

Draft – MINUTES

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IECC Committee Meeting

In-person regular/public hearing meeting April 14, 2023

Members Present:

Med Kopczynski, NH Municipal Association (virtually present on conference line)
Michael Hagan, CFM, NH Building Officials Association
Art Guadano, Board of Architects
Michael Soucy, NH Department of Energy
Lee F. Carroll, PE, NH Board of Engineers (Electrical Engineer)
Arthur Rose, Associated General Contractors of NH, Inc.

Also Present:

Philip Sherman, P.E., Chair of BCRB
Roxie Beall, Administrative Assistant, NH State Fire Marshal's Office

Guests:

Michael Rossi, NEEP
Matt Mayberry, NH Home Builders
Chris Skaglund, Clean Energy NH
Michael Loughlin, Eversource
Karen LaMontagne, LaMontagne Builders
Bob Clegg, THC LLC, NH Home Builders
Rebecca McWilliams, NH State Representative
Robert Gargano, Little Harbor Construction Co
Jerry Tepe
Katharine Richardson

The meeting, held in-person, was called to order at 9:00 am by the Co-chair Mike Hagan. The Chair was present virtually on a conference line due to medical reasons.

Mike Hagan explained to those present that the committee has reviewed the energy code but has not made any amendments, decisions, or presentations to the BCRB Board at this time. The plan is to make recommendations at the May BCRB meeting in preparation for a June public hearing.

Mike Hagan and Mike Soucy explained that their review uncovered the most significant changes noted from the 2018 to the 2021 code were the thermal envelope and U values for windows and doors. Art Rose added that there was also a mechanical item requiring air exchange for forced hot air system. Mike Hagan responded that it is already a requirement in 2018 and depends upon the system being used.

Discussion began regarding the cost to build, and how energy code is one of the most expensive codes to implement.

Mike Hagan explained that the meeting was to determine what the needs of everyone is.

Med Kopczynski agreed that these discussions related to cost have been had. Now is the time to begin talking about what recommendations the committee would recommend to the BCRB board.

Matt Mayberry of the NH Homebuilders asked for an opportunity to offer input on their stance for the energy code.

Mike Hagan explained the plan for this meeting was to review amendments first and then get input from guests.

Robert Clegg stood up and stated they feel it needs to wait another year. He insisted they be heard today, and if not, they could take it to the Senate and legislature.

Mike Hagan agreed they would take input today and review the amendments when they hold another meeting prior to the next BCRB meeting in May.

Med Kopczynski commented that 2018 will require major amendment of 2021 IRC.

Matt Mayberry gave input on behalf of #503 NH Homebuilders Association. He shared many statistics and estimated costs to home buyers, ending with the statement that they have concerns that government funding for energy upgrades may be short lived, these changes will not deliver the promised energy efficiency, and asked that the Board only consider the codes necessary to ensure life safety issues.

ANSI 117A Committee meeting is scheduled for Wed. April 26th @ 1:30pm. IPOC, 110 Smokey Bear Blvd, 2nd floor, 911 Conference Room.

IECC Committee meeting is scheduled for Fri. May 5th @ 9 – Noon at 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, 2nd floor conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Roxie Beall, 4/21/23