

**689th
13, 2014**

Meeting

1:00 p.m.

March

1. Acting Chairman Newman called the meeting of the Building Code Standards Committee called to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Public Hearing: None at this time

3. Appeals: None at this time

4. A motion was made to approve December 12, 2013 meeting minutes by Mr. Montanaro and seconded by Mr. Scorpio. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Electrical Sub-Committee- Mr. Fink reported that the Electrical Sub-Committee has concluded its review of the 2014 Electrical Code. Our report is rather simple, we are

recommending that three amendments that we currently have in the 2011 Code be maintained and not changed. A motion was made by Ms. Aschman to go forward with adoption seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Leyden states that there is a new “Rule Making Process”. These changes take effect as of March 7, 2014. All new adoptions must first go to the Office of Regulatory Reform. This office has forty five (45) days to approve. We also have to send them to the Governor’s Office and they have forty five (45) days to review this as well. We are still going to move forward and hope to have the Electrical Code adopted by July 1, 2014. This new process may not allow us to be able to do so. Under the new “Rulemaking Process” we may not be able to adopt by July 1, 2014. Mr. Leyden stated that he wanted to make the Board aware of the new process in which we must follow.

Mr. Fink stated that it was brought to his attention from Al Dahlberg who is head of Project Get Ready Rhode Island. This is a non-profit organization that is in charge with preparing Rhode Island for electric vehicles. He would like us to consider, whether in the Electrical Code or another code language that would require any new parking garage being built in this state to incorporate some number of electric vehicle charging spaces. This may not properly reside in the Electrical Code or another code. If we do decide that it should be in the Electrical Code then the Sub-Committee should meet and consider it.

After much discussion Ms. Aschman made a motion to have electric charging station be brought to the Building Code Sub-Committee.

Motion seconded by Mr. Montanaro. Motion passes unanimously.

Certification Sub-Committee- Mr. Brown stated that the sub-committee met this morning to discuss and review adding Energy Specialist to the Certification Rules and Regulations. The sub-committee will be meeting again and hope to be able to bring it to the full Board in August.

Plumbing Sub-Committee- New federal laws for requirements regarding lead content in drinking water in the piping of the drinking water. The law passed January of this year. This will be addressed in the 2015 ICC Code. Currently it is not addressed in our code. The question that was asked was whether we should wait till our next code adoption or do you feel this is something that our Plumbing Sub-Committee should meet and discuss. After much discussion a motion was made by Mr. Aschman to have the Plumbing Sub-Committee meet and discuss, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

7. LEGISLATION: House Bill H-7635 was introduced which entails allowing Building Officials thirty (30) days to review plans. Mr. Leyden has written a position paper in favor of this.

House Bill H-7674 was introduce which would require the State Building Commissioner to be responsible for any building or structure located on previously utilized for any type of mining operations. Mr. Leyden has written a position paper opposing this stating that the Building Code Commission's Office is not

knowledgeable about mining operations nor should they be responsible for all constructions over mining operations.

Mr. Caron stated that there has been a Bill H-7875 introduced through the Department of Public Safety sent in a list of statutes that needed to be updated, repaired or edited.

8. OLD BUSINESS: It was discussed at previous Board meetings that a sub-committee be created to discuss and see if a processing fee be added permits for contractors that are working without permits. Mr. Montanaro, Mr. Nash, Mr. Scorpio, Ms. Aschman, Mr. Newman and Mr. DeCourt have volunteered to sit on this sub-committee. Mr. Nash has volunteered to chair this committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS: As of now we still do not have an attorney assigned to our Board to replace Tom Coffey. Not sure when they will be assigning someone to us.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joe Cerillo has been in and out of the hospital, Bill Packer passed away and the State Fire Marshall John Chartier has had surgery a few weeks ago and doing well.

11. ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before

the Building Code

Standards Committee, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Montanaro and seconded by Mr. Brown. Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**John P. Leyden, CBO
Executive Secretary**

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS:

Members Present: D. Aschman, R. Brown, S. Caron, A. DeCorte, J. Fink, F. Montanaro, W. Nash, M. Newman, G. Preiss, P. Scorpio, C. Sutton,

Staff Members Present: J. Enos, J. Leyden

Members Absent: B. Bernard, T. Chabot, R. Collins, M. Daley, B. Davey, R. DeBlois, P. DePace, D. Newbrook, W. Pimental, R. Stillings, S. Turner

Staff Members Absent: