

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2014**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

The following Board members were present at this meeting:

Stephen S. Burkott	Chief, Chicopee Fire Department
Anthony Caputo	Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
John J. Clancy	Inspector of Buildings in a City/Town
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
John D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
Larry S. Fisher	Electrical Contractor
Alfonso F. Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Robert MacKendrick	FPAM Representative
Eric H. Madison	Chief, Longmeadow Fire Department
Peter J. Ostroskey	Designee of the State Fire Marshal
Kevin C. Robinson	Chairman/Chief, Marshfield Fire Department
Andre Stallworth	Designee of the Commissioner, Boston Fire Department
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

Gary S. Keith	Representative of the Public
William Laidler	Hanover Wiring Inspector
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Richard Fredette	Fire Code Administrator/Executive Director
Peter Senopoulos, Esq.	Board Counsel
Barbara DiGregorio	Division of Fire Safety

Also present were the following interested individuals (and their affiliations):

Linda Benevides	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Robert Duval	National Fire Protection Association
David S. Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and asked the members of the Board and staff to introduce themselves for the record.

Monthly Board Meeting New Business

I. Minutes from the October 2, 2014 meeting submitted for approval.

Upon a motion made by Chief Burkott, seconded by Chief Madison, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting as submitted.

2. *Possible vote to authorize BFPR members to participate in meetings remotely in accordance with Attorney General's Regulation 940 CMR 29.10.*

A motion was made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Mr. John Cox, to allow remote participation for Board of Fire Prevention Regulations meetings in accordance with Attorney General's Regulations 940 CMR 29.10 by means of telephonic conference method. This method applies to BFPR meetings only and not subcommittee or code committee meetings. Motion carries with Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey abstaining and Chief Madison opposed.

3. *Letter from John Nunnari Assoc. AIA regarding comparison of NFPA-1 w/MA Amendments and existing Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) to State Fire Marshal Coan and the Marshal's response.*

Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey reviewed the correspondence from John Nunnari Assoc. AIA and the State Fire Marshal Coan's response.

Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey advised the Board that the Chairman, DFS staff, and Robert Anderson from DPS met with representatives of AIA to discuss their concerns.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board voted to authorize the Chairman to draft a response to John Nunnari Assoc., AIA, stating that based on their meeting a lot of these matters have been resolved, that we look forward to working with them in the future and to ask for a contact person for future notifications.

4. *Letter and discussion about electric automobile charging stations in new construction: Linda Benevides, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.*

With the permission of the board, Linda Benevides, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, conducted a power point presentation about electric cars. Ms. Benevides also advised the Board that they are exploring possible amendments to the electrical code and building code to facilitate and encourage electric vehicle charging capacity in new construction.

There was a brief discussion about some issues that may have to be resolved to avoid jurisdictional conflicts with respect to these code changes.

Monthly Board Meeting Old Business

Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey updated the Board on the implementation of the new Fire Code.

Monthly Board Meeting – Promulgation: Status Updates

1. *See attached spreadsheet from legal.*

Board Counsel reviewed the BFPR Promulgation Status Tracking Sheet that was distributed.

Board Input

The Board reviewed the 2015 Board of Fire Prevention Regulations meeting dates that was distributed.

Chairman Robinson welcomed Deputy Fire Chief Andre Stallworth as the new designee of Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph E. Finn.

Upon a motion was made by Mr. MacKendrick and seconded by Chief Madison to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 pm. The Board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Executive Director



Date:

12/5/2014