



FREDERICK COUNTY PLUMBING ADVISORY BOARD

Division of Planning & Permitting

30 North Market Street • Frederick, Maryland 21701

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Advisory Plumbing Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 3, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

This meeting of the Frederick County Board was conducted in person

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by board president, Jeremy Peterson at 2:00 p.m.

II. Introductions – Board members present were Jeremy Peterson, Chris Allen, Barry Glotfelty and Herb Dennison. Permitting staff present were Chief Plumbing Inspector, Michael Fleming; Kathy Mitchell, County Attorney's Office; Steve Blickenstaff, Assistant Director of Permits & Inspections; Emily Pearl, Administrative Coordinator and board secretary, Shannon Walters, Assistant Manager of Permits & Inspections.

Attended Guests: Linda Alexander, Engineer of CLSI; Joseph Lapp; Jonus Lapp; David Lapp; David Glick; Jesse Stoltzfus; Christian Stoltzfus.

III. New Business

- a. Review of the board meeting minutes from the July 9, 2024, meeting was completed and Chris Allen ***motioned*** to approve as written. Herb Dennison seconded the motion, and the vote was 4-0 in favor of the open motion.
- b. Advisory Plumbing Board Hearing – plumbing justification for Amish parochial schoolhouse. A modification for using a typical required septic system and water dispensers per the current plumbing code has been requested for this new schoolhouse construction. Chief Plumbing Inspector, Mike Fleming began the conversation explaining what is required and

what they are requesting. Engineer for the project, Linda Alexander explained that there is to be no electricity and no septic. The Amish standard is the use of privies with holding tanks and utilizing freestanding water dispensers (not connected to plumbing) and to have hand sanitizing stations. It was stated that the Amish have many school buildings of this kind in Pennsylvania and Maryland and have never been required to install plumbing. This is a concept that has worked for them since the 1940's and they are requesting to continue with the new school construction in Frederick County. Discussion continued between the board members and attendees. Board members were concerned that allowing this exemption from the plumbing code will give other clubs and organizations ideas to not use traditional plumbing just because of their wishes. Herb Dennison **motioned** to have another justification letter submitted that was updated to explain further that this is religious and traditional request. Once received the board will meet again to discuss and give a response. The motion was seconded by Chris Allen. The open motion was 4-0, unanimously approved.

c. 2021 IFGC code related to chimney certifications. Mike Fleming presented board members with a chimney inspections procedure due to the newly adopted International Fuel Gas Code that is requiring certain chimneys be certified with any gas or air installations and/or replacements. Herb Dennison **motioned** to approve the chimney inspection procedures as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Allen and the motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

IV. Open Discussion / Final Comments – The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. per **motion** from Chris Allen and seconded by Herb Dennison. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Walters, Secretary