

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

May 11, 2016

1. Call to Order: The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in Room 532 at 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. In Attendance:

Louis Free, Chair	Henry Miga
John Butkus	Michael Musco
Paul Costello	Eric Shutt
Thomas DiBlasi	Carlton Smith
Donald Harwood	Fredrick Wajcs, Jr.
David McKinley	William Zoeller

Also present: William Abbott, State Fire Marshal
Terry Brouwer, Office of State Fire Marshal
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector

Timothy Baldwin, CT Department of Social Services
Dianne Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut
Bruce Spiewak, Self & AIA Connecticut

3. Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

4. Communications:

No new correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting.

5. Old Business

The following is a status update of the 2016 Connecticut Supplements.

a. 2016 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code:

- i. Proposed Modifications for Small I-2 Homes: Terry Brouwer presented the proposed amendments for Small I-2 Homes that have been worked out with the CT Department of Social Services (DSS). The CAS requested the following changes to the proposed amendments:

1. Section 407.13.2 Size of Doors – Delete “36” inches for the clear width of the door opening and insert “34” inches to be consistent with the building code requirements.
2. Section 407.13.2.1 Door Latches – Delete “such areas” located between “areas” and “shall”.
3. Section 407.13.5 Sleeping Room Walls – Graphic floor plan titled “Modification Layout”, add smoke partition line to walls separating client sleeping rooms and the hallway.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed code language modifications with CAS revisions as noted for Small I-2 Homes. All in favor and none opposed. Motion approved.

- ii. 2012 International Fire Code, Part V – Hazardous Materials, Chapters 50 through 67: Terry Brouwer reported he is still working on the clean-ups to maintain the construction and equipment requirements in the code and delete the operation and maintenance requirements which are addressed in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code.
 - iii. Proposed Final Draft Connecticut Supplement to the 2012 International Fire Code and Connecticut State Fire Safety Code: Fire Marshal Abbott reported that the Final Draft Connecticut Supplement (Revised to 3/07/2016) is still in Agency Legal review. See Items 5.a.i. and 5.a.ii. above for open issues not currently addressed in the final draft.
- b. 2016 Connecticut State Building Code: State Building Inspector Cassidy reported that the Agency Legal review of the final Connecticut Supplement to the 2012 ICC Codes (dated 12/07/2015) is complete except for wording revisions to delete “regulation” per the approval of S.B. No. 388 and the addition of the new International Symbol of Accessibility.
 - c. State Building Inspector Cassidy distributed two code adoption timelines for the streamlined code adoption process per S.B. No. 388 – An Act Concerning the Department of Administrative Services’ Recommendations Regarding the Adoption of the State Building and Fire Codes.
 - i. The first timeline addresses the code adoption schedule for the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code and 2016 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code (2012 ICC Codes). The

schedule includes a Public Hearing Phase and a Legislative Review Phase. The Public Hearing Phase is comprised of Notice of Public Hearing, Public Comment Period lasting 45 days and Comment Response Period lasting 14 days. The State Codes and Standards Committee review and final approval will be concurrent with the Public Notice Period. After the Public Hearing Phase is completed, the Legislative Review Phase starts and lasts 45 days. Using 6/01/2016 as the date for the Notice of Public Hearing, the 2016 Connecticut Codes could have an adoption date of 10/01/2016.

- ii. The second timeline addresses a draft of the code adoption schedule for the 2017 Connecticut State Building Code and 2017 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code (2015 ICC Codes). The schedule identifies Public Code Change Proposal Period, Work Group sessions, CAS meetings, State Codes and Standards Committee Approval and the Administrative Approval Process. CAS requested that the draft schedule be updated to reflect a 90 day Public Code Change Proposal Period instead of 150 days (Line 4), that CAS formal action on Public Code Change Proposals take place during CAS meetings and the CAS meeting on Line 31 be changed to "Meeting – Final action on any remaining public proposals".

6. New Business

No new business was conducted.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting of the CAS will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in Room G38, 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut starting at 1:30 PM or immediately following the adjournment of the State Codes and Standards Committee monthly meeting.



Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY:	CSFPC	Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code	IECC	International Energy Conservation Code
	CSFSC	Connecticut State Fire Safety Code	IRC	International Residential Code
	ICC	International Code Council	NEC	National Electrical Code
	IBC	International Building Code	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
			IEBC	International Existing Building Code