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LARRY S. FISHER
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BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2024 1:00 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

Larry Fisher
Jon Davine
Chief Arruda

Alfonso Ibarreta
Keith Pogarian
Paul Scheiner, Ph. D.
Paul Kennedy
Johnathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.
Colin Kelly
Kenneth Smith
Patty Sheehan
John Cox

Chair, BFPR
Fire Marshal
Fire Chief from a community with a population of
less than 25,000
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
Graduate Fire Chemist
Inspector of Wires
Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
Boston Fire Department Commissioner (Designee)
Blasting Association Member
Building Official
Chemical Engineer

The following Board Members were absent:

Joseph Jackson

Fire Chief from a community with a population of
more than 50,000

Michael Newbury

Fire Chief from a community with a population of
25,000 to 50,000

Vacant

Member of the Public

Vacant

FPAM Representative

DFS Staffing were present:

Mary Ann Smith
Brian Ingram
Glenn Rooney
Matt Murray
Dave Clemons
Jake Nunnemacher

Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division
Director, Division of Fire Safety
General Counsel
Code Compliance Officer
Operations Section Chief
Fire Protection Engineer

Rachel Perlman
John Wood

Deputy General Counsel
Code Compliance Officer

Guests were present:

Peter Diamond MEAC
Michael Pang
Sam Pillsbury
Rae Moore

1. Meeting was opened at 1:03 p.m. by Larry Fisher, Chair.
2. Introductions, Mary Ann Smith called upon BFPR Members and DFS Staff to introduce themselves for the record.

Monthly Board Meeting

1. Minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.

Motion to approve the November 7, 2024, meeting minutes made by Paul Kennedy seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.

New Business

2. Discussion on 527 CMR 12.00, 230.85 Emergency Disconnects.

Staff to work on drafting an Advisory providing guidance to Electrical Inspectors and Electricians. Draft language to be reviewed by BFPR during the November meeting.

Motion Made by Chief Arruda, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Old Business

Committee/ Reports

1. *Administrative Code Committee*

Meeting October 21, 2024

Meeting October 31, 2024

Motion to approve response to Question 1 from Ralph Mele made by Richard Arruda seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to deny response to Question 2 from Ralph Mele and send back to committee made by Richard Arruda seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. *General Requirements Code Committee*

Motion to approve minutes from September 24, 2024 made by Richard Arruda seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting October 30, 2024

No Action

3. *Occupancy Code Committee*

No Action

4. *Processing Code Committee*

No Action

5. *Equipment Code Committee*

No Action

6. *Hazardous Code Committee*

- i. Meeting October 15, 2024
- ii. **NFPA 30 Work Group, TBA**
- iii. **NFPA 495 Work Group, TBA**

No Action

7. *Electrical Code Committee*

Motion to accept minutes from October 15, 2024 made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

- i. 527 CMR 12.00, 690.47(A) received from Matt Piantedosi on September 22, 2024.

Question 1: Is a building or structure supporting a PV system required to utilize a grounding electrode system installed in accordance with Part III of Article 250?

Response: No

Motion Made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

- ii. 527 CMR 12.00, 230.85 received from Jon Montemagni on October 8, 2024.

Question 1: Is it permissible to use SEU three wire cable on the load side of any outdoor emergency disconnects or meter main combinations as set forth in article 230.85N(B)(2), 230.85N(B)(3), and 230.85N(E)(1)(3) and is additionally also an approved method by many local wiring inspectors in numerous municipalities throughout the state provide said meter main disconnect is marked per 240.85(E)(1)(3) ie Emergency disconnect/not service equipment.

Response: No

Motion Made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Larry Fisher, all in favor. Motion Carries.

8. *Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

No Action

9. Flame Effects Work Group

No Action

10. NFPA 45 Work Group

No Action

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:44 p.m.

Approved: Larry S. Fisher Date: 12/5/24