

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Code Commission for Occupational Safety and Health

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, Second Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

Thursday, November 17, 2011

1:00pm

In attendance: Robin Coia, Richard Simms, Gary Wheaton and Ron D'Ambruoso,"ex-efficio"

Also in attendance: Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel; Sean Fontes, Executive Legal Counsel; David Hart, Chief Elevator Inspector; William Paquin, Industrial Safety Specialist

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Richard Simms and there was a quorum

Consideration of numerous proposed amendments to the Rhode Island Elevator Code:

Ben Copple gives an overview of the proposed changes to the Rhode Island Elevator Code. Mr. Copple distributed a draft of the department's recommended changes. The department is attempting

to clarify numerous issues within the RI Elevator Code. Topics discussed reference manual/guide books; governing code for new installations and existing units; and moderations.

Rule 2.1-Inspections; testing and licensing of Mechanics and Authorized Inspectors was discussed. Effective July 01, 2013 the department's plan is to have authorized inspectors sit for an examination separate from the mechanics license. Further processes and procedures were discussed and David Hart, Chief Elevator Inspector, was available for clarification.

Other highlights included procedures on shutting down devices when imminent conditions exist; procedures for non-imminent conditions; procedures for notifying building owners; the procedures for if the deficiencies are not repaired; and appeals procedures. Also, a new provision for the suspension/ revocation of licenses, both corporate and individual, was discussed.

The board had discussions and David Hart, Chief Elevator Inspector, William Paquin, Industrial Safety Specialist, Ben Copple, Legal Counsel, and Sean Fontes, Executive Legal Counsel, were available to respond to board members questions. David Hart noted a typographical error in the draft presented on page 1 that should read "ASME A17.1, A17.2, or A17.3 shall be used..." not "A17.2.1, A17.2.2, or A17.2.3".

Richard Simms, Chair, addressed the code commission, that with the change to the typographical error noted he requested a motion. Robin Coia, made a motion to adopt the recommended amendments presented by the department, seconded by Gary Wheaton. All were In Favor and motion carries. Ben Copple stated that this would be put out for public comment.

Approval of Minutes: Robin Coia made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held October 11, 2011; seconded by Gary Wheaton and passed unanimous by the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:11pm.