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ANTHONY P. CAPUTO
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BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 7, 2023 1:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

The following Board members were present:

Alfonso Ibarreta
Anthony Caputo
Edward Williams
John Cox
Kenneth Smith
Larry S. Fisher
Patty Sheehan
Paul Kennedy
Paul Scheiner
Richard Arruda

Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
BFPR Chair, Fire Protection Engineer
Deputy Chief Brockton Fire Department
Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
Blasting Association Member
Electrical Contractor
Inspector of Buildings
Wiring Inspector
Chemist
Chief – under 25,000 population

DFS Staffing were present:

Brian Ingram
Mary Ann Smith
Matthew Murray
Christina Rodriguez
Rachel Perlman

Director, Fire Safety Division
Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division
Code Compliance Officer, Fire Safety Division
Program Coordinator, Fire Safety Division
Deputy General Counsel

Guests were present:

Jim Colleary
Sam Pillsbury
Peter Diamond
George Fournier

Southborough Wiring Inspector
ReVision Energy
MEAC Member (IOW Norfolk)
MEAC Member (Western Mass. Chapter, IAIEI)

Chairman Anthony Caputo called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

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

Monthly Board Meeting

1. *Minutes from the August 3, 2023 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.*

Motion to approve the August 3, 2023 meeting minutes with corrections (Motion to adjourn made by Peter Ostrosky. Update to Peter Ostrosky's title in attendance) made by Paul Scheiner seconded by John Cox. All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Matt Murray discussed creating a Flame Effects License. He proposed creating a Work Group to review what neighboring states have done to create a license for Massachusetts.

Motion made to create a Flame Effects License Work Group by Paul Scheiner, seconded Edward Williams, all in favor. Motion Carries.

2. Paul Scheiner presented work being done by the Administrative Committee on Permits and Certificates.
 - a. Staff will separate permits and certificates by committee.
 - b. Committees will meet to discuss permits and certificates at a technical level.
 - c. Committees will determine what permits and certificates are required, not required and what new permits and certificates need to be added.
 - d. Once Committees have completed their review, a work group with representation from each committee will come together to review the work done.
3. Larry Fisher discussed proposed Emergency Amendment Language on 527 CMR 12.00, Article 230.85.

Motion made to accept Emergency Amendment as written in total with an advisory to be sent out by the BFPR/Marshal's Office made by Larry Fisher and seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor. Motion Carries.

4. Richard Arruda, discuss code change proposal for 527 CMR 1.00, 1.7.16.1.

Motion to accept code change proposal made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Larry Fisher, all in favor. Motion Carries.

Old Business

1. *Committee/ Reports*
 - a. *Administrative Code Committee*
 - b. *General Requirements Code Committee*
 - c. *Occupancy Code Committee*
 - d. *Processing Code Committee*
 - e. *Equipment Code Committee*
 - (1) *Response to 527 CMR 1.99, 52.9 as received from Steve Connolly, on May 19, 2023.*

Motion to send response back to equipment committee with additional feedback from the BFPR made by Edward Williams, seconded by Paul Scheiner, all in favor, motion carries.

f. Hazardous Code Committee

g. Electrical Code Committee

- (1) Request for Interpretation on 527 CMR 12.00: 230.85 as received from Jon Dyer.

Question # 1: When replacing a main electrical panel only, due to damage, without increasing its capacity or changing its location, does an electrician need to install an emergency service disconnect re: CMR 230.85 in a single family residence?

Response: No

Motion to accept response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion carries.

- (2) Request for Interpretation on 527 CMR 12.00: 230.67, 215.18, 225.42, as received from Steve Connolly.

Question #1: Do the articles 215.18, 225.42 required the installation of SPDs in load centers that contain only power production sources (PV & ESS), these load center would contain no branch circuit loads.

Response: No

Motion to accept response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion carries.

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 2:59 p.m.

Approved:  Date: 10/5/23