

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – 1:00 PM (Teams-online)

[Instructions for attending the meeting can be found as an attachment of the agenda]

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE April 13, 2022 MEETING

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

SUBJECT & DATE RECEIVED	FROM – TO	DESCRIPTION
Request for Appeal received 4/12/22	Mr. Pixy Elliott pixy.elliott@yahoo.com 90 Pine Road Jewett City, CT 06351 (860)823-7896 CS	A-06-22 RE: [90 Pine Road Jewett City, CT] Appealing the decision made by the Town of Griswold Building Department RE: \$200.00 fine for not pulling a permit to replace front door. ACTION: _____ _____
Correspondence received 5/3/22	John R. Schroeder, AIA LLC jrschroeder@jrsaia.com 69-2 Main Street Chester, Connecticut 06412 (860)526-5838 CS	RE: Complaint regarding Richard Leighton, Chester Building Inspector and Fire Marshal [43-45-47 Main Street, Chester, CT] ACTION: _____ _____
Correspondence received 5/3/22	Mr. Thomas A. Gribbin A.I.A. tomgribbin@noyevogtarchitects.com Noyes Vogt Architects 191 Middlesex Ave, Suite 2A P.O. Box 370 Chester, CT 06412 (860)526-2900 CS	RE: Complaint regarding Town of Chester, Richard Leighton, Building Inspector & Fire Marshal. This is in reference to the building permits issued for buildings located at [189-191 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT]. ACTION: _____ _____
Correspondence received 5/9/22	Joseph Kingston OSFM-Fire Safety Supervisor CS	RE: OSFM Reports A-0017-22 and A-0017-22 (see item #d and #e below for details) ACTION: _____ _____

5) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free) –
- b) Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood) –

6) OLD BUSINESS

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Report
 - i) Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector -
 - ii) William Abbott, State Fire Marshal –
 - iii) Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel –
- b) Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli) –
- c) Training Councils
 - i) Building Code Training Council (Musco) –
 - ii) Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood) –
- d) Report on Bills (Cassidy) –

8) APPEAL HEARINGS

- a) **A-05-19** Request for Appeal received 5/15/19 from Raymond Pietrorazio, Representative, OXC Airport/Power Plant, Town of Middlebury - RE: [CPV Towantic LLC, 16 Woodruff Hill Road, Oxford, CT]. RE: CT Fire Safety Code Section(s) under appeal: NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. And CT Building Code Section(s) under appeal: Section, 104.1, 105.1, NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. Referred to State Fire Marshal. State Fire Marshal still actively working with Appellant. State Fire Marshal contacted the State’s Attorney - awaiting response from Judy Dicine. State Fire Marshal will have a meeting with Judy next week. Fire Marshal still waiting to set up meeting with Judy Dicine. No change, still trying to get a meeting with Judy to review CPV documents at their site. State Fire Marshal reports, “To date, no movement, requested a visit to view their documentation regarding safety. Council will send status letter to Appellant. Status letter was mailed out on 3/16/21. Appellant wishes to hold appeal until resolved. There has been no change, but State Fire Marshal will reach out to power people. State Fire Marshal (SFM) will reach out to Appellant within the next week or two to set something up. As of 9/8/21 SFM reached out – not able to get in touch with anyone. SFM will try and reach out to Appellants one more time. We have a meeting scheduled 10/20/21. We will review the piping and issues of concern. I will update you on the results of that meeting. As of 11/10/21, document review completed; progress is being made. State Fire Marshal is in the process of preparing a report for Committee review. OSFM prepared report and waiting for Committee review. **Report submitted to C&S Committee and Appellant who states he would get back to us in a month. To date, we have not heard from Appellant. Counsel will send status letter to Appellant. Hold on agenda.**
- b) **A-12-21** Request for Appeal received on 08/10/21 from Mr. Kevin McQueen, AIA, Architecture Design Alliance RE: [1 Tucks Road, Brookfield, CT] RE: State Fire Marshal's decision regarding fire code modification Request #FM-0182-20 pertaining to the height of the door. Panel assigned and combined with A-08-21: Keith Flood, Chair; William Zoeller, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Johnny Carrier (Alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing held. Hearing held. Appellant will submit brief by Friday, October 1, 2021 by close of business. On 9/2/21 Appellant opted not to submit briefs. Deliberation’s date scheduled: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m. A motion to pause deliberations (WZ), seconded (FW) – to gather more information from the Appellant and the State. Parties to submit info by 10/31/21. Reschedule Deliberations. Deliberations scheduled

11/16/21 at 9:00 a.m. Deliberations held. Appeal denied by panel. **Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (2/16/2022). Hold on agenda.**

- c) **A-15-21** Request for Appeal received on October 12, 2021 from Stephen Carrabba RE: [78 Longshore Lane, Madison, CT] Vincent Garofalo, Madison - Local Building Official's denial of permit. *That "the present plans do not meet the elevation requirements for an SI – permit application #B-20-752"*. Panel assigned: John Butkas, Chair; Glenn Neilson, Panel; Anthony Cinicola, Panel; Thomas DiBlasi, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. On 11/29/21 Appellant requested a continuance of the hearing. Panel Granted. Hearing scheduled Thursday, November 16, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. 11/29/21 Appellant requested continuance of hearing. Panel granted. Hearing scheduled: Thursday, December 16, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. On 12/15/21 Appellant requested a continuance of the hearing. Panel granted continuance. Hearing scheduled: Friday, January 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing suspended and continued. Hearing scheduled Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Glenn Neilson will Chair. Hearing held. Parties will submit briefs no later than 3/24/22 by 12 noon. Deliberations will be scheduled, and parties will be notified to attend w/o participation. Schedule deliberations meeting. Awaiting confirmation date from assigned panel members. Deliberations meeting scheduled 4/20/22 at 9:00 a.m. **Deliberations held. Panel upheld States decision. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (7/20/22). Hold on agenda.**
- d) **A-17-21 RE: [195 East Main Street, Branford, CT]** Appeal received 11/11/21 from Attorney John A. Ferranti - representing Shoreline Recovery, LLC RE: Notice of Violation issued by Branford Fire Marshal Robert Dobuzinsky dated 10/12/21. RE: A change of use and occupancy - referencing the 2018 CSFSC Parts I, II & III - 2015 IFC section [A] 102.3. Forward to Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM is working on this appeal with the Attorney. OSFM could not gain access to property but still working on this appeal. **Hold on agenda.**
- e) **A-18-21 RE: [58 Todds Hills Road, Branford, CT]** Appeal received 11/11/21 from Attorney John A. Ferranti - representing Shoreline Recovery, LLC RE: Notice of Violation issued by Branford Fire Marshal Robert Dobuzinsky dated 10/12/21. RE: A change of use and occupancy - referencing the 2018 CSFSC Parts I, II & III - 2015 IFC section [A] 102.3. Forward to Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM is working on this appeal with the Attorney. OSFM could not gain access to property but still working on this appeal. **Hold on agenda.**
- f) **A-01-22 RE: [44 Parkwood Drive, Hanover, CT]** Appeal received 1/19/22 from **David Lenkiewicz** regarding ***OSBI denial of Section R602.10 of the 2015 International Residential Code***. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Johnny Carrier, Panel; Tom DiBlasi, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr. (Alternate). **Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. Hearing held, followed by deliberations. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (6/9/22). Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-04-22 RE: [Church Corners Inn, 860 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108]** Appeal received 4/1/22 from **Mr. David Holmes, Principal RE: OSFM's (#FM-0151-21) denial to seek relief from Part IV Section 29.2.4.3 of the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code.** Applicant seeks to allow the number of guest rooms to be increased from a maximum of 4 rooms per floor served by a single exit to 10 rooms per floor served by a single exit. Applicant has not presented sufficient additional safeguards that would provide an acceptable level of protection and has not demonstrated any practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship that these requirements are not adjudged to be unwarranted; there for the modification application request was deemed unacceptable. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Chair (*assigned alternate Ilona Prosol will Chair in place of Mike Sinsigalli*); Keith Flood, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Panel. Hearing scheduled: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. **On 5/3/22 Appellant requested a 30-day continuance of the hearing. OSFM and Appellant are working to resolve the matter. On 5/3/22 Panel granted 30-day continuance. Awaiting confirmation date from Panel.**
- h) **A-05-22 RE: [94 Woodford Hills Drive, Avon, CT]** Appeal received 4/11/22 from **Ms. Virginia Brown, Esq. RE: Appealing the decision made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer to issue a zoning permit, the**

Building Department Official's decision to issue a building permit for the proposed retaining wall; and the administrative approval of the proposed driveway expansion and concrete block retaining wall. **Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Johnny Carrier, Panel; Lou Free, Panel; William Zoeller, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

9) **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (on-line or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting (SEE TEAMS LINK ON NEXT PAGE TO ENTER MEETING)

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

Online Meetings

Codes and Standards Committee

January 2022 – December 2022

Overview

Due to the COVID-19 situation and pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B issued on March 14, 2020, the regularly scheduled meetings of the Codes and Standards Committee and the Codes Amendment Subcommittee will be held online using Microsoft Teams.

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