

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety
Office of State Fire Marshal
June 17, 2021 9:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams Meeting

Board members present: Ben Breadmore, Marc Veilleux, Barry Chase, David Matero, Steve Martel, Mike Pullen, Jeremy Martin, Eric Dube, Randy Poulton, Michael Stoddard, Steve Wintle

Excused: N/A

Staff present: Rich McCarthy, Paul Demers, Greg Day

Meeting started at 9:05 am with a review of the Governor's State of Civil Emergency authorizing State agencies to conduct meetings through telephonic/electronic means, set expectations of how the meeting will be conducted, and a rollcall of board members was conducted. Quorum confirmed. On June 30, 2021, the Governor's State of Emergency (which allowed virtual meetings) will end.

1. Review of May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Postponed due to unavailable minutes document.

Report from Board Chair – Richard McCarthy

2. Financial Update: \$766,749

3. Training Update

Recently, there was an Internal and External Plumbing training, in person, in Brewer. About 50 people attended.

IECC 2015 Training with Efficiency Maine - scheduled for June 28 and 29 and into July, 90-minute trainings on the residential and commercial code portions of IECC. Links will be provided on the training calendar. Recordings available for future use.

IECC 2015 MBOIA Training - On June 21 and June 23, MBOIA is hosting ICC "essentials" programs for residential and commercial. Free training to anyone that wishes to register. Copies of training for future trainings in a limited capacity for new code officials or small groups.

IECC 2021 Stretch code – ICC is working on a presentation.

Legal Issues - Durward Parkinson is working on a Legal Issues training.

Concern was expressed over the lack of available training for Shoreland Zoning. Paul anticipates Shoreland Zoning training opportunities as a result of the upcoming end to the Governor's State of Emergency.

4. Legislative update

Review of recent LD list activity (see attached LD list at the end of the minutes.)

5. Previously Unfinished Business

2015 IMC Review – Review of Chapter 7

Motion to adopt 2015 IMC with the amendment to remove dates.

Motion by Marc Veilleux, second by Steve Martel.

9 in favor, 0 opposed

Code Books – will be ordered and sent to the addresses provided.

2021 Code review for update – after a brief discussion, it was agreed that the 2021 Edition is the logical code to review.

6. Previously New Business

Discussion on clarification on blower door inspectors and ideas regarding improving the reliability of testing and results. Some suggestions were to make more training available or create a policy for approved providers. Paul mentioned Rick Meinking at Efficiency Maine will have training on blower door testing and ducts.

Plumbing Code – New Inspector

Plumbing code is currently under rulemaking for potential update (2021 UPC / Maine State Plumbing code) and the public comment closure date is tomorrow.

The new state Plumbing Inspector is Mike Day.

Discussion on Appendix C of 2015 IBC as an available option to assist on land based aquacultural.

Motion to adopt Appendix C.

Motion by David Matero, second by Jeremy Martin.

9 in favor, 0 opposed

7. Public Comment

Matt Hunter inquired on the status of Tall Mass Timber provisions in rule making. The response is that it is pending further action as a different part of rulemaking needed to be discussed.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Future meeting structure discussion

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 9:00am

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant

Legislative Activity List

- LD 133** An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire stations
Passed sitting on Appropriations table
- LD 195** Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction
Became a resolve for PFR to study
- LD 180** An Act To Amend the Storage Requirements for Consumer fireworks
Resolve to study fireworks storage passed
- LD 242** An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
Passed
- LD 346** An Act Requiring the Use of Propane and Natural Gas Detectors
Passed
- LD 514** An Act To Establish and Promote a System of Safe Disposal of Expired Marine Flares
Passed
- LD 1245** An Act To Ensure the Provision of Adequate Personal Protective Equipment to Firefighters Who Are Women
Passed
- LD 1254** An Act Shielding Fire Departments That Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors from Liability
Passed
- LD 1307** An Act To Restrict the Sale, Purchase and Use of Fireworks in the State
Carried over to study group
- LD 1312** An Act To Remove Barriers to Accessory Dwelling Units and Allow Accessory Dwelling Units where Single-family Houses Are Allowed
Awaiting debate MMA amendment
- LD 1316** An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program
Passed awaiting appropriations
- LD 1348** An Act To Limit the Decibel Level of Fireworks Near Working Farms
Carried over to study group
- LD 1364** Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems
Passed
- LD 1440** An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters
Passed
- LD 1465** An Act To Remove Barriers to Occupational Licensing Due to Criminal Records
Dead
- LD 1351** An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Maine Criminal Code and the Maine Bail Code
Dead
- LD 226** An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change
Passed
- LD 609** Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions
Passed
- LD 149** An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions
Passed
- LD 1131** An Act To Allow Reciprocity for Licensed Workers from Out of State
Dead
- LD 476** An Act To Provide Licensed Assisted Living and Nursing Facilities Levels of Care for Incarcerated Persons
Carried over

LD 960 An Act To Require Reporting of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, PFAS, in Products and of Discharges of Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS

Dead

LR 1473 An Act To Exempt Land based Aquaculture Facilities from the MUBEC

Dead

LD 390 An Act Regarding the Mapping of Shoreland Zones

Dead

LD 953 An Act To Improve Affordable Housing Options and Services To Address

Homelessness

Passed

LD 1089 An Act To Increase Municipal Oversight in the Site Location of Development Laws

Dead

LD 1202 An Act To Establish a Wood-fired Combined Heat and Power Program

Carried over

LD 1415 An Act Regarding Minor Revisions to Existing Site Location Permits, Exemptions for Rerouting Storm Water and Exemptions for New Construction or Modification of an Existing Licensed Development under the Site Location of Development Laws

Passed

LD 469 An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry

Passed

LD 1161 An Act Concerning Marina-based Restaurants in the Shoreland Zone

Passed

LD 1580 An Act To Provide Protections for Mobile Home Park Residents

Dead

LD 1530 An Act To Allow People To Live in Tiny Homes as a Primary or Accessory Dwelling

Passed

LD 1505 An Act To Restrict the Use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Firefighting Foam

Passed