

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 15, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on April 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Matthew Connors, Vice Chairman Board Members - Henry Szumiesz, Jack Grube, Will Infantine, Sean Toomey – Fire Marshal's Office representative and Chief Electrical Inspector – Michael Soucy. Also present - electrician, James Grant – and Dean Sotirakopoulos – BCRB alternate. James Plourde, Joe Shoemaker and Chris Horne.

This was a Zoom meeting and P. Cicolini read the State of Emergency checklist for all Zoom meetings.

1. **Hearings** – none.
2. **Reading of the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting** – M. Connors made a motion to accept the minutes, W. Infantine seconded, J. Grube abstains. All in favor by roll call vote and minutes accepted.
3. **Applications for Board action** –
  - a. **Christopher Fontaine**- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this applicant, M. Connors seconded, all in favor by roll call vote, and applicant approved.
  - b. **Robert ApJohn**-W. Infantine made a motion to approve this applicant, P. Cicolini seconded, all in favor by roll call vote, and applicant approved.
  - c. **Maurice DeJesus**- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this applicant, W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote, and applicant approved.
4. **Requests for Board action** –
  - a. **John Plourde apprentice online schooling request**- J. Plourde was looking for a consensus from the Board on whether they would approve an online virtual classroom training for the apprentice schooling 1-4. They could be up to 200 in a class at a time. There would be some sort of check in for participants to make sure they are present. The Board would like more information and suggested he fill out an education request application and the Board would review it. He discussed how he would like to get the training approved by MA as well. Right now they do not accept non live training. He would be training to the Mike Holt program. Board thinks the concept is good. Board will need to make sure there is nothing in the rules that prohibits the training.
  - b. **Email from Tim Johnson**-Staff will need to clarify the request to verify that he is asking about the code update. Right now everyone has until 12/31 to complete the 2020 Code update. The Board could extend as necessary. The Board will revisit this topic at each meeting to see if an extension of time is necessary. J. Shoemaker will need to verify with council that the Board can give an extension. H. Szumiesz made a motion to extend if necessary and to keep visiting the topic. W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

## 5. Unfinished Business –

- a. The Education Committee- AllStarCE.com, John Mason. More information is still needed. H. Szumiesz needs to review more and asked this to be tabled until next month. He is having a hard time getting a response from them. H. Szumiesz made a motion to table till next month, M. Connors seconded, all in favor by roll call vote. And motion passes.
- b. Probation Reports- M. Connors made a motion to accept the probation report, knowing that all have submitted the reports. H. Szumiesz seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.
- c. 2020 NEC Provider Applications for Approval- BlueVolt, Michael Jennette, Richard Broderick and Electrical license renewal.com (Mike Miller), M. Connors made a motion to accept these 4 2020 code providers. W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

## 6. New Business –

- a. Chief Inspector Report- M. Soucy reported to the Board that the inspectors are still doing inspections. Some places are still pretty busy. The inspectors all have gloves and masks and are following safety protocols.

The inspectors are still meeting on Thursdays via Zoom. Joe is now on his own in the field.

The Code Review Board has been put on hold indefinitely. M. Soucy is going to speak with Bill Frasier to try to have the meeting with Zoom. The exam development review is scheduled with Prov on November 23, 24<sup>th</sup> to go over the 2020code update questions. M. Soucy has spoken with those who said they would help with this review.

M. Soucy spoke about the underground conduits. They are not owned by the PUC until they purchase them. M. Soucy is going to put together a bulletin with the Code documentation. Once this is done the Board will review and make sure it goes out to all the relevant parties.

Prov testing does offer an online option. The Board discussed this due to the fact that testing centers are closed right now. M. Soucy brought this up because the testing is not taking place right now. the Board discussed allowing this online testing but has tabled a vote until they learn more about it and if the Board can allow it with their rules. M. Soucy is going to take the online test to see how it is run.

M. Connors made a motion to accept the Chief Inspectors report. W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote, and motion passes.

- b. The Building Code Review Board update- there was a hearing that was postponed. The Board discussed the 15 Code and the rules that were expired. M. Connors made a motion to accept the update. J. Grube seconded, all in favor by roll call vote. And motion passes.

- c. Fire Marshall Report- S. Toomey just about all aspects of the Fire Marshall's office are involved in some aspect of COVID response. The Mechanical inspectors have also taken on other roles because of the COVID virus. M. Connors made a motion to accept this report. J. Grube seconded, all in favor by roll call vote. And motion passes.
- d. Upon the motion of P. Cicolini and the second of M. Connors the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 11:00 a.m. For the purpose of discussing matters that if discussed in public would likely adversely affect the reputation of persons other than a member of the body itself and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), (j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 11 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.
- e. Upon the motion of M. Connors and the second of W. Infantine the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold/seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.
- f. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will also be a Zoom meeting.

7. Adjournment at 11:23 a.m.