

***New Hampshire Board of Fire Control
Joint Committee on Code Enforcement***

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2019

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: IPOC Media Room

Invited members included (*absentees noted in italics*):

Board of Fire Control: Daniel Andrus

State Fire Marshal: Marshal Paul Parisi

Electrician's Board: Peter Cicolini

Mechanical Board: Bill Trombly

Water Well Board: Kelly Dobrowolski

Board of Architects: David Udelsman

Board of Engineers: Chris Mulleavey

Architectural Barrier Free Design Committee: Paul Garant

Building Code Review Board: Shawn Bergeron

NHAFC: Bradley Ober

NHBOA: William McKinney

State Fire Marshal: Deputy Fire Marshal Sean Toomey

Other Attendees:

Individual(s) from the Division of Fire Safety: Catherine Goff

Meeting notes:

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm by Daniel Andrus, Chair. Andrus welcomed all to the meeting.

Introductions around the room.

Review of minutes.

On a Motion: Bill McKinney motioned to accept the minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting. Bill Trombly 2nd the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

From this vote: David Udelsman and Shawn Bergeron abstained from voting. They were not in attendance at the November 8, 2018 meeting.

Bill McKinney talked about NFPA 1 – and the proposed amendment that the NH Building Officials, NH Home Builders, and the NH Fire Marshal's Office are jointly sponsoring. Mr. McKinney detailed the proposed amendment to code language, specifically NFPA 1, 2015 edition – Section 20.11.4, the opt out provision, the form, the risks, and the filing requirements that this amendment spells out.

If approved, this provision will remain in effect for up to 4 years before sun setting. The Public Hearing for this amendment is scheduled for 9:30 am on January 17, 2019 in the IPOC 2nd floor media room. For further information on this hearing see Exhibit RE-18-02-15 posted on [HTTPS://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/boardscomm/firecontrol/index.html](https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/boardscomm/firecontrol/index.html)

HB311 (Summary Provided)

HB311 is an act regulating sober living facilities. A public Hearing on this issue will take place on 1/15/19 at 10:00 am at the Legislative Office Building – room 303. This bill Amends RSA 48-A by inserting a new section: 48-A:11-a Sober Living Facilities. Among other things this bill defines a sober house as a dwelling unit occupied by more than 4 and less than 16 unrelated persons, all of whom are in recovery from chemical dependency and considered handicapped under 42 U.S.C 3601. et. seq., that provides a not-institutional residential setting in which residents voluntarily are subject to written rules and regulations regarding recovery from chemical dependency, including the prohibition of alcohol and illegal drug use and a required minimum of 10 hours of group therapy per month.

Other requirements in this bill require notification to the town or city of the facility, a license - that needs to be posted and available for inspection and safety requirements.

HB 247 and HB 259

HB 247 related to the adoption of the building code and HB 259 is relative to building code violations – and requires that codes need to be cited in citation documents when issued. This bill insures violations are defined – inspectors need to back up any/all infractions. With this, it will increase the level of professionalism in the trade.

HB 342

This bill talks about Foster Homes (Rep. Morrison). The bill requires the same rules be applied throughout the state. The bill dictates that only the state fire code applies to the inspection of the homes and no other regulations apply. Foster Care inspections can be done by the FMO or the local Fire Department. A new form is being created that will standardize Foster Home inspections. With this, local amendments cannot trump what the fire code states.

Recovery Housing

Marshal Parisi talked about voluntary registration of sober house's with the State of New Hampshire.

Marshal Parisi has a meeting to discuss sober house issues with the National Association of Recovery (“NAR”) next week.

Other Business:

The Division of Fire Safety has a new employee, Michael Matthey. Mr. Matthey is a Supervisor VI, Section Chief of Inspectional Services and Modular Housing. He will begin on January 18,

2019.

The Division has investigated/been called for several arson fires and several fatal fires since this committee's last meeting.

On a Motion: Bradley Ober motioned to direct the Chair, Dan Andrus, to write a letter to the ED&A Committee advising of this Committee's support of the adoption of the Building and Fire Codes. Shawn Bergeron 2nd the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried

The Chair advised the group of an open member position on the Board of Fire Control. Mr. Udelsman agreed to bring this up to the NH Board of Architects to see if there is interest.

Good of the Order

Next Meeting: April 11, 2019 (0900-1100) in the IPOC Media Room (Sean Toomey will send out calendar appointment)

On a Motion: Shawn Bergeron motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill Trombly 2nd the motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:10 pm

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