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One State Road, Stow, MA 01775

Meeting of March 05, 2026

***Prior to opening this meeting, the Chairman reminded attendees that recording the meeting without prior permission of the Board is strictly prohibited. This meeting is being recorded by DFS staff for the purpose of generating meeting minutes. ***

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Edward Kawa, at 10:02 A.M. The Chairman opened this meeting of the Board of Boiler Rules, explaining that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 146 Section 3, the Board is conducting a regular meeting. Please note, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, this public meeting is being recorded for purpose of generating meeting minutes. By continuing to participate in or attend this meeting, you consent to the recording. If you do not wish to be recorded, please exit the meeting now.

1) Attendance

Board Members Present:

Edward Kawa, Chairman
Charles Perry, Boiler Manufacturers
Anthony Lucia, Operating Engineers
Douglas Smiley, Insurance Companies
Max Greig, User Group

Board Members Not Present:

None

DFS Staff Present:

Jon Davine, State Fire Marshal
David Clemons, Operations Chief
Rachel Perlman, Deputy General Counsel
Dan Laperle, DFS
Sonya Frade, DFS
Gregory Folsom, DFS

Andrew Crear, DFS
Robert Vasconcelos, DFS
Ross Rapoza, DFS
Allen Boston, DFS
Kevin Busch, DFS
Patrick Kane, DFS

Attendees Present:

Joe P. Tysen, MPPGEN
Stephen Kapnis, CNA
Eric Fant, NRG Services
Leah Francis, Liberty Mutual

Philip Bernier, HSB
John King, Chubb
Mike Whitlock, HSB

- 2) Minutes from previous meetings: The minutes from previous meeting held on November 06, 2025, were reviewed. ***Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 06, 2025, made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Charles Perry; motion passed by unanimous vote.***
- 3) Petitions for inspectional considerations: The following requests for extension of the inspectional requirement received since the last regular meeting in September were entered into record:
1. Boston Medical Center, Brighton, request dtd November 24, 2025, for a 6-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MAS071505
 2. Milliken/ Ovik Healthcare, Salisbury, request dtd November 26, 2025, for a 2-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MAS072961
 3. NextEra Energy Resources, Bellingham, request dtd November 28, 2025, for a 5-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA080055A
 4. Canton Cleaners, Canton, request dtd December 2, 2025, for a 4-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA230932
 5. Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, request dtd December 19, 2025, for a 6-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA237252
 6. Home Market Foods, Norwood, request dtd January 6, 2025, for a 2-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA187392, MA237514, MA114170
 7. UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth request dtd January 22, 2025, for a 3-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA174291

Motion to approve these extensions as read made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Charlie Perry; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Petition for inspectional consideration: The following requests for extension of the inspectional requirement received since the last regular meeting in September were entered into record:

Board member Anthony Lucia, informed the Chairman that he would be abstaining from discussion and voting on the following request for inspectional consideration, as he was the requestor. The Chairman stated let the record reflect that Anthony Lucia will be abstaining from discussion and voting on the following request for inspectional consideration.

1. Berkshire Power, Agawam, request dtd February 17, 2026, for a 6-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA06749

Motion to approve these extensions as read made by Charlie Perry, seconded by Doug Smiley; motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 4) DFS Presentation on Heat Pumps: District Engineering Supervisor Daniel Laperele provided a slide presentation offering an overview of the most recent inquiries and permit requests the department has received regarding the installation requirements for Heat Pumps.
- 5) Updates from DFS Staff: None
- 6) Matters not reasonably anticipated: None
- 7) Adjournment of Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 02, 2026. ***Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Anthony Perry, seconded by Doug Smiley; motion passed by majority vote, regular meeting adjourned at 10:53AM.***

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- i) Minutes from meeting on November 06, 2025
- ii) Extension Requests
 1. Boston Medical Center, Brighton
 2. Milliken/ Ovik Healthcare, Salisbury
 3. NextEra Energy Resources, Bellingham
 4. Canton Cleaners, Canton
 5. Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton
 6. Home Market Foods, Norwood
 7. UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth
 8. Berkshire Power, Agawam
- iii) Documents related to DFS Heat Pump Presentation Slides