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ANTHONY P. CAPUTO  
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**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**May 4, 2023 1:00 p.m.**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**The following Board members were present:**

Anthony Caputo  
Alfonso Ibarreta  
Ed Williams  
John Cox  
Kenneth Smith  
Larry S. Fisher  
Maribel Fournier  
Patty Sheehan  
Paul Kennedy  
Paul Scheiner  
Peter Ostroskey  
Richard Arruda

BFPR Chair, Fire Protection Engineer  
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer  
Representative, Fire Prevention Assn of MA  
Registered Professional Chemical Engineer  
Blasting Association Member  
Electrical Contractor  
State Fire Marshal (Alt)  
Inspector of Buildings  
Wiring Inspector  
Chemist  
State Fire Marshal  
Dartmouth District 3 Fire Chief

**DFS Staffing were present:**

Glenn Rooney  
Brian Ingram  
Mary Ann Smith

Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services  
Director, Fire Safety Division  
Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division

**Statutory Public Hearing**

Mary Ann Smith called roll and asked members to introduce themselves for the record.

Chairman Caputo called the Statutory Public Hearing to order at 1:04 pm.

Mary Ann Smith reports that no written submissions were submitted.

Chairman Caputo asked if there were any verbal submissions.

Hearing none, Paul Scheiner motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Paul Kennedy the meeting was adjourned at 1:08.

### **Monthly Board Meeting**

1. *Minutes from the April 6, 2023 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.*

**Motion** to approve the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Larry Fisher. All in favor. Motion carries.

### **New Business**

1. *Proposed Code Change for section 1.12.8.40.2.2 submitted by David Beaudin on April 19, 2023.*

**Motion** to send Proposed Code Change to the Administrative Committee for further review made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Peter Ostroskey. All in favor. Motion carries.

2. *Request for interpretation submitted by Steve Connolly, Tesla on March 31, 2023 on 527 CMR 1.00, 11.12.3.*

**Motion** to approve response as 'No' and minutes of the General Requirements Committee as is written made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Richard Arruda. All in favor. Motion carries.

### **Old Business**

1. *Committee/ Reports*

- a. *Administrative Code Committee*

- (1) *Minutes, April 27, 2023*

- b. *General Requirements Code Committee*

- (1) *Minutes, May 4, 2023*

- c. *Occupancy Code Committee*

- d. *Processing Code Committee*

- e. *Equipment Code Committee*

- f. *Hazardous Code Committee*

- g. *Electrical Code Committee*

- (1) *Minutes, April 27, 2023*

- i. Response to Chris Polny's request for interpretations on 527 CMR 12.00, 210.12(B), 230.85, 225.41, 320.23, 330.23, 334.23, 312.2 and Rules 8 & 10.

**Motion** to accept response to Question #1 made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**Motion** to accept response to Question #2 made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Larry Fisher. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**Motion** to accept response to Question #3 made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**Motion** to accept response to Question #4 with correction 'Factor to Factory' made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

No response needed for Question #5. Question withdrawn by requestor.

- ii. Response to Patrick Walsh's request for interpretations on 527 CMR 12.00, 230.2.

**Motion** to accept response to Question #1 made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Larry Fisher. All in favor. Motion Carries.

- iii. Response to Kyle Brown's request for interpretations on 527 CMR 12.00, Bill H. 286.

This is an ongoing issue. A work group will be created in conjunction with BSEE to create advisory language for legislative action. Work group will be composed of the following BFPR members: Patty Sheehan, Paul Kennedy, Larry Fisher and Jeff Putnam. DFS Staff to facilitate meetings.


*h. Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

**Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:39 p.m.

Approved:  Date: 6/1/23