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Agenda

STATE BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS BUILDING OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

February 2, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

Virtual

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Meeting called to order by the Chairman at ______ followed by roll call:

- 1. Roll Call
 - a. Bill Horrocks, Chairman, BBRS Representative
 - b. Robert Speroni, Vice-Chairman, MetroWest
 - c. Michael Giampietro, Member at Large
 - d. David Fuller, MBCIA
 - e. Bonnie Weeks, *Member at Large*
 - f. Andrew Bobola, Member at Large
 - g. Michael Clancy, SEMBOA
 - h. Jeffrey Clemons, BOWM
 - i. Roger Fuller, MMA Representative
 - j. John Naff, Member At Large
 - k. Vacant, Member of Academia

Guest Present:

Kimberly Spencer, Office of Public Safety and Inspections

2. Members present reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on December 1, 2020; motion to approve these minutes was made by ______, seconded by ______.



LAYLA R. D'EMILIA COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

3.	Application for (Certification Pack	xets:		
a)	Ross, Kevin	City of Northampton	Local Inspector Quals approved 12/5/2018 Appointed 11/19/2018 116 CEU's Copies of all exams have been received from ICC	Motion	Second
b)	Silva, Michael J.	Town of Leicester	Local Inspector Quals approved 11/12/2020 Acknowledging NERF 2/2/2021 0 CEU's Copies of all exams have been received from ICC	Motion	Second
4.	Examination Ap	oroval Packets (C	opies of resumes provided today)		
a)	Blute, Reid	No Affiliation (South Grafton)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
b)	Brown, Robert	No Affiliation (Wenham)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
c)	Darling, Larry	No Affiliation (Westfield)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
d)	DeVito, Jr., John	City of Everett	Qualifications Local and/or I of B NERF requested 1/29/2021	Motion	Second
e)	Greene, Kyle	No Affiliation (Salem)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
f)	Harris, Jon	No Affiliation (Monson)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
g)	Johnson, Karl	No Affiliation (Quincy)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
h)	MacPhee, James	No Affiliation (Royalston)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
i)	Mavrelis, Andrew	No Affiliation (West Roxbury)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B	Motion	Second
j)	Smith, Sean	No Affiliation (Hyde Park)	Qualifications Local and/or I of B Previously held local certification – revoked for lack of CEU's 2012	Motion	Second

5. New Employee Report Form Packets:

Footnote:

R7.1.7.4 **Conditional appointments** 7. Any individual conditionally appointed as an inspector of buildings/building commissioner shall first be certified as a local inspector. February, 2011'

September 4, 2013 ~ On a **MOTION** by Bill Horrocks and **SECONDED** by Bonnie Weeks it was voted to review and Acknowledge each *New Employee Report Form* individually

 a) Baldacci, Richard b) Bayly, Edward c) Braga, Joseph d) Chiavarini, Ernest d) Chiavarini, Ernest d) Chiavarini, Ernest d) Chiavarini, Ernest d) Chiavarini, Ernest Town of Westford Acknowledge NERF Local Inspector Appointed 1/4/2021 Local Certification 8/4/2020 4 CEU's Signed by Chair Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 1/4/2021 Local Certification 12/5/2019 48.5 CEU's Signed by Town Administrator Acknowledge NERF Local Inspector Appointed 1/4/2021 	Motion Motion Motion Motion	Second
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e) Church, Brenda Town of Warren Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 12/30/2020 I of B Certification 12/3/2014 78 CEU's Signed by <i>Chair</i>	Motion	Second
f) Culgin, Sarah Town of Ashburnham Ashburnham Appointed 1/20/2021 I of B Certification 5/4/2010 100.5 CEU's Signed by <i>Town Administrator - OK</i>	Motion	Second
g) Dupell, Mark Town of Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Burlington Appointed 11/23/2020 I of B Certification 1/15/2002 71 CEU's Signed by <i>Town Administrator</i>	Motion	Second
h) Fogarty, Robert Town of Millis Acknowledge NERF Local Inspector Appointed 9/14/2020 Local Certification 10/15/2018 63 CEU's Signed by <i>Town Administrator</i>	Motion	Second

i)	Kollmer, Matthew	Town of Alford	Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 7/1/2020 I of B Certification 2/5/2019 119.5 CEU's Signed by <i>Chair</i>	Motion	Second
j)	McRae, David	Town of Rutland	Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 11/16/2020 I of B Certification 2/13/2018 68.5 CEU's Signed by <i>Town Administrator</i>	Motion	Second
k)	Morris, David	Town of Mashpee	Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 1/12/2001 I of B Certification 2/4/20 92 CEU's Signed by <i>Town Manager</i>	Motion	Second
1)	Ringler, Barry	Town of Foxborough	Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 12/7/2020 I of B Certification 1/8/2008 49 CEU's Signed by the <i>Town Manager</i>	Motion	Second
m)	Scott, Douglas	Town of Ashland	Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 1/25/2021 I of B Certification 4/9/2001 42 CEU's Signed by <i>Town Manager</i>	Motion	Second
n)	Silva, Michael	Town of Leicester	Acknowledge NERF Local Inspector Appointed 10/19/2020 Qualifications approved 11/12/2020 <i>Local Certification to be reviewed 2/2/2021</i> 0 CEU's – not required Signed by <i>Chair</i>	Motion	Second
0)	Tetreault, Eric	Town of Stoneham	Acknowledge NERF Building Commissioner Appointed 1/5/2021 Local Certification 5/9/2018 62 CEU's Signed by <i>Town Administrator</i>	Motion	Second

6. Extension Requests to be Certified Packets:

Footnote:

R7.1.7.4.1 Requests for exam schedule extension. Upon written petition to the BOCC, any conditional appointee unable to comply with the examination schedule as cited in R7.1.7.4 may for cause, be granted an extension of time in order to comply. Petitions shall be forwarded to the clerk of the BOCC on forms for such purpose, and addressed to the office of the BBRS. The conditional appointee shall state all reasons to substantiate the request for an extension of time. Conditional appointees who have not attempted the examination schedule as herein defined during the prescribed period shall not be granted an extension, and no conditional appointee shall be afforded more than three extensions of time beyond the prescribed period for the level of certification sought. **'January 1, 2008'**

a) Scott, William	Town of Agawam	Extension for Building Commissioner (requesting 1 st extension) Appointed 10/22/2018	Motion	Second
			103.5 CEU's		
			Passed On Boarding 12/2019		

	Planning on testing march 2021 and finish by Dec 2021.	

7. Hearings:

Footnote:

R7.4.1.4 Decisions and discipline of certification holders. The BOCC shall issue a written decision after the hearing. Decisions shall be issued in a reasonably prompt manner. **The decision of the BOCC shall serve as a recommendation to the BBRS and shall be promptly forwarded by the Administrator to the full board for review.** If after a hearing the BOCC finds that the holder has violated any provision of R7.4.1.5, it may recommend suspension of a certification for a fixed period of time, revocation of a certification permanently, or a reprimand of the certification holder. Further, the BOCC may recommend that any order include appropriate remedial or disciplinary conditions. Once forwarded to the BBRS, the board shall either, adopt the recommendation in its entirety, adopt the recommendation with amendment, reject the recommendation in its entirety, or remand the matter to the BOCC further proceedings. A certificate holder whose certification is revoked may apply in writing to the Board for reinstatement no sooner than one year from the date of the revocation.

Smart, Joseph BOCC 1-2021	City of Lynn	Qualifications were denied January 5, 2021 NERF received with an appointment date of 12/21/2020

8. Review Application for Continuing Education – Exhibit Items attached

At the September 14, 2020 Board of Building Regulation and Standards (BBRS) meeting, BBRS members voted to extend the current training cycle, to maintain certification, through December 31, 2021.

The continuing education submitted was reviewed by members present; **motion to approve was made by** ____, **seconded by** ____. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

(*) Courses previously approved

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Name	Date	Course Description	CEU's	Cat	Course No.
David Cohen	12/23/2020	Guide to the Structural Evaluation of Existing Timber Structures,	1.5	1	
John Moran		TFEC 3-2109 offered by SEAMass			
David Lindberg	4/7/2020	ICC - Leadership Series: Challenging Discussions offered by ICC #20596	1.5	1	
	12/1/2020	ICC – 2018 IFC Essentials ICC# 15054 (not accepting credit hrs based on 2018 I code)	0		
David Geldart	11/5/2020	Remote Inspections – A tool for the future or a time saving tool for today? Offered by Bldg Energy Codes ICC# 25621	1.0	1	
Russell Wheeler	12/30/2020	ICC - 2015 Commercial Building Inspector: Roof/Ceiling Construction ICC# 11741	1.0	1	
	1/13/2021	Residential Wood Decks DCA-6 2015 IRC offered by NHBOA	3.0	1	
	11/17/2020	Best Management Practices for Groundwater Protection	2.0		
	11/12/2020	Floodplain Management Training New Hampshire Floodplain Management	2.0	1	
Joseph Murray	12/18/2020	Ensuring Life Safety in Adaptive Reuse: Using NFPA 101A for Alternative Approaches to Code Compliance	1.0	1	
	10/16/2020	Design Considerations for Below-Grade Waterproofing	1.0	1	
	11/20/2020	Design Practices for Single-Ply Roof Assemblies	1.0	1	
	1/21/2021	Meeting MAAB and ADAStandards in Alterations and Additions offered by BSA	1.5	1	
Gary Halvorsen	11/5-6/2020	Building Codes for Basement Finish – 2 day training offered by Building Code College ICC# 26377	6.0	1	
	10/23/2020	Seismic Design basics offered by Natl Inst of Bldg Science	1.0	1	
Ronald Durgin	12/16/2020	NEHRP Technical Brief NO. 12, Seismic Design of Cold-Formed Steel Lateral Lad-Resisting Systems – A Guide for Practicing Engineers offered by ATC	1.5	1	
Chris Clemente	1/14/2021	NCD233 Ask the Experts: Construction Fire Safety Discussion Panel Webinar offered by American Wood Council ICC# 26496	1.5	1	
Shannon Hulst	3/10/2021	FEMA Letter of Map Change Process	1.0	1	

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9/22/2020	Wind Design with ASCE 7 - Simpson O/L ICC #1025-160	2.0	1	C-2544*

9. Additional Business / Other matters as not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

- a. For Informational purposes:
 - There are currently:
 - Active and Retired: 798 certified building inspectors
 - 472 Inspector of Buildings
 - o 326 Local
 - * Active ONLY: 626 certified building inspectors
 - o 325 Inspector of Buildings
 - o 243 Local
 - 58 Conditional local building inspectors
 - * Qualifications Approved
 - 655 individuals' qualifications have been approved to take the exams, not currently affiliated
 - * 698 certified building inspectors required to have 45 credit hours
 - 476 More than 45 credit hours
 - 190 Less than 45 credit hours
 - 47 between 44 40 credit hours
 - 143 Less than 40 credit hours
 - \circ 32 have 0 credit hours
 - * 162 certified building inspectors required to have less than 45 credit hours certified within current training cycle
 - \circ 69 More than 45 credit hours
- b. Request to Voluntarily Surrender Building Official Certification:

Mark Herweck	Building Commissioner	BO-1583
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c. Request from Vincenzo Tirone, Building Commissioner Town of Monson to modify the start of his 18-month grace period to begin December 18, 2020.

Vinny's appointment date was September 22, 2020; subsequently he received active federal orders and was not able to begin working as the Building Commissioner until December 18, 2020. He was active for another three weeks January 2-29, 2021.

d. Clarification – While the current training cycle has been extended, for certified building officials, through December 31, 2021, are the requirements for a Conditional Inspector still required to accumulate at least 1 credit hour per month?

110.R7.3.1 **Continuing Education Requirements** ... Conditional appointees as defined by 780 CMR 110.R7 shall attain at least one contact hour of education credit for each month of employment until such time as the conditional appointee has successfully completed the required examination schedule and is certified as prescribed.

e. For discussion: How many towns are too many for one building inspector to handle. It has been brought to the attention of the BOCC there is an individual covering 7 towns, possibly 8 (NERF has not been received).

f. Discuss possible 780 CMR R7 Regulation Changes for the 10th Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code.

Regulation change to notify this office, current State Building Inspector and new State Building Inspector

110. R.7.2.5 Notification Change of Employment (or Appointment) Location Conditional and certified individuals shall notify the BBRS of any change in the status or location of their employment. Notification shall be made to BOCC Program Coordinator, the outgoing State Building Inspector and the incoming State Building Inspector, within one month of such change.

g. A mailing went to all building inspectors that included updated Building Official ID cards with an expiration date of December 31, 2021. Included in the mailing was a form to make any address, email, etc. corrections and update cities and towns current affiliation. The form also asked to specify what city/town the building inspector has been appointed as an Alternate Inspector. Four returned forms clearly state certified LOCAL INSPECTORS are working as Alternate Inspectors. Three individuals are the Alternate for more than one community.

The definition of an Alternate Inspector: 780 CMR 110.R7.1.6.3 Alternate inspector of buildings/building commissioner. An alternate inspector of buildings/building commissioner shall be certified prior to appointment.

As a reminder Chapter 1 Section 111 Certificate of Occupancy: 111.1 Use and Occupancy. No building or structure shall be used or occupied, ..., until the building commissioner, inspector of buildings, or when applicable, the state inspector has issued a certificate of occupancy...

Discussion - Should an email be sent to all building inspectors as a reminder of the above?

- h. Adjourn
- i. 2021 meeting dates will be the First Tuesday of the Month as follows:

January 5 February 2 March 2 April 6 May 4 (SEMBOA) June 1 July 6 (day after hln) August 3 September 7 (day after hln) October 5 (UMASS) November 2 December 7 Next meeting scheduled for March 2, 2021 - Virtual