

APPROVED – MINUTES

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD
Special Public Hearing – January 24, 2020

Members Present:

Shawn Bergeron Sr., Chairman
Lee F. Carroll, PE, NH Board of Engineers (Electrical Engineer)
Carl DuBois, Associated General Contractors of NH, Inc.
James Grant, representing the Electrician's Board
Michael Hagan, CFM, NH Building Officials Association
Mariellen MacKay, Governor's Commission on Disability
Frederick Matuszewski, Board of Architects
Roger Maynard, P•FGF•HVAC of NH
John Powers, Deputy Chief, NH Association of Fire Chiefs
Jeffrey Trexler, Board of Engineers
John Tuttle, (Vice-Chair), NH Home Builders Association

Absent:

Thomas Clark, NH Municipal Association
Stephen Eckberg, NH Public Utilities Commission
Tedd Evans, Mechanical Licensing Board
William Fraser, NH Electrical Contractors Business Association
Mark Tetreault, Fire Chief, NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Also Present:

Heather Neville, Assistant Attorney General
Lisa M.T. Woods, Administrative Assistant I, NH Dept of Safety

Guests:

Jerry Tepe, JRT-AIA Architect
Chris Skoglund, Dept of Environmental Services (DES)
Harriet E. Cady, yd4318@yahoo.com

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Chairman Shawn Bergeron. A quorum was declared. Members were introduced.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Reconsideration of Proposed Amendments to the International Codes

Chairman Bergeron thanked the Members for attending the special hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the 2015 International Codes.

Michael Hagan made a *motion* to open the public hearing on the list of amendments updated January 07, 2020.

Seconded by Lee Carroll

Motion Carried

Chairman Bergeron declared the public hearing open until 11:05am, inviting members of the public to present any questions or comments they may have. During brief public discussion, Chairman Bergeron explained that the 2015 international codes are currently in place, with amendments, and that anyone can propose further amendments to those codes at any time. Carl Dubois added that the purpose for the hearing was to move amendments to the 2015 codes forward for ratification.

John Tuttle made a *motion* to close the public hearing. Seconded by Carl DuBois

Motion Carried [1 Abstention]

MOTION made by Michael Hagan to move the amendments on the list of January 07, 2020, titled *New Hampshire BCRB Amendments/Exhibits*, in columns that say *have expired*, forward for approval.

Seconded by Mariellen MacKay

Motion Carried [1 Abstention]

OTHER BUSINESS:

Representing the Board's position regarding HB 1445

Chairman Bergeron, requesting a directive from the Board, prompted discussion regarding the pending legislation that would add a building scientist to the State of NH Building Code Review Board (BCRB). The Chairman explained that if he is asked to provide comment or testimony at a hearing he would prefer to do so as the Chairman of the BCRB, presenting the Board's official position.

During the Board discussion that followed, a draft of the Board's position was initiated with direct input from the members.

MOTION made by Michael Hagan that Chairman Bergeron represent the Board in opposition of adding a position of building scientist to the Building Code Review Board.

Seconded by Mariellen MacKay

Motion Carried

It was noted by Chairman Bergeron earlier in the meeting that Heather Neville, Board counsel, had requested a non-meeting with the members regarding a pending appeal. The Chairman, having reminded the Board that he had recused himself due to his connection to the appeal, acknowledged that since all other official business had now concluded he was turning the meeting over to Vice-Chair Tuttle. Chairman Bergeron, before exiting the meeting, thanked the members again for their attendance.

Vice-Chairman Tuttle called for a motion from the Board to go into non-meeting.

MOTION made by Carl DuBois to go into non-meeting session with counsel. Seconded by Jeffrey Trexler.
Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn was made and carried at the conclusion of the non-meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED