

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2016**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016 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
Michael Hazel	Chief, Tewksbury Fire Department
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

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member
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DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

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

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

Robert Duval	National Fire Protection Association
Jon Jones	Jon Jones & Associates
David A. Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
Jack Lyons	National Electrical Manufacturers Association

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 December 3, 2015 meeting submitted for approval.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Monthly Board Meeting - Old Business

1. *Committee Reports*

a. *Smoke Alarm Task Group – Status update*

Mr. Fisher informed the Board that the Smoke Alarm Task Group had completed their work this morning and has submitted their report to this Board.

Upon a motion by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Commissioner Conant, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the Smoke Alarm Task Group.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Jeff Cox, the Board unanimously voted to note there is an issue with Senate Bill No. 1249 Section (c) as currently written.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to send the report of the Smoke Alarm Task Group to the General Requirements Code Committee.

Chairman Caputo expressed his and the Board's appreciation for the work of the Smoke Alarm Task Group.

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, Prisma Coatings – mulch, Intertek Commodities – fuel testing, Deputy Fire Chief Laracy – photovoltaic)*

Commissioner Joseph Conant advised the Board that the General Requirement Code Committee had a meeting in December and will be meeting within the next two weeks.

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)*

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

Monthly Board Meeting - New Business

1. *Interpretation request from Paul A. Asselin, Elm Electric Inc., regarding 527 CMR 12: Article 400, Section 400.8.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Jeff Cox, the Board unanimously voted to send the request for interpretation from Paul A. Asselin, Elm Electric, Inc. to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

2. *Communication from Peter R. Romano, NECSEMA, requesting consideration that the Board strike the current Massachusetts amendment and adopt the "virgin" language of NFPA 1 § 42.7.4.2.*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to send the communication from Peter R. Romano, NECSEMA to the Processes Code Committee.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

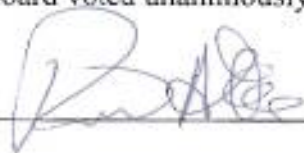
The safety aspect of lithium batteries was discussed and it was determined that staff should put together a report for the next BFPR meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Attorney Senopoulos to request an extension of up to 6 months for compliance with Executive Order 562.

Chairman Caputo welcomed Chief Hazel to the Board and Peter Ostroskey as the new Acting State Fire Marshal.

A motion was made by Dr. Scheiner and seconded by Mr. MacKendrick to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:17 p.m. The board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Executive Director



Date: 3/28/2016