



**MEETING MINUTES**

**Ottawa Electrical Commission**

**Date:** October 17, 2012

**Attendees:**

Chuck Schafer            Don Ganiere  
Arnie Bandstra         Tim McTaggart  
Jeff Newbury            Greg Farmer

**Guests:**

Steve Burns  
Nancy Scholz, Heritage Harbor  
Rich Bridges, Heritage Harbor

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.
2. Opportunity for public input: none
3. The agenda was approved by common consent
4. Minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting were approved. MSP: Ganiere/ Bandstra
5. Electrical Inspector's Report for July-September 2012. Accepted MSP Bandstra/Ganiere.
  - a. Electrical License renewals – 13
  - b. New Electrical Licenses Issued – 13
  - c. Total current licenses - 472
  - d. Tests administered – 7
  - e. Tests passed – 4
6. Nancy Scholz and Rich Bridges presented a request for a variance to the Ottawa Electrical Ordinance, Sec 22-164 B.7)(A)(5) which prohibits the use of Type NM (romex) Cable "In multifamily units of more than two stories above grade" for the townhomes at Heritage Harbor. After hearing their reasons for the variance request Nancy and Rich were excused. The Commissioners evaluated the request thoroughly and upon proper motion and second the Commissioners unanimously voted to deny the request. A letter will be sent, which will include a reminder that they have the right to appeal the decision to the City Council. The Council members will receive a copy of the letter.
7. All commissioners were reminded to take the online test on Illinois Open Meetings Act.

8. Tim McTaggart reported that this commission's request for approval of pedestal style meter sockets was granted by Ameren and are now included in their Standards Book.
9. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm. MSP: Bandstra/McTaggart

Respectfully submitted: Arnie Bandstra