

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2016**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, April 7, 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
Paul Vigneau	Designee of the State Fire Marshal

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

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

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

David A. Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
Attorney Dan O'Brien	The Brennan Group
Jack Lyons	National Electrical Manufacturers Association

Monthly Board Meeting – Call to Order

1. Call to Order

Chairman Anthony Caputo opened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

2. Member Introductions

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

3. *Minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting submitted for approval.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Jeff Cox, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Monthly Board Meeting - Old Business

1. *Committee/ Task Group Reports*

a. *Task Group – Status update*

i. *Welding/Hot Works*

Mr. Laidler advised the Board that the Welding/Hot Works Task Group met this morning and hopefully will have something for the Board at the May meeting.

b. *General Requirements Code Committee - Status update*

i. *Meeting Minutes of 3-21-16*

The Board reviewed the General Requirements Code Committee minutes of the March 21, 2016 minutes.

ii. *Smoke Alarm*

1. *Proposal 13.7*

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Conant, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept 13.7 as presented today with the clerical changes to be made by staff.

There was discussion on submitting this as two or three separate documents (smoke, CO, and maintenance) and the Board determined to submit 13.7 as one document at this time and separate if and when it is necessary.

Upon a motion made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to start the promulgation process for 13.7.

iii. *Use of colored powders*

1. *Staff to draft and issue an advisory*

The Board reviewed the advisory on colored powders and thanked Alfonso Ibarreta and staff for their efforts on this issue.

iv. *Intertek Commodities – fuel testing*

1. *Staff to draft proposed language for review*

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Conant, seconded by Mr. Laidler, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposal as submitted and to move to promulgation.

- v. *Deputy Fire Chief Laracy - photovoltaic*
 - 1. *Staff to work with BBRS on issue*

Commissioner Conant gave the Board an update on this matter.

- vi. *Interpretation request from Don Adams, Manager, Bond-Tite Tank Service regarding expansion loops on oil lines.*
 - 1. *Staff requested an RFI from NFPA on NFPA 31, 2011 edition: 8.4.2*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Vigneau, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to authorize staff to respond to Don Adams.

- c. *Processes Code Committee – Status update*
 - i. *Code Committee chair to report*
 - ii. *Minutes of 3/28/16*
 - iii. *Independent Oil Marketers Association of New England – self service requirements*
 - iv. *Communication from Peter R. Romano, NECSEMA, requesting consideration that the Board strike the current Massachusetts amendment and adopt the “virgin” language of NFPA 1, 2012 edition: 42.7.4.2*
 - 1. *Next Code Committee meeting date 4/11/16*

Mr. Caputo advised the Board that the committee met last week and they approved the errata as presented, they determined to continue working on the issue of the Independent Oil Marketers Association of New England, and that they will meet again on 4/11/16 to take up the issues relative to the 2012/2015/2018 editions.

- d. *Equipment Code Committee – Status update*
 - i. *Code Committee Chair to report*
 - ii. *Minutes of 3/28/16*
 - iii. *Add Certificate of Registration for hood cleaning companies*
 - 1. *Next Code Committee date TBD*

Mr. MacKendrick advised the Board that the Equipment Code Committee met on March 28, 2016 and they approved the errata as presented, they reviewed the proposed amendment to require a Certificate of Registration for hood cleaning companies, they determined to seek clarification in regard to their authority to regulate hood cleaning companies, they voted to accept all of the proposed changes on 2012-2015 on NFPA 96 without modification if the BFPR determines to go forward with NFPA 1 2015 or 2018 edition, and they determined that the next meeting will be scheduled when the draft proposal on regulating hood cleaning companies and the legal opinion have been received.

Monthly Board Meeting – Promulgation

1. *Status Updates*
 - a. *10.11 Open Flame, Candles and Outdoor Fires/1.12.8.1 Permitting*
 - b. *10.11.6 Cooking Appliances*
 - c. *18.2.3 Access Roads*
 - d. *1.12.8.40.1.1 and 66.21.7.4.3.4 – Transport of Tanks to Tank yards – UST's*

Ms. Hoyt advised the Board that the above standards have been posted to the BCCC website and are set for the agenda for their next meeting on April 21, 2016. She advised the Board that she will add what was voted on today.

Monthly Board Meeting - New Business

1. *Review letter to BBRS regarding Photoelectric (PV) Installations*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Jeff Cox, the Board determined to send this letter as written with today's date.

2. *DFS guidance document on Lithium-Ion battery.*

Ms. Hoyt reviewed the guidance document that was issued by the Marshal on Lithium-Ion batteries.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Mr. Laidler advised the Board that the NEC is holding the annual meeting in June and the 527 CMR 12 Massachusetts Electrical Advisory has started meeting and is on target.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. John Cox to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:45 p.m. The board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Director, Division of Fire Safety

Date: 5/12/16