

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 25, 2018

9:30 am – 11:06 am

Location: IPOC Media Room

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

Board of Fire Control: Daniel Andrus

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:

Abigail Fopiano, Water Well Board (DES Staff)

Bill Nash, ICC

Sean Brown, Concord Fire Department

Meeting notes:

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Daniel Andrus, Chair. Andrus welcomed all to the meeting.

Introductions around the room.

Review of minutes. Passed unanimously.

Chief Andrus reported on Board of Fire Control, Unable to discuss at last meeting. Next meeting is in September.

Chris M. reviewed with PE Board. Need to lobby legislators to educate on code adoption.

Kelly D. reported no meeting of their Board since last meeting. Looking to generate some ideas. Huge talking point on their Board. Drilling and compliance issues. Electrical training. Sanitation is an issue. Pump installations. Well registration. A lot of safety concerns when mixing electricity and water. Chlorination, Sanitation and electrical are major concerns. Abigail discussed lack of local ordinances, need to connect Towns.

Bill N. reported he would defer to Bill McKinney on Building Code items. He has worked

closely with NHBOA, BCRB and SFMO for past 5 years. Can bring a large base of resources. Provide trainings and code books. Assist with code adoption process. Education is key for this process. Glad to be available as a guest and resource. They have a coalition with NFPA on codes. Coalition for Current Safety Codes. Many resources on website. Also have key people to come in to assist with testimony. Spoke on the cost analysis work being done in Rhode Island. Preliminary analysis is showing cost neutral by the third party cost benefit analysis report. Discussion on large gaps between code adoption and impact. Several resources on website to address this item.

Shawn B. reported that BCRB is working to review ICC 2018 codes this summer. Not working on 2015 codes at this point. Spoke on Department of Safety's support of the codes. Struggle is at legislator. Need to work on education. Energy code items could be an upcoming issue. Do have lingering issues with the lightweight framing. Energy code will be biggest item to address this round. Bill N. spoke that Maine kept 2009 Energy Code.

Sean T. reported on meeting with Marshal Parisi. Importance to include all key stakeholders. We should bring NH Buildings and AGC to table. Spoke on what we see as key action areas:

- Education

- Cost impacts of codes

- Ratification process

- Resources to assist with code adoption (AIA, NFPA, ICC)

Spoke on work to address floor protection with stakeholders and having some disagreements with Homebuilders.

We are watching the meeting schedule to see when the committee is meeting for HB 1254.

Bill T. talked about the committee at his last meeting. Watching this item at this point. Waiting on action plan.

Peter C. presented the information to his Board. Lots of interest in working on this process. Ready to take some action as items developed.

Brad O. has updated his Board. It is an ongoing topic of conversation. Inquired about what other Boards are hearing about energy codes and floor protection. Architects are always talking about energy code items. Peter C. spoke on challenges with owners wanting to cut out items that could be a long term cost savings.

David U. spoke to support from NHAIA and AIA to assist. Spoke to reciprocity/portability items and states around us are well ahead of us on codes.

Discussion to identify specific action plans/goals:

- Advocacy

- Education

- Cost Benefit Analysis

Spoke on lack of certification requirements for code officials. This speaks to lack of education.

Bill T. inquired about coming up with procedural guidance for the HB 1254 committee. They will be looking at the BCRB and BFC. Committee is 3 House Representatives and 2 Senators. Bill M. provided written information to outline process based on cost impact and how each Board

handles and whether it would be moved to this group for cost impacts and add a Representative and Senator. Brad O. suggested a summary document to explain the overall code process.

Sean T. to work with Bill M. to work on this education document. Stress public input process all along the process.

Brad O. suggested looking to Governor's office initiatives on bringing in business. Could we partner with them to educate the need on current codes.

Should we speak to HSEM on code process and impacts on updated codes?

What we have works....minor changes needed:

- Ratification process (1 year vs. 2 years)
- Connection to Representatives and Senators
- Codes adopted by reference

BCRB and BFC to provide their current process so we are educated. We can look to review and provide addition guidance.

Brad O. and Abby F suggested talking points are developed and distributed. Need to have proponents of code development available to testify. Often have more opponents at the public sessions.

Chief Andrus spoke of importance of credibility building. Education and outreach very important.

Caution on communications via email to address 91-A concerns.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2018 at 9:30 am IPOC Media Room

Meeting Adjourned: 11:06 am

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