

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**July 18, 2019**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019 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
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 Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Gary S. Keith	Representative of the Public
Robert MacKendrick	FPAM Representative
Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

Richard Arruda	Chief, Dartmouth Fire District 3
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
Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services
Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Christina Rodriguez	Division of Fire Safety
David Clemons	Department of Fire Services

**Monthly Board Meeting**

*1. Chairman to open the meeting.*

Chairman Caputo opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. and asked the members of the Board and the Division of Fire Safety staff to introduce themselves for the record.

*2. Minutes from the June 6, 2019 meeting submitted for approval.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 meeting as amended.

## **New Business**

None

## **Old Business**

### *1. Committee/ Reports*

#### *a. Administrative Code Committee*

Dr. Scheiner mentioned the Administrative Code Committee met this morning on July 18, 2019 to review 6 items relating to amendments. Minor editorial changes were made prior to approval.

#### *b. General Requirements Code Committee*

*i. None*

#### *c. Occupancy Code Committee*

*i. No meetings were scheduled for the Occupancy Code Committee. Mr. Fisher spoke with DFS regarding the addition of the annex for Chapter 38 for co*

#### *d. Processing Code Committee*

*i. July 18, 2019 draft meeting minutes*

#### *e. Equipment Code Committee*

*i. None*

#### *f. Hazardous Code Committee*

*i. None*

#### *g. Electrical Code Committee*

Mr. Laidler stated that the Electrical Code Committee met on May 21, 2019 at the MECA Office to review submitted proposals for amendments to the 2020 electrical code. Review is still in process.

#### *1) Two communications from Frederic P. Hartwell, President of Hartwell Electrical Services, Inc. regarding the Board of Electricians' case BEA-18-00006-AP Appeals*

*a. Requesting the Superior Court to remand this matter, in order that it be allowed to reopen with respect to streetlights in the Town of Millis for further proceedings not inconsistent with its position on the extent to which 527 CMR 12 applies to municipal street lighting.*

*b. Requesting the following interpretation, does the conversion of ownership of a luminaire installed pursuant to c. 164 §34A and made subject to "an alternative tariff approved by the department" result in the luminaire becoming subject to provisions in the National Electrical Code as it applies in Massachusetts?*

Mr. Rooney provided an update stating the two above items are still pending in court. Upon a motion made by Mr. Mackendrick, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the board unanimously voted to table the items.

2) *Communication from the Executive Director Board of State Electrical Examiners requesting no action on Mr. Hartwell's communication until pending litigation is resolved.*

2. *Review and potential vote on proposed amendment package for 527 CMR 1.00 Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code*

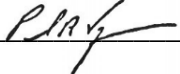
Ms. Hoyt briefed the board members on the 3 page summary regarding the proposed changes to 527 CMR 1.00 Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code.

3. *Discussion regarding promulgation timeline*

4. *Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair*

None

A motion was made by Mr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Mackendrick, to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m. The Board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by:  Date: 9/19/19