

Plumbing Board
National Code Review Committee – Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
Department of Labor and Industry
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Committee Members Present

John Parizek
Lawrence Justin
Jim Lungstrom
Rebecca Ames
Chad Filek
Joseph Beckel

Staff Present

Cathy Tran
Jim Peterson

Committee Members Absent

Gale Mount
Grant Edwards
Jim Kittleson
Mike McGowan

Visitors

Matthew Marciniak
Kevin Campana
Carl Crimmins
Laura Millberg
Tim Power
Brian Noma
Bob Wolf
Jeff Hill
Ron Thompson

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lungstrom at 1:00 p.m. Announcements were made and introductions were done. DLI Assistant Commissioner Jessica Looman thanked everyone for their hard work thus far on this issue.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Justin made a motion, seconded by Parizek, to approve the Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

III. Regular Business

Chair announced that Laura Millberg from the Minneosta Pollution Control Agency would like the letter from the MPCA to the Board attached to the August meeting minutes. Justin suggested that the letter from the Mn Landscape Association attached to the minutes as

well. Millberg noted that the letter was actually from members of the MIDS. Filek made a motion, seconded by Ames, to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2012 meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Chair advised members to turn expense reports over to Parizek for approval.

IV. Special Business

Review potential amendments to proposed UPC code. A fair number of proposed amendments were received since the last meeting. Amendments were emailed by Chair to members. Goal is to get through as many comments as possible today. See if we can bring a finished product to the Board at the next meeting. Thompson asked if opportunity for comments was going to be opened to others outside the committee. Chair stated there was no plan to do that and there will be plenty of time for public comment later. Thompson stated that there are others who haven't had a chance to comment, and that the Health Department also has not had adequate time to comment. Chair explained that at this point the recommendations are coming from the committee, that this is not in a public rulemaking process as of yet and that rulemaking processes allow for public comment at the appropriate time. Thompson also thought the minutes should be more detailed. Chair acknowledged that the previous meetings minutes did not supply great detail, and that the intent of minutes is not to transcribe the meeting but notwithstanding that more detail could be provided in the future. Chair noted that the meetings are recorded and are available in that form. Parizek noted that the charge of the committee is to make recommendations to the full Board, not to make final decisions with respect to amendments. Visitor Noma from the Minnesota Department of Health inquired as to the process currently in place for taking comments, asking what the big hurry was to collect comments if there is a longer horizon to do so in the future, and reiterated that there had not been enough time to develop comments if this was the deadline. Parizek clarified that we are still in the committee stage of this process, it is not yet a public comment process, it has not been opened for rulemaking, and there will be an appropriate time for comments from all members of the public once the rulemaking processes are in place. Chair noted that voluntary comments have been taken now, in particular from MDH, as a courtesy since the Board will likely receive them later anyway. Thompson stated that the siphonic roof drain issue reviewed by the Board took a year or more by itself, and that "two weeks" hadn't been adequate time to comment on something as large as an entire code. It was again restated that this is not the end of the comment period, and is not even the formal beginning, and that this could be a very long process once the rulemaking begins.

Chair suggested a chapter by chapter review of the comments submitted so far. Board members had a packet of proposed amendments, and these were reviewed to the extent that time allowed. The number of proposed amendments were very numerous and it would be impracticable to elaborate on all of the discussion that took place. Lengthy discussions, as well as tangent discussions including various philosophical points of view took place. Administrative Authority issues were discussed, which Appendices or parts of Appendices should be adopted, inclusion of Minnesota Plumbing Code Basic

Principles, cross references with other codes, various technical discussions from several code chapters, and Chapters 16 and 17 involving water reuse. Water reuse from the roof and then back into the building would be covered by the plumbing code. Water from parking lots and other areas, and water for irrigation purposes would not be covered. There was no voting on specific proposals, it was discussion only.

Chair stated that one outcome of the meeting would be to make a recommendation to the Plumbing Board to move forward with the rulemaking process. Parizek noted that the comparison done by IAPMO of the UPC and the Mn. Plumbing Code showed that the two codes are not that dissimilar, and that a rulemaking process should be very possible to do, despite the amendments that need to be ironed out. Justin suggests that we should move forward.

Discussion that an agency should take the lead on water reuse, but questions remain on who that should be.

Parizek made a motion, seconded by Beckel, to make a recommendation to the Board that the suggested amendments be reviewed, and the process moved forward, and consider publishing a request for comments.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

V. Open Forum

There were no requests to speak.

VI. Discussion

There was no further discussion.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: No specific date set; we'll evaluate after the full Plumbing Board meets on October 16, 2012.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Filek, seconded by Beckel, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Lungstrom

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