

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
December 3, 2015**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

The following Board members were present at this meeting:

Richard K. Arruda	Chief, Dartmouth Fire District 3
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 D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
John Dempsey	Designee of the Boston Fire Commissioner
Larry S. Fisher	Electrical Contractor
Alfonso F. Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Gary S. Keith	Representative of the Public
William Laidler	Hanover Wiring Inspector
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:

Vacant	Fire Chief - 25,000 to 50,000 population
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DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

Peter Senopoulos, Esq.	Board Counsel
Paul Vigneau	Division of Fire Safety

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

Robert Duval	National Fire Protection Association
David S. Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
Michael Hazel	Chief, Tewksbury Fire Department

**Monthly Board Meeting – Call to Order**

*1. Call to Order*

Chairman Anthony Caputo opened the meeting at 1:00 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. Laidler, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 5, 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.

b. *Welding/Hot Works Task Group – Status update*

Mr. Laidler advised the Board that the last Welding/Hot Works Task Group has been meeting regularly and is making progress.

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 will be meeting at the end of next week or the week after.

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 will be meeting in January.

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the response to Gregory R. Murphy, Andy Rodeniser Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Corp. as presented today.



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

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the response to Charles Palmieri, Inspector of Wires, Town of Norwell as presented today.

4. *Interpretation request was from Stephen F. Krasner, ONLY CONNECT LLC regarding Massachusetts Electrical Code Article 702.4(B)(1).*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the response to Stephen F. Krasner, ONLY CONNECT LLC as presented today.

#### **Monthly Board Meeting - New Business**

1. *Interpretation request from Paul Cormier on 527 CMR 12 Massachusetts Electrical Article 422.34.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the response to Paul Cormier as presented today.

2. *Interpretation request from Thomas Sullivan, Inspector of Wires, Town of Holyoke, concerning illumination requirements.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the response to Thomas Sullivan, Inspector of Wires, Town of Holyoke as presented today.

#### **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.**

None

A motion was made by Dr. Scheiner and seconded by Mr. MacKendrick to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:08 p.m. The board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Executive Director



Date: 2/11/2016