



MEETING MINUTES

Ottawa Electrical Commission

Date: January 15, 2014

Attendees: Greg Farmer Don Ganiere
 Chuck Schafer Tim McTaggart
 Arnie Bandstra Jeff Newbury
Guests: Steve Burns

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm
2. Opportunity for public input: Steve Burns asked:
 - a. if the omission of bathrooms and kitchens in NEC 210.12 from the list of rooms requiring AFCI actually does not require them. Answer: Yes, AFCI is not required in bathrooms and kitchens.
 - b. What is the dollar value of the work for which an electrical permit is required?
3. The agenda was approved MSP: Newbury/Ganiere
4. Minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting were approved. MSP: Ganiere/McTaggart
5. Electrical Inspector's Report for Oct-Dec 2013.
 - a. Electrical License renewals – 175
 - b. New Electrical Licenses Issued – 7
 - c. Tests administered – 9
 - d. Tests passed – 4
6. Discussion Topic: Adoption of the NEC 2014. The consensus is to adopt the 2014 code. There will be other Ottawa code additions and corrections. The proposed changes will be presented at the April meeting. Considering requiring conduit in unfinished basements.
7. Discussion Topic: How to improve quality of electrical work: Require CEUs or periodic retesting for license renewal. Require a licensed electrician on each job.
8. The Building Official is planning a contractor's workshop to:
 - a. Stress permits and inspections
 - b. Proper procedures for cutting penetrations thru joists
9. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm. MSP Newbury/Ganiere

Respectfully submitted: *Arnie Bandstra*