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One State Road, Stow, MA 01775
Meeting of May 6, 2021

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Ed Kawa, at 10:05 A.M. The Chairman opened this meeting of the Board of Boiler Rules, explaining that it is being held in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 146 Section 3, this is a regular meeting of the Board. This meeting is being held online via Webex, and is being recorded.

- 1) The Board members in attendance were identified by roll call:

Board Members Present:

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

**The Chairman reminded the Board members that all voting will be done by a roll call vote.*

DFS Staff Present:

Peter Ostroskey, State Fire Marshal	Pat Kane, DFS
Glenn Rooney, Staff Counsel	Holly Bartlett, DFS
Dan Laperle, DFS	

Attendees Present:

* The Chairman asked that attendees please identify themselves, and with whom they are affiliated:

Glenn Robinson, HSB	Chris Hastings, Chubb
Jim Stiefel, HSB	John Fernandes, New Bedford Housing
Philip Bernier, HSB	Henry Geryk, DFS (Retired)
Erica Daigneault, FM Global	Andrew Crear, Lowell General Hospital

- 2) Hearing for Petitions to Change 522 CMR: The Chairman opened the public hearing to hear any proposed changes to 522 CMR. With no response, the Chairman informed the meeting that no petitions had been received prior to the meeting. He then explained that the hearing would remain open for the duration of the meeting.

- 3) Minutes from previous meetings: The minutes from the previous meeting held on April 1, 2021, were reviewed. ***Motion to approve the minutes made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Charlie Perry; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.***
- 4) Petitions for inspectional considerations: The following requests for extension of the inspectional requirement were entered into record:
 - a) Western Massachusetts Hospital, request dated April 23, 2021, for a 6-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA067029.

Motion to ratify the approval of these requests made by Max Greig, seconded by Anthony Lucia; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 5) 522 CMR Committee – Report from Committee Chairman: Anthony Lucia, the Chairman of the 522 CMR Committee, reported that the committee has met several times, and recommends to the Board that the current editions of all codes in 522 CMR 1.03 be adopted. He further explained that the Committee still needs to review the IIAR Standards regarding ammonia refrigeration before making recommendation. The Board Chairman reviewed the list of currently adopted codes, and the editions being recommended. ***Motion to request the 522 CMR Committee review the IIAR for adoption into 522 CMR 1.03 made by Charlie Perry, seconded by Anthony Lucia; motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.***
- 6) ASME B31.1, Power Piping, Covered Piping Systems: Piping systems are covered in 522 CMR 17.0, and Board member Max Greig has proposed a change to 522 CMR to include Covered Piping Systems (CPS); the Chairman turned the meeting to Max Greig. Max Greig emphasized the importance of awareness of safe operation of these systems, and the need to have the definition, requirements, and record-keeping added to 522 CMR 17.0. There was some discussion as to the pros and cons of adding language to 522 CMR that is already published in other standards.

The Chairman said that the proposed changes would be added to the draft 522 to be reviewed at a future meeting.

- 7) Variance Request: New Bedford Housing Authority: This matter is being continued from the February meeting, violations had been issued in July 2020 with a comply-by date of July 2021. John Fernandes, New Bedford Housing, has requested additional time to comply, since they are currently replacing all of the boilers in question. Mr. Fernandes addressed the Board, and explained that one property has been completed, and is now in compliance, and another property the replacement project has been started. The Chairman asked how much additional time would be needed. Mr. Fernandes replied that there will probably be 16 units remaining as of July 1, 2021; they are completing two units per week, pointing out that their heating season does not start up until September 15, 2021. ***Motion to approve extending the comply-by date to September 15, 2021, made by Leah Francis, seconded by Max Greig; motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.***
- 8) Updates from DFS Staff: No updates from DFS Staff were presented at today's meeting.
- 9) Matters not reasonably anticipated: The Chairman asked the Board if there were any other matters that should be addressed at this time.

- 10) Adjournment: The Chairman made a final appeal to hear any proposed changes to 522 CMR. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. ***Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Leah Francis; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote, meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.***

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Minutes from meeting on April 1, 2021
- b. Extension Requests:
 - i. Western Massachusetts Hospital
- c. MEMO – from 522 CMR Committee to Board of Boiler Rules dated April 13, 2021
- d. Variance Request – New Bedford Housing Authority

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