**DRAFT - Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes**

**Cross Office Building**

**November 16, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

**Board members present**: Marc Veilleux, Barry Chase, Richard Lambert, Eric Dube

**Excused**: Mike Pullen, Steve Wintle, Roger Rossignol, Robert Ellis and Russ Martin

**Staff present**: Brianne Hasty, Chair

(This meeting did not have a quorum so there were no votes.)

**Review of October 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Financial Report**: $368,807.00 in the Building Codes account.

**Report from Board Chair – Brianne Hasty**

Department of Economic and Community Development is working with Department of Public Safety to have the move of the Bureau of Building Codes and Standards put into statute. This would happen via a legislative bill during the short session starting in January. We have passed the cloture date so if a bill was submitted it would need to come from the Governor’s Office. If a bill does come up then Brianne will notify the board so they are able to testify. Dick said that his state legislator informed him that the current MOU is being revised. The MOU is not being revised and Brianne is still designated as the chair of the board. The two agencies are working together to accomplish the work of the board.

**Legislative Update – Brianne Hasty**

No proposed MUBEC bills for this short session.

**Unfinished Business**

**Rulemaking**

Rich McCarthy presented the draft department responses to the public comment. Rich went over the timeline of rulemaking. The next step is to send the department responses to the public comments. After that the rules and comments will go to the Governor’s Office, the Attorney General’s Office, and the Secretary of State’s Office.

The public comments on tiny homes were discussed. The general department response will be that we are using a national standard and the calculations and technical pieces of the standard are based on national data and are being used around the country. The building still needs to meet all the other state codes such as plumbing and electrical as well as zoning.

There is a comment from Jeff Hammond about the omission of a couple words in the rules around draftstopping. That is a mistake and will be fixed in the rules.

There was discussion around tiny homes being treated as manufactured housing but this isn’t possible since tiny homes do not meet the definition of a manufactured housing.

Pools were discussed. Rich said that even though the swimming pool code is not adopted it can be used because it is referenced within the 2015 IRC and IBC. The swimming pool code can be adopted locally.

Rich stated that he doesn’t think there are any comments that require substantive changes to the rules. He will send the draft department responses to Brianne to send to the board. The board can then submit additional comments if they feel necessary. Rich asked that those be sent to him by December 1st.

Brianne asked the board if they felt there was anything in the public comments that they felt needed the board’s input and they said no.

The hope is that the rules will be adopted around January 1st. Rich stated that there is a 6 month period where the 2009 or the 2015 code can be used. Brianne asked where this is stated. Rich thought it was in the rule and will verify that it is included.

**New Business**

**Open Joist 2000**

The Gorham Fire Inspector had asked if the board felt this product would be allowed under MUBEC. The board discussed this product and felt that it was not adequately tested to be allowed under MUBEC. The board does not feel it is their duty to review and approve products. There is a process in place for a product to be tested to see if it meets the code requirements and that process needs to be followed.

**Public Comment**

none

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianne Hasty, Chair