

Green Buildings Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 | 9:00 – 10:00 AM
McKenna Conference Room (1st Floor), 560 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886
With remote participation via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present

Dr. Carrie Gill, Chair	Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
Commissioner Jim Cambio	Building Code Commission
Mark Winslow	Gilbane
Christopher Armstrong	AIA Rhode Island
Josh Kessler (remote)	National Grid
Ann Battersby (remote)	RI Department of Environmental Management

Other Attendees Present

Karen Verrengia (remote)	CLEARresult
Anika Kreckel (remote)	Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
Jon Ericson (remote)	CLEARresult
Michael O'Brien Crayne (remote)	National Grid

1. Call to order

Chairperson Gill called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

2. Announcements

Chairperson Gill provided an update on the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategic Policy Guide, which on track to be complete by the end of the year. The draft report received 22 comments and the Project Team is currently working to address them. The final report will be posted at www.energy.ri.gov/evplan.

3. Review and vote on:

- a. August 2021 meeting minutes
- b. October 2021 meeting minutes
- c. November 2021 meeting minutes

There were no revisions offered on the August 2021, October 2021, or November 2021 meeting minutes. There was no quorum, so a vote was not taken. There was no opposition to Chairperson Gill posting the meeting minutes as draft.

4. Old business

a. Base code advancement

Commissioner Cambio reminded Committee members that the new base code (the 2018 base code with 2021 amendments; called the '2021 RI Code') will go into effect on February 1, 2022. The Board plans to begin the next code review cycle immediately with the aim of adopting it as the '2023 RI Code' in early 2023. Commissioner Cambio also announced the Building Code Commission is scheduling trainings for January and February to review code changes.

b. Stretch code development

Chairperson Gill noted there were no updates at this time.

c. Updates on other work and from committees, if any

There were no updates at this time.

d. Updates on trainings, if any

National Grid and their vendor CleaResult are offering three upcoming trainings:

<i>November 16</i>	<i>RIBA</i>	<i>Residential - 002-007 Advanced Bld. Science & ZEH (1CEU)</i>	<i>Jeremy Dagold</i>
<i>December 1</i>	<i>AIA</i>	<i>Commercial - RICodeC 103-21- RI ZEB and RI Stretch Code</i>	<i>Stephen Turner</i>
<i>December 6</i>	<i>RIBA</i>	<i>Residential - 001-037 Insulation and Wallboard (2.5CEU)</i>	<i>Jon Ericson</i>

Details on the 2021 RI Code training for code officials are forthcoming.

e. Update on efforts related to Act on Climate

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b. 2021 Annual Report

Committee Members reviewed the proposed workplan to complete the 2021 Annual Report and the draft form to request data from public entities to inform the Annual Report. Chairperson Gill will make edits accordingly and prepare to circulate the data request, which will be done on January 10th, 2022.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Public comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjourn

Chairperson Gill adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

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