



## CONTRACTOR LICENSING

Recently WPOA and the Architectural Review Board (ARB) have received questions about the licenses required for individuals and businesses doing construction and renovation projects around Wintergreen. We'll try to answer some of those questions with this article.

The Virginia Board for Contractors, as part of the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), licenses businesses engaged in the construction, removal, repair, or improvement of structures and facilities on property owned by others. Contractor licenses consist of two parts: the **class of license** (A, B, or C) which determines the monetary value of construction projects that may be performed, and the **classification or specialty**, which determines what type of work is allowed under that license.

A **Class C** license is required for any individual or company doing construction, removal, repair, or improvements when the total value referred to in a single contract or project is over \$1,000 but not more than \$10,000.

A **Class B** license is required for any individual or company doing construction, removal, repair, or improvements when the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$10,000 or more, but less than \$120,000.

A **Class A** license is required for any individual or company doing construction, removal, repair, or improvements when the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$120,000 or more.

The **classification or specialty** defines the "scope of practice" or the type of work that may be performed by the licensed contractor. Classifications include such specialties as home improvement contractors, general contractors, plumbing contractors, etc.

Any Wintergreen property owner who is engaging a contractor to perform work on their property should verify that the individual or company is licensed by DPOR. We would also advise any property owner to ask the contractor if they are bonded or insured. When WPOA staff receives applications for review by the ARB, staff does check for information on licenses and insurance for the listed contractors.

If you have any questions about this, you may contact the ARB office 434-325-8537 or 434-325-8533.