

# Meeting Minutes Construction Trades Board Caroline County, Maryland

**DATE:** Wednesday February 20, 2019

**PLACE:** Health & Public Services Building  
403 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 2nd Floor, Room 242  
Denton, Maryland 21629

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Earl R. Kitchen, Jr., Chairman  
Levi Hayman  
Scott Holden  
Mike Mann  
Glenn Orme  
Curtis Short

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crystal Dadds, Assistant Director of Codes  
Heather Price, County Attorney  
Melanie Smith, Administrative Assistant to Boards  
Rob Smith, First State Inspection  
Ron Southard, Citizen

## CALL TO ORDER

At 2:02 p.m., Chairman Kitchen called the meeting of the Caroline County Construction Trades Board to order.

## MINUTES

Chairman Kitchen ensured everyone had read the minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions required.

**Motion:** Mr. Short made a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 minutes as written.  
**Second:** Mr. Mann seconded the motion.  
**Action taken:** All members approved the motion unanimously (6:0).

## DISCUSSION

### CODE MODIFICATION – PRIVATE AIRPLANE HANGAR

The January meeting closed with the following assignments:

- Inspector Smith offered to research the code pertaining to a private use hangar;
- Ms. Smith would contact surrounding Counties about existing code language;
- The members would consider an appropriate definition.

Ms. Smith received helpful responses from Frederick, Dorchester and Kent Counties that was shared with the members.

After some discussion the members considered the following conditions appropriate for the type of use they were considering for a private airplane hangar:

- Grass runway
- Propeller driven planes
- 250 Gallon Fuel Capacity Limit per Plane
- Firewall between dual uses (Agriculture and Hangar)
- 6 seat limits
- General Maintenance only on owners' plane
- Height of the building be no more than 20 feet
- The area of the hangar capped at 4000 sq. ft.
- Two means of egress
- Limit hangars allowed on a single property
- Any systems serving the hangar must be independent of any other building on the property
- For dual use buildings a firewall and fire door must separate uses
- Anyone within 200 feet of the property line shall be notified of a SUE application.

Ms. Price noted that there are two ways to go about accomplishing what the Board is trying to do. One is to amend the Zoning Code to add these conditions as part of a special use exception application for an Airport as defined in the Code. She reasoned that asking them to amend the IBC with this much detail would be unreasonable. Amending the Zoning Code is much easier.

They will then want to ask that the IBC include a definition for a residential air craft hangar and a non-commercial hangar. It should be considered an accessory building incidental to the use of the property. She suggested they also increase the area limitation accordingly.

Ms. Dadds explained that while there is a definition for an airplane hangar in the Zoning Code, supplemental conditions should be defined and given a section in the code. Ms. Dadds asked if Ms. Price could foresee any problems from the State about making a small amendment to the IBC update. Ms. Price answered that she will look into that process.

Ms. Dadds added that another change they will want to request at the adoption of the 2018 IBC is the tables with Caroline County criteria that has changed since the last adoption.

## **2019 LEGISLATION**

House Bill 792 – Maryland Electricians Act - Revision

House Bill 905 – Electricians – Low-Voltage Electricians, Continuing Education, and Penalties

House Bill 164 – Licensing and Regulation of Electricians

The bills have been introduced every year for many years. It evolves each year but still causes concern regarding Journeyman licensing and education requirements of those new in the field.

Inspector Smith has seen such laws pass in Delaware and could speak of the repercussions to local businesses. A handful of Maryland Counties have excluded themselves from having to participate in the changes by creating local laws that suffice. Inspector Smith recommended the Board not follow suit. He provided examples of how this failed to help in Delaware.

Chairman Kitchen did not feel it was necessary to testify in Annapolis for this as the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination Committee (MUELEC), has already submitted letters of opposition and is fully engaged in the process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Mann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m.  
**Second:** Mr. Orme seconded the motion.  
**Action taken:** All members approved the motion unanimously (6:0).

**CONSTRUCTION TRADES BOARD**

**Earl R. Kitchen, Jr, Chairman**

  
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Minutes prepared by:  
Melanie Smith, Boards Administrative Assistant