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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHEET METAL WORKERS SUB COMMITTEE CODE MEETING
MINUTES

Friday, February 26, 2021 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Pursuant to Governor Charles D. Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, all Board members and staff appeared by videoconference or teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. The following committee members, staff and other participants, were present at the meeting:

Roll Call, by Chair:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Russell Bartash Chair	x	
Mr. Eric Pariseau	x	
Mr. Tim Hathaway	x	
Mr. Daniel Walsh	x	
Mr. John Annarelli	x	
Advisory Members		
Mr. Peter Kelly	x	
Mr. Gary Gauthier	x	
STAFF		
Ms. Kristina Gasson	x	
Ms. Karen R. Brann	x	
Ms. Mary McCarthy-Collins	x	
Mr. Francesco Polese	x	
Mr. Charles Wolf	x	

1. Housekeeping / Announcements / Ground rules:

The Board Chair, Russell Bartash, explained the tele-meeting format would continue for the foreseeable future.

2. Sheet Metal Code Meeting Discussion

Board Chair Russell Bartash opened the meeting by taking attendance. He explained to the members that the meeting is to discuss the adoption of the International Mechanical Code (IMC) with amendments or to go through the code chapter by chapter.

Mr. Gauthier informed the members that he received the documents to modify the 2021 code and asked for the work that has already been done by the sub-committee in previous years. He explained that he could upload the information into the 2021 IMC version for review and could have it done in a few weeks.

Mr. Kelly added that since the work was done three years ago and it would be better to start from scratch. He also noted that limited amendments might be easier than significant amendments that could be in conflict with the Building Code adopted by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS). Board Member Dan Walsh answered that the Sheet Metal board will decide what to adopt. The IMC can be adopted with amendments, and it can be reviewed to ensure it is not impacting other codes and within the Sheet Metal Framework. To submit the code changes to the next level a proposal for any amendments will be sent to Administration and Finance and the Secretary of State and then there will be a public hearing.

The members discussed how the code is going to be used by the end users including local municipalities and inspectors.

The Chair suggested that Mr. Gauthier go through the code sections and eliminate what is not specific to the Sheet Metal Framework and then report back to the committee.

Mr. Kelly asked if the sections of the IMC are amended by the Board would the BBRS also amend the IMC to clearly identify 271 CMR. Mr. Walsh added that the BBRS would be notified of any changes or adoption of code.

The committee discussed that there is some confusion in the municipalities with energy requirements and also that residential work is an issue and needs clarification.

Legal Counsel Kristina Gasson reminded the committee that the definitions in the regulations will need to be updated as well to ensure that there is a correct definition of what constitutes practice of sheet metal work.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.