

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

In-person regular meeting April 8, 2022

Members Present:

Philip Sherman, P.E., Chair
Roger Maynard, P•FGF•HVAC of NH
Tedd Evans, Mechanical Licensing Board
Lee F. Carroll, PE, NH Board of Engineers (Electrical Engineer)
Med Koczynski, NH Municipal Association
John Tuttle, Vice-Chair, NH Home Builders Association
Arthur Rose, Associated General Contractors of NH, Inc.
Jeffrey Trexler, Board of Engineers (Structural Engineer)
Michael Soucy, NH Public Utilities Commission
Art Guadano, Board of Architects
Beverly Kowalik, P.E. Mechanical Engineer

Absent:

Mark Tetreault, Fire Chief, NH Association of Fire Chiefs
Robert Wentworth (Michael Hagan Alternate), NH Building Officials Association
James Grant, Electricians Board
Peter Lennon, Fire Marshal - Manchester, NH Association of Fire Chiefs
William Fraser, NH Electrical Contractors Business Association
Michael Hagan, CFM, NH Building Officials Association

Also Present:

Erica Webb, Administrative Supervisor NH State Fire Marshal's Office
Michael Grandy, Assistant Attorney General
Dean Sotirakopoulos (James Grant alternate), Electricians Board

Guests:

Andy Cid
Jerry Tepe

The meeting, held in-person, was called to order at 10:00am by Chair Sherman. Chair Philip Sherman proceeded with roll call. A quorum was declared.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 11, 2022: Tedd Evans

Seconded: John Tuttle

Abstained: None

No one opposed, Motion Carried

Chair Sherman announced that Mariellen MacKay had officially stepped down from her position.

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Adoption Schedule: The Chair distributed a document (attached) with the potential scheduling time line for the 1 year or 2 year plan for the potential adoptions for the 2018/2021 codes. After an initial review of the schedule the Chair asked board members who had discussed the adoptions schedules with their constituents which option was favored; Building Officials prefer 1 year plan. P●FGF●HVAC prefer 1 year plan. Architects prefer 2 year plan. Mechanical Licensing Board prefer 1 year plan. Afterward the board discussed their personal preferences and a straw poll indicated six in favor of a one year plan (seven if NHBOA is included, which was not represented at the meeting), three in favor of a two year plan, and two not ready to decide. Issues such as continuing education, code design requirements, and additional cost of books were discussed among the board members. Chair Sherman will discuss our progress with Representative McGuire and if she has no objections, will start to schedule public hearings.

Committee Reports: No other committees have any updates.

Legislation:

HB 1681 – Related to the building code. This bill has passed the House and is in the Senate Finance Committee. There is no actual fiscal impact therefore it is expected to continue.

SB 398 – Related to the elimination of the Joint Fire Code Committee and the creation of a legislative committee. This bill has passed the Senate and has passed the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee (ED&A). The 6 month grace period language has been deleted, as it appears in HB 1681.

SB 443 – Related to the involvement in the BCRB in reviewing municipalities amendments. This bill has passed the Senate and has passed the House ED&A Committee and continues to move forward to finance.

HB 1312 – Relative to the DES rules not being more restrictive than the International Plumbing Code rules, as adopted by the state building code. This bill has moved on to an Interim Study which the Chair thought might be considered sometime this summer.

HB 1014 – Relative to remote meetings. This has been tabled.

HB 1033 – Relative to Lobbying. This has been tabled.

Review of IECC Committee Report: Med Kopzynski presented the IECC committee findings and recommendations to the full board.

Review of IMC/IPC Committee Report: Tedd Evans presented the IMC/IPC/ISPSC finding and recommendation to the full board.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2022. The location has not been determined at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED