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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:

October 20, 2021, beginning about 10:03 am.

Michael Roescher, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Dave LeBlanc, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Commissioner DPL designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Dan Walsh for the Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Paul Donga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Fredrick L. Tustin	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent

Louise Vera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Alexander MacLeod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Fire Marshal designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Jen Hoyt for the Fire Marshal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Joseph Castronovo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Agenda:

1. Review Draft Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2021. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt seconded by Paul Donga it was a unanimous vote to table the draft minutes to have the costs of some of the proposed changes to the Chapter 9 sections discussed during the October 6th meeting to be added to the meeting minutes (**EXHIBIT B**).
2. Discuss\Vote of 2021 IBC Chapter 9 for the 10th edition of 780CMR. Jen Hoyt talked about the Board of Fire Prevention is updating the NFPA 1 version. For this reason, recommending to insert reference to NFPA 1 could create an unintended problem. The CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015, 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 10-20-2021 was utilized during the meeting (**EXHIBIT C**). The group started with 901.1 Scope and some believed the Committee had decided to remove all 4 notes. The group discussed keeping all the notes because they provide information to the users of Chapter 9 that help clarify the building official is responsible for upholding the code requirements all the while working with their municipal fire chief. The consensus was to change note 3 by striking "subsection 916.1 through 916.6.3" and inserting "Section 918" and recommend keeping the notes in the 10th edition because they are helpful.



Section 901.2, the group consensus is to use the 2021 IBC text. The group discussed the exceptions and decided to strike the first exception because the 2021 IBC includes the provisions. The group also discussed the second exception has been proposed as a new section 901.2.1 Alternative Fire Protection Designs. The requirements have not changed, but has been proposed for better usability of the code.

Section 901.2.2 proposed changes include a section name change and reorganizing the section to help the users of the code. Jen Hoyt talked about the proposed changes are not substantive. The consensus is to recommend the changes and carry forward into the 10th edition.

901.3 Maintenance proposal includes reworking the provisions into 3 paragraphs and added reference to Chapter 35. The discussion included keeping the old version but adding the reference. Most did not have a preference on the version.

901.5 Acceptance Test. Jen Hoyt talked about the proposed changes are grammatical, and do not change the requirements. The consensus is to recommend the updated version.

901.5.1 Certificate of Occupancy, the group added #4 and #5 to help with user of the code. The consensus is to remove the Note because the building official has the authority to accept testing performed by a third party.

901.6 Supervisory service adds in accordance with NFPA 72 to help the reader.

901.6.3 Fire alarm system, the Mass Amendment not needed because the 2021 IBC includes the requirements. The consensus is to utilize the IBC 2021 text.

901.6.4 Group H, consensus is to use the IBC 2021 text and add after in accordance "with this code", strike "the International Fire Code".

901.7 Fire Area, the consensus is to remove "780 CMR 9.00" for better readability. The group consensus is to utilize the updated version.

901.9 Signs, the consensus is to change the numbering to 901.8 and add additional text after all signs required "by this code or reference standard".

901.9.1 Sprinkler Control Valve Room Size, the consensus is to recommend not to carry forward in the 10th edition.

3. Adjourn. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc seconded by Jen Hoyt it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at about 11:57 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Meeting Agenda October 20, 2021.
- B. October 6, 2021, draft meeting minutes.
- C. CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015, 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 10 20 2021 WORKING DRAFT.