**Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes**

**Office of State Fire Marshal**

**July 24th, 2019 9:00 a.m.**

**Board members present**: Marc Veilleux, Mike Pullen, Russ Martin, Eric Dube, Steve Wintle , Barry Chase , Jeremy Martin

**Prospective Board members present :** Randy Poulton, Dave Matero

**Excused**: Roger Rossignol

**Staff present**: Rich McCarthy

**Review of June 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes – Russ Martin

Second- Jeremy Martin

Vote 7 -0 approved

**Financial Report**: $542,900

**Report from Board Chair – Richard McCarthy**

Commissioner Sauschuck from The Department of Public Safety addressed the Board, and discussed the process in which the MUBEC Board and CEO training and certification came to be back at DPS. He discussed the funding options that may be available and what LD 855 meant for everyone. He expressed his gratitude to the hard work of the Board, and all their time committed to the process.

**Legislative Update – Rich McCarthy**

**LD 855- An Act To Strengthen the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code**

This final legislation ended up moving Code Enforcement Training and Certification

To DPS Office of State Fire Marshal to reside under the inspection division. The legislation fell short in removing one of the requested positions and removing all funding from the bill. This left the program relocated from DECD and reassigned to DPS with no staffing or money. Rich explained options available.

**LD 1509- An Act To Amend the laws Governing the Maine uniform Building and energy Code To Ensure it is Consistent with Current standards and Applies to Small Municipalities**

During the review of LD 1509 which makes the MUBEC a Statewide code again and also adds a position to the Board the Director of Efficiency Maine, this legislation also adds the IMC( International Mechanical Code ) to the MUBEC. This bill gives the board the discretion to adopt the edition that the Board determines is the best for the State of Maine. Russ martin Stated that he believed the Maine Fuel Board is not happy with the possibility of the IMC being adopted Statewide. Dave Matero asked if the SFMO reviews plans under the MUBEC and it was stated that the SFMO review under NFPA codes. Steve Wintle expressed concern over Towns enforcing the Code and Mike Pullen responded that chapter 2 of the rules gives towns options to enforce.

**LD 1543- An Act To Amend The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code**

This Bill would require the Board to create a stretch energy code that Towns could adopt if they choose to. This stretch code needs to be adopted by July 2020 by Statute.

**Unfinished Business**

The conflicts that had been brought forward by Jeremy Martin will all be addressed with rulemaking that will be forthcoming in the next few months.

**New Business**

Dicussion was started on what edition of codes should be adopted if we are in the rulemaking process. Russ martin stated he believed we should leave the 2015 codes in effect and adopt the 2015 edition of IMC and IECC, we would need to provide training and the 2015 IECC references ASHRAE 90.1. Rich questioned whether we need to adopt newer versions of the ASHRAE standards. Steve Wintle expressed concern on how we reconcile ASHRAE 62.2 and the IECC blower door testing requirement. He was concerned about the 5 air changes also concerned about the ASHRAE and IMC conflicts. Eric Dube stated he believed we should adopt 2015 editions and wait on newer editions to allow people to catch up. Randy Poulton believed that builders are overwhelmed with code changes. Votes were taken on each code to determine a path for rulemaking the following are the results

IBC 2015- motion Jeremy Martin ,Second Russ Martin- Unanimous

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IRC 2015- motion Jeremy Martin ,Second Mike Pullen- Unanimous

IECC 2015- motion Jeremy Martin ,Second Russ Martin- Unanimous

IMC 2015- motion Jeremy Martin ,Second Russ Martin- Unanimous

Mass Timber Amendments Motion -Eric Dube, Second Jeremy Martin 6-0 Marc Veilleux abstained

**Public Comment**

Matt Tonello and Russ Edgar made a short presentation to the Board pertaining to Mass Timber Code proposals. The Board was provided with a package outlining the Code changes. Current code limits mass timber buildings to 5 stories in height and at that height it is not cost effective at that height. Taller buildings become more cost efficient for the use of Mass Timber. The information provided contains 14 code provisions that they would like the Board to consider adopting. This proposal breaks Type IV construction into 3 subgroups. There is training offered by the wood council and the University of Maine has grant money to assist in training. Mike pullen asked if there are any manufacturers in Maine and requested to see a full presentation. Russ Edgar offerd a training and to host a meeting of the MUBEC board. Marc Veilleux asked if NFPA had made changes to NFPA 220 construction types. Eric Dube commented on how the adoption process works and suggested the Board consider adoption of this proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich McCarthy, Chair