

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee

October 19, 2020

12:01 p.m.

Digital Meeting Only

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency and the need to provide social distancing and prohibit large gatherings, the meeting was held electronically in accordance with the State of Emergency Declared by the Governor and the 2020 amendments to the Appropriations Act. The meeting was held via Google Meets.

Members Present

Sonny Abbasi (BHCD)
Sean Farrell (BHCD)
Scott Garber (VFSB)
Keith Johnson (VFSB)
Ernie Little (VFSB)
Brett Meringoff (BHCD)

Members Absent

Call to Order

Mr. Brett Meringoff, Chair of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Code Development Overview

Mr. Meringoff recognized Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of Building and Fire Regulations at DHCD to give a brief overview of the code development process.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and properly seconded Mr. Little to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019, meeting of the Committee. The motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

Code Change Proposals

Mr. Meringoff opened the floor for members of the committee to request to remove items from the workgroup consensus approval block (Tab 2, Book 5). After discussion, FP 101 was removed from the block for individual consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Farrell to recommend approval of the block with the exception of FP 101. The motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Farrell to recommend disapproval of the workgroup consensus for disapproval block (Tab 3, Book 5). After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Garber, Johnson, Little, Farrell, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell to recommend approval of FP101 with the modification of removal of items 3 and 4, of SFPC Section 3308.9, from the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abbasi. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Abbasi and seconded by Mr. Farrell to recommend disapproval of FP112.5. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Farrell to recommend FP304.1.2 for disapproval. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Abbasi to recommend 603.3.2.7 for disapproval. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Little to recommend approval of 901.5.1. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Little and seconded by Mr. Meringoff to amend the original motion for modification of the proposal. The motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Garber, Johnson, Little, Farrell, Meringoff; Nays: None). The amended motion to recommend approval passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None). The revised language included adding, “by the building official” after “approved” and striking “except as provided in Section 106”.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Little to recommend approval of 905.5.3. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Garber, Johnson, Little; Abstentions: Abbasi, Meringoff; Nays: Farrell).

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Little to recommend approval 907.4.2.3. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Little to recommend approval of 912.2. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Garber, Johnson, Little; Abstentions: Abbasi, Meringoff; Nays: Farrell).

A motion was made by Mr. Little and seconded by Mr. Johnson to recommend approval of 912.2.1. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Garber, Johnson, Little; Abstentions: Meringoff; Nays: Farrell).

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Meringoff to recommend disapproval of 1031.11. After discussion, Mr. Farrell moved and Mr. Meringoff seconded the withdrawal of the motion. A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Abbasi to recommend approval of 1031.11 with modifications. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None). The modification was to replace “including the” with “based on” and add a sentence, “revocation shall be rescinded upon achieving compliance with this code and the applicable building code.”

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Meringoff to recommend approval of 909.16.3 as modified and shown in the DHCD Note on Page 12 of Tab 4 in Book 5. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Meringoff to recommend disapproval of 916.8. After discussion, the motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Farrell, Garber, Johnson, Little, Meringoff; Nays: None).

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

