

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

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the Department of Fire Services, Link 105, 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
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
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

John D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
John Dempsey	Designee of the Boston Fire Commissioner
Peter J. Ostroskey	Designee of the State Fire Marshal
Vacant	Fire Chief - 25,000 to 50,000 population

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

David Beaudin	Division of Fire Safety
Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Peter Senopoulos, Esq.	Board Counsel

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

Robert Duval	National Fire Protection Association
Wendy Gifford	Nest Labs
David S. Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
Jon Jones	Jon Jones & Associates
Michael Hazel	Chief, Tewksbury Fire Department
Christopher Koretski	Anna Maria College

Chairperson

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, Division of Fire Safety members and the public to introduce themselves for the record.

Chairman Anthony P. Caputo also welcomed new Board of Fire Prevention Regulations members Chief Richard K. Arruda and Commissioner Joseph Conant.

3. Minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting submitted for approval.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Gary Keith, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Monthly Board Meeting - Old Business

1. Selection and appointment of Task Group Chairs and Membership

Chairman Caputo appointed Larry Fisher as the Chairman of the Smoke Alarm Task Group.

Chairman Caputo appointed William Laidler as the Chairman of the Welding and Hot Works Task Group.

The Board unanimously agreed with these appointments.

2. Smoke Alarm Task Group – Status update

- *August 6, 2015 and June 4, 2015 Minutes*

The Smoke Alarm Task Group June 4, 2015 and August 6, 2015 minutes and reports were received by the Board. No action needed.

3. Welding/Hot Works Task Group – Status update

- *June 24, 2015 and July 22, 2015 Minutes*

The Welding and Hot Works Task Group June 24, 2015 and July 22, 2015 minutes and reports were received by the Board. No action needed.

4. Interpretation request from Stephen F. Krasner regarding Optional Standby Switch installation.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the response of the 527 CMR Electrical Interpretation Committee.

Monthly Board Meeting - New Business

1. Interpretation request from NECA Boston Chapter Electrical Contractors Association RFI on installing Preassembled Electrical Components.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Jeffrey Cox to draft a response to the NECA for consideration by the Board.

2. *527 CMR 1.00 – Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code*

- *Selection and appointment of Code Group Chairs and Membership*

The Board approved the following Code Group Chairs and BFPR Membership:

Administration and Correlation Code Committee

Chair Paul C. Scheiner, Ph.D.

BFPR Members Gary Keith and William Laidler

General Requirements Code Committee

Chair Commissioner Joseph Conant

BFPR Members Deputy Chief John Dempsey and Alfonso Ibarreta

Occupancy Code Committee

Chair Larry Fisher

BFPR Members Gary Keith and Jeffrey Cox

Processes Code Committee

Chair Anthony Caputo, P.E.

BFPR Members Robert MacKendrick and John Cox, P.E.

Equipment Code Committee

Chair Robert MacKendrick

BFPR Members Jeffrey Cox, P.E. and Alfonso Ibarreta, P.E.

Hazardous Materials

Chair John Cox, P.E.

BFPR Members Kenneth Smith and Anthony Caputo, P.E.

It was determined that staff would verify the interest and availability of the remainder of the Code Committee members.

- *Update 2012/2015/2018 code cycle*

Jennifer Hoyt addressed the Board regarding the adopting the NFPA-1 2015 code cycle or NFPA-1 2018 code cycle.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with adopting the NFPA-1 2018 edition.

- *Possible vote for BFPR and related committees and staff to initiate activity leading up to eventual adoption of NFPA-1 2015 edition with Massachusetts Amendments.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by William Laidler, the Board unanimously voted not to proceed with activity to adopt the 2015 edition of NFPA-1.

Upon a motion made by William Laidler, seconded by Jeffrey Cox, the Board unanimously voted to place the issue of the possible vote to adopt the 2018 edition of NFPA-1 as an item on next month's agenda.

DFS staff will distribute the suggested errata and proposed amendments to the current code for the Board and the Code Committee Chairs to review.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Jeffrey Cox, the Board unanimously voted to submit for amendments/corrections to the current code at the public hearing in October. The corrections may come from board members, staff, or the general public.

3. *Communication [email] from Board Member Alfonso Ibarreta; use of colored powders used for entertainment purposes.*

Upon a motion made by Jeffrey Cox, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted to send this issue for study by the General Requirements Code Committee.

4. *Communication [email] from Michael K. Laracy, Sr., Deputy Fire Chief, Walpole requesting consideration for adoption of NFPA 1 – Chapter 11.12.*

It was determined to wait for the October Public Hearing for a code change proposal to be submitted from Michael K. Laracy, Sr., Deputy Fire Chief, Walpole.

5. *Communication [email] from Prismo Coating Canada, Holland Landing, ON requesting consideration of adoption of FireChief which is a wood fibre coating, designed to color enhance wood waste fibre to create decorative mulches from recycled and sustainable wood resources.*

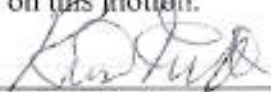
Upon a motion made by William Laidler, seconded by Jeffrey Cox, the Board determined to have staff advise Prismo Coating Canada that if they wish to make a proposed code change they should submit the proposed code change with justification for the October Hearing.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Board Counsel Senopoulos gave the Board an update regarding Initiative Petition No. 15-22: a law relative to establishing the sales and use of consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth. He indicated that the Attorney General's Office did not certify the petition to move the initiative through the process since the petition contained language that would eliminate oversight/regulation over all explosive materials and professional fireworks shows in addition to legalizing the sale and use of consumer fireworks.

A motion was made by Dr. Scheiner and seconded by Mr. Laidler to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 p.m. The Board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Executive Director



Date:

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