

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
June 4, 2015**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

The following Board members were present at this meeting:

Anthony Caputo	Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
John J. Clancy	Inspector of Buildings in a City/Town
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical 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
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:

Stephen S. Burkott	Chief, Chicopee Fire Department
John D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
William Laidler	Hanover Wiring Inspector
Vacant	Fire Chief – under 25,000 population
Vacant	Fire Chief - 25,000 to 50,000 population

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Paul Vigneau	Director, Division of Fire Safety
Barbara DiGregorio	Division of Fire Safety
Peter Senopoulos, Esq.	Board Counsel

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

David S. Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
Mark Poirier	Deputy Fire Chief, Bellingham Fire Department
Jon Jones	Jon Jones & Associates
Donald Jansen	Department of Public Licensure
Commissioner Joseph Conant	Springfield Fire Department

**Chairperson**

*1. Call to Order*

Board Counsel Senopoulos opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. and advised the Board that since there is no Chair with the departure of Chief Robinson the appropriate thing to do would be to select a member to act as Chair Pro Tem for the purpose of presiding over the meeting.

2. *Vote to appoint a Chairman Pro Tem to preside over the meeting.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Anthony Caputo Pro Tem for the purposes of presiding over the meeting today in the absence of a Chairman.

Mr. Caputo, the Chairman Pro Tem, asked the members of the Board, Division of Fire Safety members and the public to introduce themselves for the record.

3. *Minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting submitted for approval.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Jeffrey Cox, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 meeting with the following modification: On the 4<sup>th</sup> line of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 4 it should be fire originates from and not fire originates for is.

#### **Monthly Board Meeting - Old Business**

1. *527 CMR 1.00 – Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code*
  - a. *Report from subcommittees relative to Massachusetts amendments submittal to NFPA for the 2018 edition of NFPA 1.*

Upon a motion made by Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. Keith, the Board unanimously voted to authorize DFS staff to submit the Massachusetts Amendments for consideration in the 2018 BFPA 1 as presented.

2. *Smoke Alarm Special Committee – Status update*

Mr. Fisher gave the Board an update on the Smoke Alarm Special Committee which was held this morning and asked that the Board to consider the following persons for appointment to the committee:

David Duval  
Jon Jones  
Deputy Chief Mark Poirier  
Deputy Chief John Dempsey

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Keith, the Board unanimously voted to appoint David Duval, Jon Jones, Deputy Chief Mark Poirier and Deputy Chief John Dempsey to the Smoke Alarm Special Committee.

3. *Welding / Hot Work Special Committee – Status update*

Mr. Vigneau advised the Board the Welding / Hot Work Special Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on June 10, 2015.

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

1. *527 CMR 1.00 – Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code*
  - a. *Requests for Interpretation from DFS, Division of Fire Safety to BFPR*
    - i. *527 CMR 1.00:13.7A, Bathroom*
    - ii. *527 CMR 1.00:13.7A, Dual Technology*

Upon a motion made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Jeff Cox, the Board unanimously voted to accept the 527 CMR 1.00:13.7A, Bathroom and 527 CMR 1.00:13.7A, Dual Technology interpretation as presented.

- b. *Interpretation request from Stephen F. Krasner regarding Optional Standby Switch installation*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jeff Cox, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to send Stephen F. Krasner's request for interpretation to the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee.

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

Chairman Pro Tem Caputo brought forward the issues of grills on decks and patios and his concerns relative to the building code.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted to bring the issue of grills on decks and patios to the General Requirements Code Committee to consider other issues that were not discussed.

It was determined that interpretation 10.11.6.1 was a separate and distinct issue and the response of the Board should stand.

Board Counsel Senopoulos advised that the Board that we will not be able to seek a waiver to Executive Order No. 562 for 527 CMR 1.00 Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code and 527 CMR 12.00, the Massachusetts Electrical Code, and he will go through the process that is outlined in Executive Order No. 562 and recommend that it be retained in its current form.

Mr. Smith asked the Board if the 2018 edition of NFPA 1 is the right place to submit the Massachusetts amendments on explosives as it is not dealt with in NFPA 1 but in NFPA 495.

Staff advised that it was the appropriate place as our submission on explosives would be forwarded to the appropriate standard committee as it is part of the NFPA 1 development process.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. Keith, the Board unanimously voted to authorize staff to submit recommended amendments to NFPA in any code cycle that is appropriate based on the reference.



Upon a motion made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Dempsey, the Board unanimously voted not to hold a July and August meeting unless there is a pressing issue or unless the Smoke Alarm or Hot Works Task Groups have recommendations to submit to the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Scheiner and seconded by Mr. MacKendrick to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. The Board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Executive Director



Date:

12/2/2015