

PLUMBING COMMISSION MINUTES
January 15, 2025

Members Present: Steve Heidler, Chairman
Tom Gruver
Paul Kingston
Greg Mahon
Mike Tewey

Members Absent: Justin Beall
Jeff Ferguson
Vic Kibec
Jim Scardina

County: Allison Dyott, DPW
Bryant Knapp
Holly Velez

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Review of Minutes from December 18, 2024

The Minutes were found to be acceptable.

Review of Exam Applications

There were two applicants, Chapman Cole and Daryl Hadley, that took the January Disposal Contractor exam and passed.

There are three applicants, James McNichol, Carl Shores and Timothy Falls, approved for the February 12th Utility Contractor exam.

County Utilities

Tewey reported that there is a new project manager in infrastructure and Carl Holtzburger is in charge of water line repair. There is a vacancy in water line maintenance and sewer line maintenance.

On February 3rd finance is moving to Millersville.

Utility Contractors

Nothing to report.

Health

Gruver requested that when the applications for exams are sent out for review to please make sure the verification letter is included.

Health is down one person but the vacancy has been filled.

Disposal Contractors

Nothing to report.

Inspections & Permits

Knapp reminded everyone that during snow emergencies the county status is posted on the website. Inspections will need to be rescheduled or may be automatically bumped to the next business day.

Master Plumbers Association

Bryant shared that there was very low attendance at the last meeting.

HB222 was introduced on January 8, 2025. The purpose of the Bill is to forbid the sale of non-arc resistant CSSC in supply houses like Home Depot where it is still being sold. This Bill gives a different standard than before and re-writes the previous Bill by specifying instead of LC1 it needs a LC1027 rating. This rating is only being met by one Manufacturer. Velez emailed the link to the Bill.

Heidler asked if replacing a gas fireplace and the yellow CSSC is present, would it need to be replaced? Knapp confirmed it would need to be replaced from the meter to the fireplace.

Inspection numbers were up from last year.

Complaints

None.

Code Updates/Questions

None.

Correspondence

None.

Old Business

None.

Open Discussion

Heidler inquired about drip legs on gas. The Code says it can't be outside or in an environment where it could freeze except if have dry gas. Knapp shared that the term drip legs are now referred to as sediment traps. There are certain exceptions for decorative appliances.

Dyott shared that based on the discussion regarding grease disposal and the lack of anywhere local to dispose of it, she spoke with the DPW Waste Water team. They basically confirmed that Howard County is no longer accepting out of county grease disposal, which leaves Philadelphia. Anne Arundel County has never accepted grease but they do have an ongoing consultant study on this matter.

Adjourn

The next meeting will be held virtually on February 19, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Without further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:02 a.m.