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MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the *Fire Protection Fire Prevention Committee (FPFP) of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards* was held on:

January 19, 2022, beginning about 9:04 am. This was an in-person meeting.

Roll Call.

Michael Roescher, Chair present absent
Dave LeBlanc, Vice Chair present absent
Dan Walsh for the Commissioner present absent
Paul Donga present absent
Fredrick L. Tustin present absent

Louise Vera present absent
Alexander MacLeod present absent
Jen Hoyt for the Fire Marshal present absent
Joseph Castronovo present absent

1. Review Draft Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2022. Jen Hoyt spoke about adding “June 2022” to UL 217 and 268 after the first sentence in the second paragraph. Also requested to replace “Her explanation did not include any cost analysis or identify that it addresses something unique to Massachusetts” with her understanding that no cost is anticipated due to the IFC and NFPA 303 having requirements and striking. On a **MOTION** by Dave Leblanc seconded by Louise Vera it was unanimously voted to approve the January 5, 2022, minutes as amended (**EXHIBIT B**).
2. Discuss\Vote of 2021 IBC Chapter 9 for the 10th edition of 780 CMR (**EXHIBIT C**). The group reviewed Section 903, and while displayed, the group discussions evolved into edits reflective of an updated document. Some changes included Jen Hoyt's proposal to change Section 903.2, a Mass Amendment, to require fire sprinklers in elevator machine rooms, hoistways, and pits as required in 524 CMR. Also, Table 903.2.5.2 in the 2021 IBC was added to the document. The document included two versions of Table 903.2. The version in red font is from the 9th edition Mass Amendments, and the second table is in orange font. The discussions about which version of the table to recommend included the 9th edition needed additional information that captures the updates in the 2021 IBC Section 903.2. Also, the version in orange requires the new Mass requirements identified so everyone would understand the difference between the two tables.



The group did not have a consensus on how to move forward. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc, seconded by Jen Hoyt, it was a majority vote to use the version of the table identified by the orange font in the document (Table 903.2.2). Joe Castronovo, Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Louise Vera, Jen Hoyt, and Michael Roescher voted affirmative. Alexander MacLeod voted in the negative, and Dan Walsh abstained. Jen Hoyt proposed a new category, S-1 Boat Storage, in Table 903.2.2. The discussions did not agree that the additional category addressed anything unique to Massachusetts and that the requirement does not add cost. A group discussion ensued about striking the International Fire Code in Section 903.2.12. Some expressed concern this would create issues during the building permit process. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc, seconded by Jen Hoyt, it was a majority vote to strike the International Fire Code in Section 903.2.12. Joe Castronovo, Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Jen Hoyt, and Michael Roescher voted affirmative. Louise Vera, Alexander MacLeod, and Dan Walsh voted in the negative. The group reviewed the following proposed new sections; 903.3.1.3, 903.3.1.3.1, 903.5.2, 903.4.2.1, proposed modifications to Exception#1 in Section 903.4, and adding “and visual” between auditable and device in Section 903.4.2,

On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave Leblanc, it was a majority vote to recommend that the BBRS adopt the 2021 IBC Section 903 version created during this meeting. Joe Castronovo, Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Jen Hoyt, and Michael Roescher voted affirmative. Louise Vera, Alexander MacLeod, and Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

3. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt seconded by Joe Castronovo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at about 12:00 pm.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Meeting Agenda.
- B. January 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes.
CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 01 19 2021 Working Draft_Altered During the meeting.