

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 5, 2015**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

The following Board members were present at this meeting:

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| Anthony Caputo | Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer |
| John J. Clancy | Inspector of Buildings in a City/Town |
| Joseph Conant | Commissioner, Springfield Fire Department |
| Jeffrey Cox | Registered Professional Electrical Engineer |
| John Dempsey | Designee of the Boston Fire Commissioner |
| Larry S. Fisher | Electrical Contractor |
| Robert MacKendrick | FPAM Representative |
| Peter J. Ostroskey | Designee of the State Fire Marshal |
| Paul C. Scheiner | Chemist |
| Kenneth A. Smith | Blasting Association Member |

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

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| Richard K. Arruda | Chief, Dartmouth Fire District 3 |
| John D. Cox | Registered Professional Chemical Engineer |
| Alfonso F. Ibarreta | Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer |
| Gary S. Keith | Representative of the Public |
| William Laidler | Hanover Wiring Inspector |
| Vacant | Fire Chief - 25,000 to 50,000 population |

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

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| Richard Fredette | Board Executive Director |
| Jennifer Hoyt | Division of Fire Safety |
| Peter Senopoulos, Esq. | Board Counsel |
| Paul Vigneau | Division of Fire Safety |

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

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| Robert Duval | National Fire Protection Association |
| Wendy Gifford | Consultant, Codes, Standards, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs |
| John Houlihan | Automatic Fire Alarm Association of New England |
| David Lafond | National Fire Sprinkler Association |
| Christopher Koretski | DFS Intern/Anna Maria College |
| David S. Duval | Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association |

Monthly Board Meeting – Call to Order

I. Call to Order

Chairman Anthony Caputo opened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

2. Member Introductions

Chairman Anthony P. Caputo asked the members of the Board, the Division of Fire Safety staff members and the public to introduce themselves for the record.

3. Minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting submitted for approval.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Monthly Board Meeting - Old Business

1. Committee Reports

a. Smoke Alarm Task Group – Status update

Mr. Fisher advised the Board that the Smoke Alarm Task Group is in the process of drafting a recommendation and hopefully will be presenting the recommendation at the January Board meeting.

b. Welding/Hot Works Task Group – Status update

Mr. Vigneau advised the Board that the last Welding/Hot Works Task Group meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts and rescheduling is still ongoing.

c. General Requirements Code Committee - Status update (use of colored powders, Southport on Cape Cod Condominium Association - grills, Prismo Coatings – mulch, Intertek Commodities – fuel testing, Deputy Fire Chief Laracy – photovoltaic)

Commissioner Joseph Conant advised the Board that the General Requirement Code Committee has not met.

d. Processes Code Committee/Electrical Code Committee – Status update (Independent Oil Marketers Association of New England – self service requirements)

Chairman Caputo advised the Board that the Processes Code Committee/Electrical Code Committee has not met.

e. Equipment Code Committee – Status update (certificates of registrations for hood cleaning companies)

Mr. Vigneau advised the Board that the Equipment Code Committee has not met.

Monthly Board Meeting - New Business

1. 527 CMR 1.00 – Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code

Executive Director Fredette addressed this in the workshop that was held at the end of the Board meeting.

2. *Communication from State Representative David T. Vieira regarding grills and draft response*

Upon a motion made by Deputy Fire Marshal, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Chair to sign the response to State Representative David T. Vieira stating that we are in receipt of his communication and that the work is ongoing.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Fire Marshal, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to authorize staff to reply to inquiries acknowledging receipt of the inquiry and to inform them where the inquiry was sent based on the board protocol.

3. *Communication from Gregory R. Murphy, Andy Rodeniser Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Corp. regarding clarification on interpretation.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jeff Cox, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to send the request from Gregory R. Murphy, Andy Rodeniser Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Corp. to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

4. *Interpretation request from Charles Palmieri, Inspector of Wires, Town of Norwell regarding the use of Type TC Cable.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jeff Cox, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to send the request from Charles Palmieri, Inspector of Wires, Town of Norwell to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

Executive Director Fredette advised the Board that a interpretation request was just received from Stephen F. Krasner, ONLY CONNECT LLC regarding Massachusetts Electrical Code Article 702.4(B)(1).

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jeff Cox, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to send the request from Stephen F. Krasner, ONLY CONNECT to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

5. *Vote to confirm, for E.O. 562 regulation review purposes, the board's intent to retain 527 CMR 12.00, Massachusetts Electrical Code, in its current form.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to retain 527 CMR 12.00, Massachusetts Electrical Code, in its current form.

6. *BFPR technical committee training.*

Executive Director Fredette presented a handout of materials to review the Open Meeting Law and code development process for members of the BFPR and Code Committees.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

None

A motion was made by Dr. Scheiner and seconded by Mr. Jeff Cox to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:20 p.m. The board voted unanimously on this motion.

Richard Fredette then made a power point presentation regarding the open meeting law and code development process to the board and general public. No further action taken by the board.

Submitted by: Executive Director



Date:

12/7/2015