden asked:

- For regular meetings with the Commissioner on a quarterly basis, or as items come up of interest to Building Officials.
- Technical assistance for Building Officials from the State/ Code consultation.

Board discussions with Commissioner Bostel;

- On-boarding and testing of Building Officials
- Adoption of ICC codes for other disciplines
- Sheet metal board propagating an unaligned code
- Plumbing codes in relation to ICC family of codes.
- Maintaining Chapter 7, 9, & 10 in the building code
- Ticketing for Public safety violations
- Funding continuing education for Building Officials, Act of 2005 section 304 and 175 section 195. Send existing letter first sent to Commissioner Carlin to Commissioner Bostel for 175 / 195 funding
- HB 2812 swimming pool installers licensing
- Consolidation of disciplines
- Corrections to the DPL website should be forwarded to Jordan Maynard
- BCCC for jurisdictional issues only, Chairman to be DPL Commissioner and a non-voting head of the BCCC
- Importance of District Meetings
- Vocational school initiative to make students aware of Licensing requirements

Motion to adjourn 11:45, Motion accepted

Next meeting July 25, 2017