

BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES 20-003

Date: May 13, 2020

Location: Jewell Lake Conference Room, 200 W. Oak St., Fort Collins CO 80521

Members Present: Paul Higman, Mark Baker

Members Remote: Rex Poggenpohl, Wayne Thompson, Steve Steinbicker

Staff Present: Building Official Eric Fried

Guests Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Paul Higman, seconded by Wayne Thompson. Rex abstained since he was absent at last meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

Discussion

Board Members and Eric Fried discussed the adoption of the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC). The State of Colorado Electrical Board plans to adopt the 2020 NEC effective August 1, 2020. Per state law, the code adopted by the Colorado Electrical Board is the minimum code local governments may adopt and they must do so within one year of the state. The 2017 NEC is currently adopted by Larimer County, although the County will not actually administer an electrical code until it assumes jurisdiction from the state on July 1, 2020. Electrical Inspectors will be on board with Larimer County on June 1, 2020.

If no action is taken, the 2017 NEC will be administered in Larimer County for one month from July 1 to August 1, 2020. Eric Fried recommends adoption of the 2020 NEC effective July 1, 2020, to simplify the roll-out of the new county electrical program. Board members discussed the minor differences between the 2020 and 2017 NEC editions and when the changes should go into effect. They encouraged the Building Division to make sure the public was aware of the changes coming with the 2020 NEC edition.

Motion to Adopt the 2020 NEC effective July 1, 2020. Motion carried 4-0. Steve Steinbicker abstained.

Paul Higman moved to adjourn. Rex Poggenpohl seconded.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF BOARD OF APPEALS

Paul Higman, Chair

Eric Fried, Staff Liaison

