



Responsible Employer Ordinance Monitoring Committee

36 Court Street

Springfield, MA 01108

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Maureen Vear

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

2:00 PM

Ante Room

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 25, 2018 at City Hall, 36 Court Street, Ante Room, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Chairperson	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Lindsay B. Hackett	Management Analyst	Present	
Fiore Grassetti		Present	
Patrick Sullivan		Present	

II. Public Portion

1. Accept minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting

Mr. Grassetti called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Hackett.

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting.

Motion carried by voting in favor Members Mr. Grassetti and Ms. Hackett.

III. Public Speak out - 10 Minutes

The Committee heard from Jason Garand as he voiced his concerns with changes and the way things are going. He stated he was not comfortable with the changes.

Next speaking was Lisa Clausson, she stated that she has the same concerns as Mr. Garand. She was concerned that the Sub-Contractors won't be held responsible and will be able to continue working on jobs.

IV. Discussion of REO Policies

A. Continued review and discussion of REO changes and updates

Language was a concern to some committee members. Mr. Grassetti is concerned that Sub-Contractors not meeting the REO requirements. He stated that there is no way to track bad Sub-Contractors.

The direction is that the Committee will be able to track bad sub-contractors thru review of the General Contractors progress submissions. Therefore, they would have stock in making Sub-Contractors held accountable to be compliant. Some committee members want the option to be able to bring in Sub-Contractors. They would like to see this language written into the new REO.

Mr. Sullivan was asked about 30-39M (Horizontal construction) as to whether it should be included in the new REO or not. He suggested that the trades workers issue be dealt with first, Mr. Sullivan made a motion to remove 30-39M from the ordinance and this was unanimously approved. Mr. Allen seconded it.

The Threshold was debated as to what amount to set it at. Hope Button from The Compliance department suggested it be set at 1,000,000.00. Some members thought that was too high. Mr. Grassetti suggested \$500,000.00. No higher than that. He is concerned that outside contractors coming in from out of state and taking jobs away from local residents. Mr. Sullivan suggested \$750,000.00.

Ms. Hackett stated she would like the ordinance discussed first. She wants ground work resolved first before moving forward.

Mr. Allen stated that he sees both sides of the threshold issue.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2018 @ 2:00PM in **Room 220 (next to the City Council Office)**.