

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE REVIEW BOARD

In-person regular meeting June 10, 2022

**Members Present:**

Philip Sherman, P.E., Chair  
Roger Maynard, P•FGF•HVAC of NH  
Tedd Evans, Mechanical Licensing Board  
Med Kopczynski, NH Municipal Association  
Jeffrey Trexler, Board of Engineers (Structural Engineer)  
Michael Soucy, NH Public Utilities Commission  
Art Guadano, Board of Architects  
Michael Hagan, CFM, NH Building Officials Association  
Beverly Kowalik, P.E. Mechanical Engineer  
John Tuttle, Vice-Chair, NH Home Builders Association

**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  
Lee F. Carroll, PE, NH Board of Engineers (Electrical Engineer)  
Dean Sotirakopoulos (James Grant alternate), Electricians Board  
Arthur Rose, Associated General Contractors of NH, Inc.  
Michael Hasbrouck, (Roger Maynard Alternate) P•FGF•HVAC of NH

**Also Present:**

Erica Webb, Administrative Supervisor NH State Fire Marshal's Office  
Michael Grandy, Assistant Attorney General

**Guests:**

Jerry Tepe  
Chris Skoglund

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.

The Chair opened the meeting with a motion to accept the May meeting minutes.

**Motion** to accept the meeting minutes from May 13, 2022; Tedd Evans

**Seconded:** Michael Hagan

**Abstained:** John Tuttle

No one opposed, Motion Carried

### **LEGISLATIVE STATUS**

Chair Sherman gave an update on the pending legislation;

HB 1681/SB 398/SB 443 – Passed the Senate and House and presently awaiting review by a committee which will determine if there is any conflicting RSAs etc. There is no determination of when the bills will be able to be processed through this committee, which to be done before the bills needs can move to the governor's desk in order to be signed.

HB 1312 – Relative to the DES rules not being more restrictive than the International Plumbing Code rules, as adopted by the state building code. The board discussed how this legislation means for the Building Code Review Board and what position the Building Code Review Board would like to take on how this relates to other government departments are able to make their departmental requirements that could qualify as amendments to the state building code.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2021 Amendment Adoption Schedule: The Board discussed determining a procedure and schedule for accepting outside amendments to the 2021 Building Code for review and public hearings by the Building Code Review Board.

BRC Rules Update: BCR 100 and BCR 200 are very out of date. The Chair was hoping that Mike Hagan will stand by his previous agreement to review the BCR 200 rules on the appeals sections, then the Chair can review other rules over the summer and get it back to the board before the September meetings in order to start the 541A process.

Municipal Amendment: The board discussed ways to address the municipal amendments utilizing both the chairman and the soon-to-be appointed building code official from the NH Fire Marshal's office to screen the municipal amendments for ones that are clear so as to not burden the entire Building Code Review Board.

### **IRC Committee:**

John Tuttle, Mike Hagan, Med Kopczynski, Art Rose ( absent )

IRC Committee Chairman John Tuttle required a brief meeting to address two sections (602.10.1.2 & 602.10.2.2) and vote whether or not the committee agreed with marking these as an add. Tuttle made a motion to accept these codes as an add. Hagan seconded the motion. No one opposed. Motion carried.

John Tuttle will update the committee report and submit to the board for the September meeting. Chair Sherman reminded the committee that they needed to determine which appendices they wish to include in the NH Building Code. Committee Chair Tuttle will call an additional meeting over the summer for the IRC committee. Date and time will be determined at a later date.

Work Plan For Fall: The work plan for the fall sessions will include both the IRC and IEBC committee reports. The municipal amendments are expected to require attention in the fall/spring in preparation for January of 2023. The BCR 100 & 200 rules will be reviewed at the board level in the fall. 2018 and 2021 Code amendments will need to be reviewed and also HB 1312. It is expected that it will take at least 6 month for the updated BCR rules to get through the GELCAR department

**Additional:**

International Fire Code: The Chair expects to work on bringing the fire code and the building code as close as they can in regards to as many requirements as possible

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th and is expected to be held at 33 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03305 in the second floor conference room.

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**