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Advisory Board Meeting
Residential Building Technology
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 8:00 a.m.
10 Meadow Terrace, Essex Jct. ([MAP](#))

Invited / Attending:

Rich Gardner - ReMax North Professionals (The Gardner Group) - Attending
Tom Chase - Neagley & Chase Construction - Attending
Seth Bortz - Rice Lumber - Attending
Sarah Knight - CTE
Mathew Bruneau - CTE
Christopher Welch - CTE
John Wolfe - CTE

Unable to Attend/ No Response:

Byron Furman - SD Ireland - No response
Rene Gagnon - Larson Gagnon & Sons - No Response
Shaun Provost - Provost Mechanical - No Response
Don Stewart - Stewart Construction - No Response
Scott Fraser - Green Mountain Power - Unable to Attend
Kevin Daigle - Hegeman Electric - Unable to Attend
Rich Wright - CTE - Unable to Attend

Agenda

1. 8:00 am. Welcome
2. Introductions of Visitors and Staff - *Chris: Started by talking about advisory board members current and those that retired over the last year. We decided to attempt to get 2-3 more members added and up to speed by the next meeting in the spring.*
3. Building Residential Program Update for 2021/22 school year
 1. Student House Build Update - *Chris: Updated group on current program participants including student demographics. The creation of a new "Building Systems" program was discussed and how it might be curtailed with our advisory board and needs within the industry. Chris: talked about the sugar house construction this fall as well as the progress the students have made with 26 Taft St. and a neighbors shed build project. Matt: shared with everyone the construction drawings for 26 Taft St. and we all critiqued the placement of laundry in the upstairs master bath.*

2. **Program Equipment** - *Chris: talked about the NEASC accreditation process and looked for input from the group in terms of the equipment the program has and what might be helpful for the future to remain current with industry trends. Seth and Rich G, brought up the idea of pneumatic nailers and perhaps introducing those to students who have demonstrated the next level of ability. Safety is going to be a concern with those kinds of tools onsite and we all agreed to look into ways they might be utilized in a more controlled environment to ensure some student exposure. Overall the program has what it needs to be successful with the exception of maybe another onsite storage solution for materials and equipment with the current numbers of students if that were to continue.*
3. **Success of Program Going Forward (NEASC)** - *Sarah Knight and Chris discussed how to ensure the programs continued growth. Sending schools are now offering WBL programs and are starting to encroach on the tech centers placement of students in hazardous occupational industries. This is an attempt to circumvent the need to send students to area centers. Rich G and Tom C, talked about bringing in younger success stories to relate better with the students as well as creating a program video with prior home owners success program students within the industry etc. Perhaps this could be done with the CAWD or DCM programs as a year long project. There is still a desire to try and reach younger kids with the possibilities that the program could offer but given current staffing issues and the volume of students currently enrolled this got tabled as a later discussion topic.*
4. **Program Partnership Conversation - Field Trips, CWE'S, CO-OPs.** - *Chris: All of our current program partners are willing to provide CWE and Co-Op opportunities for the right individuals but there still needs to be a set of criteria students have met before they get sent out. This will continue to cement the program's good standing within the local construction industry.*
5. **Adjourn** - *Group will get back together in the spring to hopefully welcome new board members and to continue discussion about program marketing and continued success.*

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