



MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY July 15th AT 10:00 am

The July 2020 meeting was called to order by chairman Richard Gordon at 10:00AM with 9 members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Committee vacancies – Richard Gordon reminded the group that there are still several committee vacancies, in particular property maintenance. Mr. Kevin Smith was introduced as a new member. He is the new property maintenance inspector for Hanover County.
- Richard Gordon made a motion to award the 2020 Region VII Annual Conference Scholarship to Heather Ahrens from Gloucester County. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: TBD

- DHCD report was supplied electronically to the group prior to the meeting.
- Harold Stills discussed a residential committee proposal to add residential sprinklers to the 2018 Virginia Residential Code as a requirement. Group discussed the challenges of providing automatic sprinklers in all dwellings, as well as the value to a phased approach, i.e. not all houses present the same hazards. Paul Koll discussed kitchen hood sprinkler systems and dry chemical systems as a way of significantly reducing house fires.

NEW BUSINESS:

- VBCOA Annual Conference – registration open
- Richard Gordon read a message from Mr. Bradley Hudson, Director of Community Development/Building Official for King George County. Mr. Hudson will be retiring from King George effective November 1, 2020.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Harold Stills led a discussion on behalf of Randy Olson regarding the content of duct testing reports submitted for residential structures. Some localities are receiving reports with leakage in excess of the VECC maximum without a pass/fail indicated on the test. Group would like training on the reports – Richard Gordon to coordinate with testing agency.
- Group discussed requirements for Manual J calculations at permit application, particularly in light of DHCD required energy training. Bill Riter noted that Manual J/S sizing is already required, but most localities do not require documentation to be submitted. Richard Gordon to review potential 2018 changes to energy code and report

back to group. Group agreed to maintain energy code compliance as a standing agenda item. Group also agreed that any change to submittal requirements should coincide with adoption of new code.

- Don Brewster shared an incident in which a receptacle for a dishwasher was supplied by GFCI on counter. Contractor stated that it is allowed in other localities. Need additional circuit for this application. Group will notify staff that some contractors are attempting to do this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

ATTENDEES:

Ernest Sadler	Lancaster County
Harold Stills	Hanover County
Richard Gordon	Hanover County
Alwyn W. "Wyn" Davis Jr. CBO	Essex Co.
Paul Koll	Gloucester County
Steven W. Verlander	Essex Co. Building Inspector
Kevin Smith	Hanover County
Bill Riter	County of Gloucester
Don Brewster	Gloucester County