

JAC Meeting – March 8, 2018

Meeting held at Roma's Italian Restaurant, Dover, DE, at noon.

Present: BOA – P. Ryan, T. Breck; DAPE – R. Hayden, J. Kalmbacher, P. Abshagen, J. Wootten;
Sussex County – A. Wright

Guest: Nancy Payne – AIA

Introductions

Introductions were made and new member Jeremy Kalmbacher, and DAPE staff member Jennifer Wootten welcomed to the JAC.

Minutes of 9/7/17 Meeting:

These minutes were reviewed. *Motion by Breck, seconded by Hayden, the Minutes of the 9/7/17 meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.*

Previous Issues Discussed:

- Building Code Updates – A. Wright reported that Sussex County is not currently considering any building code updates; however, the State energy code in 2019 will be adopted from the 2012 to the 2018 version. He also mentioned that Sussex County has had 3 code adoptions in the past 30 years. Wright will follow up with the other counties at the upcoming building officials' meeting to see if any code updates are being considered in the other counties.

- (This issue to be tabled at the moment) – FM, at his will, can waive the requirement of PE or Architect (purpose was meant for maintenance work, but that's not what it says). P. Ryan provided a copy of the FM regulations that list the exceptions for sealed/signed plans. FM is thus defining the statutes.
 - FM to be advised the practice of either profession is regulated by the state and cannot be ignored so that all parties are on the same page.
 - JAC should draft letter for each board to consider to clarify the waiver and should invite Fire Marshal representative to attend next JAC meeting (P. Ryan to draft agenda for discussion items with Fire Marshal.)

(To do: Draft letter to FM and invite to attend a future JAC meeting.)

- Incidental/Overlapping Practice Issues -- DAPE reported they have not seen any recent issues involving overlapping practice and the consensus is that we are seeing less and less of this, with the marketplace sorting this problem out.

- Legislation --
 - Architects reported they may have some housekeeping legislation and regulation revisions.
 - DAPE is not considering any legislative revisions currently.

- Building Officials Handbook – The JAC Committee refined even further some of the language, formatting, etc. In this draft #5, P. Abshagen will capture the latest revisions, distribute to the JAC members and then onto the respective boards to get this finalized. The intent is to arrange an outreach workshop with building officials statewide to present this publication in the coming months.

New Business:

- Sussex Plan Submission Example: A. Wright provided a set of drawings for a poultry plant addition. It is a pre-engineered steel building approximately 2000-3000 s.f., prepared by an engineer. The engineer was advised an architect's seal was required on the plans. P. Ryan shared his review of the plans that contained at least 12 code violations. The consensus of the JAC is that clearly an architect is required on this project, which is the directive provided to the engineer.
- Sealing Requirements: T. Breck shared that the Architects' sealing requirements state that in addition to the seal, a signature, date of sealing and expiration date of the license is required. The Engineers' sealing requirements include the seal, signature and date of sealing (not the expiration date of the license).

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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