

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety, Office of State Fire Marshal (via Zoom)
June 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc Veilleux, representing the State Fire Marshal's Office | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Stambach, CEO representing a Municipality that is not a Service Center Community | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Lister, CEO representing a Municipality that is a Service Center Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Chretien, representing Residential Builders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Poulton, representing Commercial Builders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Matero, representing Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Dube, representing Structural Engineers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Pullen, representing the Maine Historic Preservation Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Cheslak, Energy Efficiency Representative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Martel, Mechanical Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Horr, Lumber Material Dealer | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Stoddard, Representing Efficiency Maine |

Staff Present: Paul Demers, Shannon Quintal, Rich McCarthy

1. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

Meeting started at 9:04 AM. Quorum confirmed.
Introduction of board members.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda as written.
Motion by Randy Poulton, Second by Carl Chretien
9 in favor, 0 opposed

3. Review of May 19, 2022 Minutes

Motion to accept minutes.
Motion by Randy Poulton, second by David Matero
5 in favor, 0 opposed
Mark Stambach, Carl Chretien, Tom Lister, and Marc Veilleux abstained.

Discussion: Randy recommends simplifying the minutes for a format of "Topic – Discussion with attribution – Board action – next steps" and to revise the May minutes note about no minimum size requirements on LD2003.

Revision of minutes to be provided to the Board for final approval.

4. Report from Board Chair

Status of Board (re)appointments/Introduction of New Members: new appointments introduced themselves during the introduction of board members present to meeting. New appointments have until July 1 to be sworn in and get it back to commissions office. A few Board member mentioned their appointment dates in appointment letter don't seem accurate. Rich will verify dates and let members know.

Reviewed Title 10 §9722 duties and powers of the Board and summary of where the Board is currently in the process of code adoption requirements as determined by Statute.

Financial Report: \$814,787

5. Legislative Update – nothing new at this time (waiting for election.)

6. Staff Report - Training Update

- LPI training events (new LPI and updates) – Mike Day and Brent Lawson have continued their training, just completed one in Brewer. Have a list of 17 or 18 new candidates to become LPIs, some have already been appointed which violates statute. Mike and Brent are going to do full training that targets the exams, hosting in our office late this month or early next to give people a good shot at passing the exams and helping their communities.
- Radon training – Jonathan Dyer, Radon office, did a presentation in York that was recorded to be added to our website.
- Land Use training – Durward Parkinson is doing a 2-hour webinar this afternoon on Subdivision Law, with registration count over 180.
- IECC 2015 Road Tour – PassiveHaus series / Mid-Coast group – Paul Demers was invited to be a participant in the panels and speaker for PassiveHaus Maine. It's a four-part series, four individual presentations around the state. Bryant Pond and Portland completed, upcoming scheduled in Rockland and Bangor, with interest in doing one up in the county. Attendance is primarily contractors. Paul's participation is to alert folks to the standards and prescriptive requirements in the IECC. Over 60 attendees in Portland, Bryant Pond had attendees in the low 30s.

7. Unfinished Business

- Seasonal Dwelling definition – background provided and brief review of draft rewrites to catch up new board members. Eric Dube recommends first setting a clear goal on what the definition applies to. Rich McCarthy asked the Board to send any questions or comments to Paul Demers and will discuss at next month's meeting.

- Chapter 5 review (Residential Sprinklers) – 2021 IRC and 2021 NFPA codes both require Residential Sprinklers in one- and two-family dwellings. The Board decides if it stays in the code or gets taken out. Marc provided some background information on that a stakeholder group legislatively created to help with fire sprinkler incentives and initiative and an extensive report produced by Richard Taylor provided that 76% of fires in Maine are from single family homes, 83% of fire fatalities were from residential fires, with data coming from the years 2011-2016, \$72 million in losses, 67% of fires being in early morning when people are sleeping. Bill Nash provided that 48 out of 50 states have amended out the requirement.

Motion to keep the requirement for sprinklers.

Motion by Marc Veilleux, second by Kim Cheslak.

(Motion rescinded by Marc Veilleux, agreed by Kim Cheslak after request to postpone vote by David Matero to allow time to discuss and research)

Motion to table the vote until next month.

Motion by David Matero, second by Carl Chretien

9 in favor, 0 opposed

Board Chair Richard McCarthy got disconnected due to technical difficulties at approximately 11:00AM. Marc Veilleux continued meeting in place of Board Chair. Randy Poulton suggested skipping to public comments.

Motion to have life safety group meet, amending previous motion.

Motion by David Matero, second by Randy Poulton.

9 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion to carry remainder of agenda forward to July meeting.

Motion by Mike Pullen, second Randy Poulton

9 in favor, 0 opposed

- IBC/IMC duct penetration conflict (Postponed to next meeting)
- Discuss Chapter 1, 2 & 4 of Rules (Postponed to next meeting)

8. New Business/Code Update

- Discussion of Chapter 3 (IBC) significant changes of Chapters 1-3 within IBC (Postponed to next meeting)
- Schedule TAG meetings for Chapter 6 & 7 (Postponed to next meeting)

Board Comment:

Carl Chretien mentioned a discussion from prior meeting on Garage Door Labeling and offered, if there is interest, being able to set up a zoom meeting with Mike Fischer from the Kellen Group who wrote the proposal.

9. Public Comment

Jeremy Martin (former Board member) offered to help anytime, including assistance to Paul Demers for any training.

Ben Breadmore (former Board member) looking for an update on contact with the Manufactured Housing Board regarding their stance on tiny homes, storage container homes, mini-barns, etc. Paul Demers updated some progress being made, including Richard McCarthy had a meeting with the executive director on the Manufactured Housing Board and has been working on a written statement with some possible solutions in the works.

Greg Gilbert—Agrees with TAG group for sprinklers and the effect on the ongoing housing market. Also offered the ability to provide some data related to seasonal dwellings that have occurred on the Portland islands as there have been quite a few in the past few years.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

July 21, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 11:27AM

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant