

Decisions to be Made for In-Home Sprinkler System Proposals 2023-01-16 Meeting

As discussed at our November meeting, the Board needs to decide on whether or not it's going to propose a mandate for new home construction to include an automatic in-home sprinkler system at our January meeting so that we can draft it and have a public hearing on it with enough time to have it printed in the warrant for Town Meeting. To that end we should make the following decisions at our next meeting.

Authority

Yes or No - The mandate will apply to building permits for new residences issued after _____.

Yes or No - The mandate will also apply to building permits issued after _____ that would result in an expansion of the square footage of a residence by more than _____ percent.

Design Standard

Yes or No - The automatic fire sprinkler system shall conform to the criteria for NVPA 13D.

Fire Department Connection

Yes or No - All buildings fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system shall provide an exterior Fire Department Connection (FDC) in a location determined by the Fire Chief to be optimally accessible to fire responders.

Additional Requirements

Yes or No - Given site conditions and constraints, inaccessibility, fire loads, and / or exposures, the Fire Chief of designee may imposed additional fire protection standards beyond the specified minimum requirements in order to maintain neighborhood safety, preserve property, and protect lives.

If any Board member has additions to this list, please provide a brief summary in an email to other members prior to our January meeting.

Finally, the Planning Board to my knowledge has previously only considered changes / additions/ deletions to Chap 14 LAND USE of the town's ordinances. But Chapter 10 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION would

seem to be an equally appropriate - maybe better - location for this proposed mandate. I'm checking with town counsel to see if the Planning Board can legally propose amendments to chapter 10 or other chapters of the town's ordinances or if the Board's jurisdiction is limited to chapter 14?

Steve