

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

APPROVED – Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 8, 2015

Attendance:

Shawn Bergeron Sr., Chairman
Bill Benard, NH Electrical Contractors Business Association
Barbara Chalmers, AIA, Board of Architects, Licensed Architect
Thomas Clark, NH Municipal Association
Stephen Eckberg, NH Public Utilities Commission
Tedd Evans, Mechanical Licensing Board
Wayne Fillion, PE, NH Board of Engineers (Mechanical Engineer)
Edward J. Gibson, PE, NH Board of Engineers (Electrical Engineer)
David Lage, Associated General Contractors of NH, Inc.
Linda McNair-Perry, Vice-Chair, NH Board of Engineers (Structural Engineer)
Jonathan Mitchell, NH Bureau of Electrical Safety & Licensing
Bradley Ober, NH Association of Fire Chiefs
Mary Maloney, Assistant Attorney General
Wayne Richardson, CBO, NH Building Officials Association
John Starr (Vice Chair) - CGB, NH Home Builders Association

Absent:

Roger Maynard, P•FGF•HVAC of NH
Sean Toomey, NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Guests:

Mary Maloney, Asst. Attorney General
Dean Sotirakopoulos, NH Joint Board, Electrician's Board
Ron Anstey, NH State Fire Marshal's Office
Tim Travers, NFPA
Cheryl Killam
Steven Paquin, Lakes Region Building Officials

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Shawn Bergeron, Sr. A quorum was declared. Members were introduced.

Motion was made by Wayne Richardson to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2015 meeting as written.

Seconded by John Starr
Motion Carried (2 abstentions)

NEW BUSINESS

Review 2015 IBC amendments and initiate first public hearing

Wayne Richardson made the MOTION to initiate discussion on review of the 2015 IBC amendments.
SECONDED by Tom Clark
Motion Carried

John Starr showed concern that there would not be enough time on June 12 to cover both the 2015 IRC and 2015 IBC amendments. Wayne Richardson stated that in the past the board continued the hearing. Also in the past the board has made exceptions to take testimony out of turn to accommodate the visitors that have traveled long distances.

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, in its entirety, as a replacement to the 2009 edition, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-01-15, 2015 IBC, Bcr 300 Rules, Section 301.01 Purpose.

Wayne Richardson made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit.
SECONDED by Tom Clark
Motion Carried

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-02-15, 2015 IBC, section [A] 101.1, Title.

John Starr made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit.
SECONDED by Wayne Richardson
Motion Carried

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-03-15, 2015 IBC, section [A] 101.4, Referenced codes.

Linda made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit.
SECONDED by Wayne Richardson
Motion Carried

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-04-15, 2015 IBC, section 102.6, Existing structures.

Linda made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit
SECONDED by Tom Clark
Motion Carried

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-05-15, 2015 IBC, section 1105.1, Public entrances.

Linda made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit
SECONDED by Tom Clark
Motion Carried

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-06-15, 2015 IBC, section 1608.2, Ground snow loads.

Linda made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit
SECONDED by Tom Clark
Motion Carried

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-07-15, 2015 IBC, section 2902.2, Separate facilities.

Linda made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit
SECONDED by Tom Clark
Motion Carried

Linda McNair-Perry made the MOTION to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2015 to consider the board's recommendation to legislature to adopt the 2015 International Building Code, as amended by Exhibit BD-15-08-15, 2015 IBC, Appendix C, Group U – Agricultural Buildings.

Linda made the MOTION to accept the Exhibit

SECONDED by Tom Clark
Motion Carried

Discussed the accessibility memo that was received. Have received a lot of feed back.

OLD BUSINESS

Continue review of 2015 IRC amendments, scheduled for Public Hearing on June 12, 2015.

Shawn spoke with Bruce Buttrick, Town of Bow Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Bruce has a lot of information to bring forward at the public hearing.

The International Pool and Spa Code has been dropped from both the IRC and IBC codes. At this time there is absolutely no code reference to pool enclosures. The Board will have to decide whether to adopt the Pool and Spa Code as a standalone document or as an amendment. Wayne Richardson doesn't believe the BCRB has ever had the power to adopt a brand new code other than what was adopted by the legislature. We can review, and recommend the inclusion of the International Pool and Spa Code into the State Building Code.

Ted Evans: In preparing the IPC plumbing code proposed amendments, Ted realized that there may be some additional amendments that would also apply to the IRC plumbing section. Ted asked the board if the plumbing subcommittee should look at the IRC plumbing section so that the amendments that are being considered for the IPC will be the same as what is being considered for the IRC plumbing portion.

Update on legislative items

HB 288, relative to the code for energy conservation, was sent to subcommittee. Believe this bill will be ITL'd.

HB 286, relative to permits issued by building inspectors. This bill was killed.

HB 533, relative to arc-fault circuit-breaker protection in residential construction. As of May 5 this will has been retained – scheduled for full committee work session on May 12.

HB 580, relative to travel expenses for members of the building code review board. This bill has been ITL'd, however, it has been added into HB 2.

SB 18, prohibiting the use of PVC piping as a flue material for venting combustion gases. This bill has been rereferred to committee.

SB 135, relative to lead poisoning in children. As of May 6, SB 135 OTP with an amendment. Wayne gave the board an update on this bill.

Ongoing conversations related to the 2015 International Codes

The Plumbing subcommittee is finishing up their proposed amendments. Will be submitted shortly.

Energy Conservation update – the residential side has been essentially addressed. On the commercial side David Lage had previously presented a spread sheet with changes between the two. There were some dramatic changes. Some of the equipment that is specified in the 2015 hasn't even been made yet.

The International Plumbing Code and the International Energy Conservation Code will be the next two codes to be put on the agenda for initial discussion. These will be added to the July 10 agenda.

Linda discussed how public hearings were handled by the board in the past.

The International Mechanical Code and the International Existing Building Code will tentatively be on the August agenda.

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Continued discussion on website updates

The height and area requirements section on the opening page of the BCRB website has been modified to stand out. This solves one of the website issues.

Cindy still needs to get the Bcr 300 rules on the website and to change the 2011 NEC to the 2014 edition. This should be done by the June 12 meeting.

Three bio's are still needed for the website. Just a brief one paragraph bio is needed.

Continued discussions on Bcr rules

The Bcr 300 rules are under control. It was brought up at the May meeting that some of the Bcr 200 rules may have expired. Once the board gets through the 2015 I Code reviews, we will need to work on the Bcr 100 and Bcr 200 rules. Assistant Attorney General will contact Attorney David Hilts to see what needs to be updated.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mariellen MacKay has been nominated by the Governor's Commission on Disability to fill position (o) Architectural Barrier-Free Design on the board. June 12 will be Mariellen's first meeting.

The board needs letters of nomination for the replacement of Barbara Chalmers (term expires 6/6/15) and John Starr (term expires 7/24/15), and re-nomination letters for Ed Gibson (term expires 7/25/15), Sean Toomey (term expires 8/30/15) and Brad Ober (term expires 7/25/15).

Tedd Evans reminded the board that there is a Building Inspector Examiner Certificate Program scheduled to be held at NHTI in the fall. This is the first training program of its kind. An information meeting is scheduled for June 10 at NHTI.

Assistant Commissioner Kevin O'Brien introduced himself to the board. Kevin has replaced Earl Sweeney.

MEETING ADJOURNED