

## STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2022

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes & Standards Committee at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held online using a Teams format.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

### In Attendance:

Anthony Bruno, Health  
John Butkus, AIA, Architect  
Johnny Carrier, P.E., **C&S Chair**, Residential Contractor Member  
Anthony Cinicola, Building Official  
Paul Costello, Labor Trades  
Hank Cullinane, HVAC Member  
Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer Member  
Donald Doeg, Esq, Public Member  
Keith Flood, Fire Marshal (**absent**)  
Louis Free, Architect, CAS Chair, Architect  
Donald Harwood, Public Member  
David McKinley, Advocacy  
Henry Miga, Building Official  
Tim Mikloiche, Electrical Contractor  
Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer  
Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor  
Ilona Prosol, P.E., **C&S Vice Chair**, Fire Protection Engineer  
Mike Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal  
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor  
Fred Wajcs, Jr., **C&S Secretary**, Public Member  
William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency

### Also Present:

Darren Hobbs, Director – Regulatory Compliance  
Joseph Cassidy, PE – Acting State Building Inspector  
Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS Legal (**absent**)  
Anne Peterson, DAS/Legal – (**Present**)  
William Abbott, State Fire Marshal  
Joseph Kingston, OSFM, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor  
Bethy Guiles, DAS/OSBI - Administrative Assistant

### PUBLIC:

Bruce Spiewak	Hiram Peck	Darren port, NEEP
Mary Shea	Rich McKinnon	Joseph D. Szerejko
Virginia Brown	Greg Grew	Joe Summers
Jeffrey Mang	William J. Nash	

## 1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (MS) was made and seconded (FW) to accept the minutes of the **March 9, 2022** meeting minutes. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

## 2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) **A-03-22** Request for Appeal received 3/22/22 **RE:** [34 Old Kings Highway South, Darien, CT] from Douglas Golden, Code Specialist, Consulting Architect, LLC. OSBI denial of Section 410.3 of the 2015 International Building Code. **On 3/31/22 Appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- b) **A-04-22** Request for Appeal received 4/1/22 **RE:** [Church Corners Inn, 860 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108] from Mr. David Holmes, Principal, Capital Studio Architects. **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; Keith Flood, Panel Member; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel Member; Ilona Prosol, P.E., Alternate. Schedule Hearing.**
- c) **A-05-22** Request for Appeal received 4/11/22 **RE:** [94 Woodford Hills Drive, Avon, CT] 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, P.E., Panel Member; Louis J. Free, AIA, Architect, Panel Member; William Zoeller, Alternate. Schedule Hearing.**

## 3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – We will have a meeting immediately following this meeting to go over the finalization of responses to public comments. We are still on scheduled to submit our responses to the Legislative Review Committee on 4/15/22. This starts the Regulation Review Committees time frame for 5/30/22. If they take no action, then we will move forward.
- b) **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood)** – No report

## 4) OLD BUSINESS

- a) There was no old business

## 5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Staff Report**
  - i) **Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector** – Many retirements as of 4/1/22. We are actively recruiting Building Inspectors. Any referrals, please send them our way.
  - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal** – We are down 7 staff members. We have been recruiting. We hired 7 more to replace. 2 declined - due to salary differences. Some can't start as soon as we wish. I have one person starting next week.
  - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – No Report
- c) **Training Councils**
  - i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco)** – No report

ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)** – We will meet with ODEM within the next month.

d) **Report on Bills (Cassidy)** – (see attached tracking of bills)

## 6) 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. OSBI states we should send another status letter. **OSFM sent report to C&S Committee and Appellant who reports he will get back to us in a month. To date, no response from Appellant. Counsel will send status letter. Hold on agenda.**
- b) **A-01-21** Request for Appeal received from Joseph G. Voll, 6527 MainStreet, Top Floor, Trumbull, CT 06611 RE: Milford, CT Local Building Official and Local Fire Marshal [22 Broad Street, Milford, CT] Appellant is seeking that building permit #B-20-452 be confirmed as active and valid. That work be inspected by the fire marshal and building official for compliance with said permit. That a certificate of occupancy for 2nd floor office space be issued. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, Glenn Neilson, Panel; Henry Miga; Panel; Don Harwood (Alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 3/31/21 @ 9:00 a.m. Hearing held--building official appeal dismissed (no jurisdiction), local fire marshal appeal continued to date to be determined. Council is currently working on this matter. Scheduled hearing combined with Appeal A-07-21. Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, 7/20/21 at 10:00 a.m. Appellant requested 30-day extension of the hearing. 30-day extension granted. Combined hearing (A-01-21/A-07-21) scheduled Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing held followed by deliberations. Appellant withdrew appeal. However, hearing was held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (11/17/21). **Decision mailed out 4/7/22. Remove from agenda.**
- c) **A-07-21** Request for Appeal received on 5/5/21 from Mr. Joseph Voll on behalf of Harbor Walk, Inc. and Kevin J. Curseaden, Curseaden & Moore, LLC. RE: [22-24 Broad Street, Milford] Appeal of the Milford Building Board of Appeals | Joseph Voll on behalf of Harbor Walk, Inc. RE: Building Code Section 105.6-Reinstatement of Permit; Overrule Decision affirming actions of Joe Griffith. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, Glenn Neilson, Panel; Henry Miga; Panel; Don

Harwood (Alternate). Scheduled hearing combined with Appeal A-01-21. Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, 7/20/21 at 10:00 a.m. Parties requested extension; extension granted. Combined hearing (A-07-21/A-01-21) scheduled Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Combined hearing (A-01-21/A-07-21) scheduled Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing held followed by deliberations. Appellant withdrew appeal. However, hearing was held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (11/17/21). **Decision mailed out 4/7/22. Remove from agenda.**

- d) **A-08-21** Request for Appeal received on 06/23/21 from Mr. Kevin McQueen, AIA, Architecture Design Alliance RE: [1 Tucks Road, Brookfield, CT] Appeal of the State Fire Marshal from Kevin McQueen, AIA RE: State Fire Marshal's decision regarding fire code modification Request #FM-0181-20 pertaining to the height of the escape window. See attached Letter of Transmittal dated 6/23/21 for list of enclosures. Panel assigned combined with A-12-21: 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. Appellant will submit brief by the end of business October 3, 2021. On 9/2/21 Appellant opted not to submit briefs. Deliberation's date scheduled: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Deliberations held. A motion (WZ) was made and seconded (FW) to deny the appeal. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. A decision will be mailed out in 90 days (1/19/2022). **Decision mailed out 4/13/22. Remove agenda.**
- e) **A-09-21** Request for Appeal received on 07/15/21 from Mr. Guy Mauri, Owner, Engine 22, LLC RE: [Engine 22, LLC - 21 Bridge Street, Kent, CT] Appeal of the Kent, CT Local Building Official and Local Fire Marshal Stan McMillan and Joe Manley. Committee Chair reports that appeal is a "Stop Work Order" that was issued on the property by the Local Building Official. Local Fire Marshal intervened and found violations on existing building where owner requested an appeal of Fire Code. Set panel. Counsel will send letter to Appellant requesting more information. Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Lou Free, Panel; Glenn Neilson, Panel; Anthony Cinicola (Alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing held. According to CGS 29-266 (b) and (c) A motion to deny appeal (LF), Seconded (GN). All in favor, None Opposed. Request to hear appeal is outside of C&S Committee's Statutory Authority. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (12/29/2021). Appeal not timely. **Decision mailed out 4/7/22. Remove from agenda.**
- f) **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.**
- g) **A-14-21** RE: Request for Appeal received on September 14, 2021 from Rick Pierce, Owner-Dark Manor RE: 2018 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code, Part IV, Section 13.4.8.2 [Dark Manor - 25 Main Street, Versailles, CT] RE: State Fire Marshal's decision/denial Modification Request #FM-0092-21 | Request to omit sprinkler protection from a two-level special amusement building with 2,600 sq. ft. interior amusement area & additional attached exterior maze. Panel assigned: Michael Sinsigalli, Chair; Henry Miga, Panel; Tim Mikloiche, Panel; Lou Free, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Monday, November 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Hearing held. Motion to uphold the State Fire Marshal's decision for denying the modification as presented for sprinkling (HM); seconded (MS) – All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Panel upheld State Fire

Marshal's decision. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (2/15/2022). **Decision mailed out 4/13/22. Remove from agenda.**

- h) **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. Hearing suspended by Panel and rescheduled Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 9:00a.m. Briefs due by 3/24/22. Deliberations will be scheduled. **Deliberations scheduled 4/20/22 at 9:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- i) **A-16-21 RE:** [140 East Main Street, Stratford, CT] Appeal received 11/05/21 from Marcia Hawthorne RE: Seeking an appeal for the State Building Inspector's denial of a waiver application that was submitted for the exemption of an ADA bathroom. Panel assigned: Johnny Carrier, Chair; Lou Free, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; David McKinley, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Monday, December 13, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. Hearing held followed by deliberations. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (3/14/22). **Decision mailed out 4/13/22. Remove from agenda.**
- j) **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. Referred to Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM is working on this appeal with the Attorney. OSFM could not gain access to the property. We are working on this. **Fire Marshal has a report. Need a little more time for editing. Hold on agenda.**
- k) **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. Referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM is working on this appeal with the Attorney. OSFM could not gain access to the property. We are working on this. **Fire Marshal has a report. Need a little more time for editing. Hold on agenda.**
- l) **A-01-22 RE:** [44 Parkwood Drive, Hanover, CT] Office of the State Building Inspector's denial of Section R602.10 of the 2015 International Residential Code. Hearing scheduled March 9, 2022-9:00am. **Hearing held followed by deliberations. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (June 9, 2022). Hold on agenda.**
- m) **A-02-22 RE** [159 Old Boundline Road, Wolcott, CT] Office of the State Building Inspector's denial of Section 310.1 of the 2003 IBC (OSBI #M-21-0703) – to allow an existing two-story R-4 building to be classified as an IRC building to all the addition of two offices in attic/3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the building. The building is equipped with an NFPA 13D automatic sprinkler system. **On 3/9/22 Appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**

## 7). GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for, **Wednesday, April 13, 2022-1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (on-line or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting,

**8). ADJOURNMENT**

A motion (KF) was made and seconded (GN) to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor. None opposed.**  
**Motion carried.**

*Johnny Carrier (bag)*

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**Johnny Carrier, P.E., C&S Chair**  
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