

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
June 2, 2016**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, June 2, 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
Alfonso F. Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Gary S. Keith	Representative of the Public
Robert MacKendrick	FPAM Representative
Peter J. Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

Michael Hazel	Chief, Tewksbury Fire Department
William Laidler	Hanover Wiring Inspector
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

Paul Vigneau	Director, Division of Fire Safety
Richard Fredette	Board Executive Director
Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Peter Senopoulos	Department of Fire Services Counsel

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

David Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
Jon Jones	Jon Jones & Associates
Dan Walsh	Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials

**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 guests to introduce themselves for the record.

3. *Minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting submitted for approval.*

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Conant, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting as submitted.

**Monthly Board Meeting - Old Business**

1. *Committee/ Reports*

a. *General Requirements Code Committee - Status update*

(i) *Code Committee Chair to report*

(a) *Review for the 2015 edition of NFPA 1*

(b) *Report on Chapter 18: Fire Department Access and Water Supply based on May 5, 2016 public comment*

Commissioner Conant advised the Board that the General Requirements Code Committee met yesterday and reviewed the 2015 edition of NFPA 1 and accepted all changes in Chapter 10 except 10.14, accepted Chapter 11 except 11.3 and 11.6 and Chapter 12 and Chapter 13 going back to staff with outstanding issues. Chapters 14-18 were accepted as written. The Code Committee also approved the changes in Chapter 18 striking one and two family dwellings from the requirements of the access roads.

Mr. Vigneau advised the Board that there were administrative issues between DFS and DPS and staff will be working the DPS on these issues.

Upon a motion made by State Fire Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. Jeff Cox, the Board voted to amend Chapter 18 of the Fire Code, which is currently before the BCCC, to include the Chapter 18 revision to exempt 1 and 2 Family Dwellings which was distributed today.

Robert MacKendrick opposed.

b. *Processes Code Committee – Status update*

(i) *Code Committee Chair to report*

(a) *Hot Works – Chapter 41 proposal*

(i) *Next meeting TBD*

Mr. Caputo advised the Board that the Processes Code Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

c. *Equipment Code Committee – Status update*

(i) *Code Committee Chair to report*

(a) *Next Code Committee date TBD*

Mr. MacKendrick advised the Board that the Equipment Code Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.



- d. Hazardous Code Committee – Status update*
- (i) Code Committee Chair to report*
  - (a) Review for the 2015 edition of NFPA 1*

John Cox advised the Board that the Hazardous Code Committee met on May 10, 2016 and on May 24, 2016, and he thanked Jennifer Hoyt and Richard Fredette for all their work. Mr. Cox also advised the Board that the code committee made it through all the errata's and finished the review of the 2015 edition of NFPA 1.

- e. Electrical Code Committee (Interpretations)*
- (i) Request for interpretation from Tom McDonald, Inspector of Wires, regarding 527 CMR 12 Article 336*
- (ii) Proposals for the 2017 edition of NEC*

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

Mr. Jeff Cox advised the Board that the 527 CMR 12 Advisory Committee will be meeting on June 7, 2016 to review proposals for the 2017 edition of NEC.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jeff Cox, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to authorize staff to send a letter to the BBRS regarding the upcoming adoption of the 2017 National Electrical Code as the Massachusetts State Electrical Code and to ask for their cooperation and input with the upcoming revisions to the State Electrical Code.

- f. Occupancy Code Committee*
- (i) Chapter 26 – Meeting TBD*

Mr. Fisher advised the Board that the Occupancy Code Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

### **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*
  - e. 13.7 Smoke Alarm*
  - f. 11.7.5 Maintenance and Testing and 203.5 ASTM Publications*

Board Counsel Senopoulos reviewed the Status Report of Regulations approved by BFPR for Promulgation that was distributed today.

Upon a motion made by State Fire Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation and approve for promulgation the sections in our package that was distributed today regarding Transport a Tank to a Tank Yard with the following amendment: In 66.21.7.7.2 strike the work yard after tank so that it reads each tank dismantling yard shall comply with all the provisions of regulation and be approved by the State Fire Marshal and endorsed by the Head of the Fire Department.

There was discussion regarding the Boards intention regarding the adoption of the 2015 edition of NFPA 1 or going to the 2018 edition of NFPA 1.

Dr. Scheiner requested that staff prepare a summary of the Technical Summary Forms that have been distributed to the Board and to look into the possibility of putting this information online.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting so that a determination can be made regarding the Board's intent to aim for the adoption of the 2015 edition of NFPA 1 or the 2018 edition of NFPA 1.

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

##### *1. Communication (email) from Robert L. Bourke, Fire Code Consultant*

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. John Cox, the Board unanimously voted to authorize staff to issue a joint interpretation on replacement in kind references all three permit aspects. Permits required by the building code so that there would be no more permits from the Fire Departments, 27A permits under the Building Code, and fire protection aspects under the jurisdiction of the Fire Code.

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

Upon a motion made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted not to hold a July meeting unless there is a pressing issue.

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

Submitted by: Executive Director



Date:

8/23/2016