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Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS)  
**CANNABIS STUDY GROUP MEETING**  
**July 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**  
**37 Shattuck St, Littleton, MA**

**Roll Call:**

Adelle Reynolds  
Harold Leaming  
Jen Hoyt

☒ present ☐ absent  
☒ present ☐ absent  
☒ present ☐ absent

Duncan Cameron  
Brad Mitchell

☒ present ☐ absent  
☒ present ☐ absent

**General notes on format of these minutes**

- *These minutes represent general points discussed during the meeting. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*

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1. Meeting officially opened approximately at 10:10am. Started meeting by reviewing minutes from May 31, 2019 meeting and approving with revisions.
  2. Started discussing/reviewing the adoption of "Section 429: Indoor Agriculture";
    - Unanimous that Section should be added to 780CMR IBC Chapter 4-Special Use
    - The definitions from the section should be added to Chapter 2-Definition
  3. Unanimous to add "Greenhouse" Definition to sub-section 429.2-Definitions
    - Discussed definition as it is in 2018 IBC (will discuss and review further)
  4. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3 change from May 31, 2019 meeting.
  5. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.1 with change to last line to read excluding greenhouse "classified as Group U".
  6. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.2-429.3.4 as is.
  7. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.5, with 429.3.5.1-429.3.5.1 as is.
  8. Reviewing sub-section 429.3.5.2, Jen Hoyt stated that 1-3 falls under Public Standard, Harold Leaming noted that he was ok with documentation that Duncan Cameron brought in from



Denver Standards actually mirrors what is stated. Therefore voted unanimously to accept these sections along with #4.

9. Unanimous to accept subsection 429.3.5.2 #5 with change to read “Alternative methods of protection may be approved by the AHJ for greenhouses utilizing positive pressure.
10. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.5.3 with change to add, second line negative “and or balanced” pressure.
11. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.5.4 with eliminate “ventilate the area before entering” from required signage.
12. Unanimous to accept 429.3.5.5 as is.
13. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.6 as is, after Harold Leaming commented that already in 780 CMR and Jen Hoyt commented already in NFPA
14. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.7 as is.
15. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.8 with 429.3.8.1, 429.3.8.3 and 429.3.8.5 with changes as made at May 31, 2019 meeting. Voted to hold on sub-section 429.3.8.2 for BBRS review, and in sub-section 429.3.8.4 Duncan Cameron wanting to remove #3, Board voted unanimously to approve with removing #3.
16. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.8.5.1-429.3.8.5.5.
17. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.8.5.6 after Atty. Charles Kilb stating he was ok with section including 527CMR1.00.
18. Unanimous to accept sub-section 429.3.8.5.7-429.3.8.5.9.
19. Unanimous to accept 429.3.8.6-429.3.9 with one change to sub-section 429.3.8.6.1, to add in #1 “in accordance with “780CMR and” 527CMR 1.00 as proposed by Harold Leaming.
20. Board did not vote on sub-section 429.4 and 429.5 after comment from Jason Wentworth, Farm Bureau, from audience that he was concerned about these sections being in the Special Use Section.
21. Board discussed date for next meeting to continue discussion and finalize changes to Section 429: Indoor Agriculture to be able to forward any other questions to BBRS and then submit completed Section to them for vote to amend/include in 780CMR.

22. With no further discussion, Harold Leaming made motion to adjourn meeting seconded by Jen Hoyt, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting @ approximately 12:10pm.