Invited members included (absentees noted in italics):

- Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi
- Floyd W. Hayes III, Petroleum Industry
- Steven C. Freitas, Chemical Engineer
- Norman W. Skantze, Forest Fire Warden
- Allan R. Clark, Chief of Volunteer Fire Department
- Daniel L. Andrus, Chief of Municipal Fire Dept.
- John D. Ela, Manufacturing Industry
- Paul Thibault, Insurance
- Richard M. Heath, Electrical Engineer
- Robert M. Lundergan, Natural Gas Distribution
- Brandt Lambert, Propane Gas Distribution
- Doug Proctor, Architect

Other Attendees: Members from the Department of Safety - Catherine Goff, Brittani McDonough, Sean Toomey, Maxim Schultz and Attorney Dave Hiltz. Also in attendance were members of the public having an interest in today’s petition - Dean Sotirakopoulos, James Hasselbeck, Michael Soucy, Sean Carlson, Zach Haitnock, and Robert Buxton.

Order of Business: Chair Daniel Andrus opened the meeting at 12:56 pm and advised that this meeting is a recorded meeting.

Packets Included: Agenda for the November 20, 2019 meeting, draft minutes from the September 18, 2019 regular meeting, a copy of the November 2019 report of the NH State Fire Marshal’s Office, a code amendment proposal application from James Hasselbeck, Revision Energy, dated September 17, 2019, proposed meeting dates for the BoFC for 2020, copies of Saf-C 6000, Bfc 100, 200, 300 & 400 and a code amendment proposal Exhibit # RE 19-04-15.

The Board of Fire Control Chairman, the Board of Fire Control Members, and the members of the public introduced themselves – identifying their positions and who they represented.

On a Motion: Steven Freitas motioned to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting. Floyd Hayes 2nd the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Update from the Fire Marshal:

- Personnel:

Building Safety and Construction: We have a current opening for a part-time Program Assistant II / Building Permit Coordinator. The position is 29.5 hours per week in Concord.
Planning and Support Services: We have a current opening for a part-time Program Assistant III/NFIRS Data Coordinator. The position is 29.5 hours per week in Concord.

The Bureau of Investigations is currently recruiting for two (2) open Fire Investigator positions in the Northern Hillsborough, Eastern Merrimack, and Grafton County areas. The closing date for applications is November 25, 2019.

Due to the upcoming retirement of Christopher Wyman, effective November 27, 2019, a fireworks position will be opening up in the NH Fire Marshal’s Office. Wyman is a full time law enforcement member and a fireworks inspector for the office. We will be posting the position in the near future. The upcoming position will be shifting from being a law enforcement/inspector position to a regulatory position (a civilian non-sworn position). By statute - this office is required to have a fireworks inspector. Currently the Fireworks Safety & Enforcement position insures fireworks laws are being enforced.  Fireworks enforcement in NH is a cooperative effort between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, our local fire departments, and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.  Investigators assigned to this unit conduct inspection and enforcement activities throughout the state, and issue permits and licenses for the manufacture, transportation, storage, handling and display of fireworks, pyrotechnics, flame effects, special effects and consumer fireworks.

Adam Fanjoy has been promoted within the Division from Investigator to a District Chief position. This occurred as a result of Chief Thomas Riley retiring from state service.

Other full time positions available with this office include a Building Inspection position and Community Risk Reduction position. These 2 positions were approved in the 2020 budget.

We also have a full time Hazardous Materials Coordinator Position open.

• Recovery Residences (Sober Houses) continue to be challenge on the forefront of our agenda. HB 311 was retained by the House. A subcommittee has been established and they are meeting to discuss how to move forward in 2020. A statewide solution is needed. We will continue to engage the fire service, the building officials, NH Coalition for Recovery Residences (NHCORR) and the Attorney General’s office in proposed solutions. We are working on an Informational Bulletin for Recovery Residences to include a process for accommodations.

New Business:

The Chair addressed the Board regarding proposed Meeting Dates for 2020 – the proposed dates are as follows:

Mar. 18, 2020
June 17, 2020
Sept. 16, 2020
And
*Dec. 16, 2020

Discussion included the potential of having 6 meetings a year.

On a Motion: Allan Clark motioned to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2020, Floyd Hayes 2nd the motion.

On a Motion: Allan Clark made a 2nd motioned to amend the previous motion and accept the
proposed meeting dates for 2020, with an exception of the date proposed for December 16, 2020. Motion is to change this meeting date from December 16, 2020 to November 18, 2020. John Ela 2nd the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

**Meeting dates for 2020 will be as follows:**

- Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- Wednesday, June 17, 2020
- Wednesday, September 16, 2020
- Wednesday November 18, 2020


Marshal Parisi provided information on the handouts, specifically, Saf-C 6000, Bfc 100, 200, 300 & 400. He explained a suggested structure for code adoptions - where code adoptions would go into Bfc 300 until ratified then after they are ratified, the adoptions would be listed in Bfc 400.

Marshal Parisi would like the Board to consider calling a public hearing on this proposal in January of 2020.

Attorney Hiltz addressed the Board and talked about the expiration date of the 6000 rules – set to expire on 12/23/2019 and the need to submit a package to legislative services before they expire.

**On a Motion:** Allan Clark motioned to set the date for a special meeting and public hearing – to be held on January 15, 2020 at 12:30 pm to consider RE: 19-04-15. Floyd Hayes 2nd the Motion. By a vote/show of hands – 8 members are in favor of holding this special meeting on January 15, 2020, 2 members are opposed, Motion Carried.

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**Public Hearing:** The public hearing was called to order at 1:30pm.

State Board of Fire Control Chair Daniel Andrus called the hearing to order.

Chair – we are here today to talk about code amendment proposal RE 19-03-15.

The Public Hearing is Open.

**Announcement By the Chair:**

Today is Monday, November 20, 2019, and it is 1:30pm.

This is a public hearing on State Fire Code Amendments and Exceptions in accordance with the Board of Fire Control Organizational Rules and Practice and Procedural Rules.

My name is Dan Andrus, I am the Chairman of the Board of Fire Control.

The authority for this hearing is RSA 541-A: 11. This hearing is being audio recorded.
The purpose of this hearing is to gather the public’s comments on proposed amendments and exceptions to the State Fire Code.

I will call speakers in the order in which they signed up.

I will call for any additional testimony from new speakers at the end of the hearing.

Please limit your comments to information not already heard by the board at this hearing today. For each speaker who has signed up to be heard – please limit comments to 3 - 5 minutes.

When you are called to testify, please clearly state your name and who you represent for the record.

The First Code Amendment Proposal Petition discussed today will be Exhibit # RE: 19-03-15 (Photovoltaic Systems).

Chairman Andrus turned the floor over to Marshal Parisi and then to Sean Toomey who offered a brief explanation and details of the petition:

Testifying in support of Exhibit # RE:19-03-15, and explaining reasoning for their support - industry needs, load bearing impacts, moving the solar industry forward/flexibility, typical inspections, and dead weight - were:

James Hasselbeck, the applicant  
Mike Soucy  
Dean Sotirakopoulos  
Sean Carlson  
Zack Haitnock  
Robert Buxton

Chair: No further speakers stepped up to testify. It is 1:43pm and this portion of the public hearing is now closed.

On a Motion: Steve Freitas motioned to make changes to the code amendment proposal application.

Suggested change was to add the words “and townhouses” to the 2nd sentence in 11.12.2.2.2 after two-family dwellings. Doug Proctor 2nd that motion.

Sean Toomey provided an explanation as to why this had initially been written as is.

On a Motion: Steve Freitas motioned to withdraw the above motion, Paul Thibault 2nd that motion to withdraw.

As a group, the Board discussed what changes should be made to the proposal – and a hand out was provided to the group and agreed upon.

On a Motion: John Ela motioned to strike 11.12.2.1.7 from the proposed amendment – stating that the code should not be made more restrictive than the national code, as a group, we should not add an additional cost – structural analysis. This as is, does not prevent a building inspector
to require it. Allan Clark 2nd the motion.

Marshal Parisi asked the Board to defeat John Ela’s motion. And this motion went to vote. 2 are in support of the above motion and 8 are against the above motion going forward.

**Motion Denied.**

**On a Motion:** Steve Freitas motioned to make modifications to the petition. Add 1 & 2 family to exception and add the word townhouses to paragraph 2 and change paragraph 3 to add 1 and 2 family dwelling. Brandt Lambert 2nd the motion.

The group took a recess – 2:25pm.

During this recess the suggested changes were printed and distributed to the Board.

The group reconvened at 2:30pm.

**On a Motion:** Steve Freitas motioned to accept the proposed language (below) and modify the amendment as written and provided to the group.

“Exhibit RE 19-03-15 Amendment

11.12.2.1.7 Structural Analysis

Photovoltaic systems installed on roofs shall be reviewed and stamped by a NH licensed professional engineer.

11.12.2.2.2 One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Townhouses.

Photovoltaic systems installed in one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses shall be in accordance with this section.

Exception: Photovoltaic systems not occupying more than 50% of the aggregate roof area of one and two-family dwellings only. When applying this exception a minimum 18” ridge setback shall be required unless approved by the AHJ.”

Norman Skantze 2nd the motion. All in Favor – one opposed (Allan Clark). Motion carried.

**On a Motion:** John Ela motioned to adjourn the meeting, Richard Heath 2nd the motion. All in favor, Motion Carried.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:30pm

The next Board of Fire Control meeting and public hearing is planned for Wednesday, January 15, 2020.