STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2019

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes & Standards Committee at 1:00 PM with a warm welcoming back of our member Mr. Michael Musco. The meeting was held in 2 North Conference Room B, at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

In Attendance:  
Anthony Bruno, Health
John J. Butkus, AIA, Architect
Johnny Carrier, C&S Secretary, Residential Contractor
Paul Costello, C&S Vice Chair, Electric Trades
John Cox, P.E., HVAC Member
Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer
Donald Doeg, Esquire, Public Member
Keith Flood, C&S Chair, Fire Marshal
Louis Free, Architect, CAS Chair,
Donald Harwood, Public Member
George Iskra, Fire Protection Engineer
Mark Mastropasqua, Labor
David McKinley, Advocacy
Henry Miga, Building Official
Michael, Musco, P.E., Engineer, Electrical
Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades
Michael Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal
Fred Wajes, Jr., Public Member
William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency

Also Present:  
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector
Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS Legal
William Abbott, OSFM, State Fire Marshal
Bruce Spiewak, AIA – CT
Dan Bonyas, BFD Bldg. Dept.

1) MINUTES

 a) A motion (T. DiBlasi) was made and seconded (D. Harwood) to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

2) COMMUNICATIONS

 a) 3/14/19 A-04-19 Request for Appeal received from Bill Disiero, Centennial Real Estate RE: [1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT (M-69-19)]. Denial of Section 907, of the 2012 IBC portion of the 2016 SBC, which sets forth requirements for “Emergency Voice/Alarm Communication Systems with malls” in which proposed to not have the required alarm system within the mall to trip Dave & Busters Fire Alarm System. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Chair, Glenn Nielson, Panel, Lou Free, Panel, Don Harwood (Alternate). Hold hearing for 30 days.
b) 3/11/19 A-03-19 Correspondence received from Bruce J. Spiewak, AIA, Consulting Architect, LLC RE: Greenwich Library – 101 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT RE: Denial of Sections: (M-80-19B) Section 712.1.3; (M-80-19C) 712.1.3.1; (M-80-19D) 712.1.3.1.

c) 3/27/19 Certificate of Emeritus received from Bonnie Becker, Director, Office of Education & Data Management for the following retired Fire Marshal: Thomas R. Wisner, Southington, CT. A motion (M. Sinsigalli) was made to approve and seconded (P. Costello). All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free) – There will be a meeting directly following this one to go over some minor issues and in two weeks we will have presentations by the Subcommittees on code change proposals.

b) Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood) – Our Staff Attorney provided a revised draft of our procedures. The draft will be sent to the Subcommittee for review. Additionally, when other Committee documents and drafts are generated, the committee will meet to review and total. The goal is to maximize committee member’s time and ensure full participation.

4) OLD BUSINESS

a) There was no old business

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff Report

i) Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector – We had a workgroup that we put together with the Architectural Licensing Board to discuss when sealed architectural drawings are required and when they are not. The workgroup consisted of representatives from CBOA, AIA, the Architectural Licensing Board and myself. We looked at breaking down the architectural licensing statute, and we came up with this flowchart (I will get it out to the entire Committee). Basically, it gets into that 5,000 square foot rule with a commercial building. What kind of work requires a stamp and what doesn’t? We looked at the levels of work in the existing building code and made a differentiation between sealed drawings or not. This is just guideline - not written in stone - to give building officials a better idea of where they’re going with some of the more straightforward stuff.


iii) Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel – No report.

b) Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli) – We had a meeting. We started hearing from the different workgroups on their review of the chapters. The goal of that Committee is to stay on track with the Codes Amendment Subcommittee regarding dates and submittals. We will try to stay on target - so everything can go in as a package.
7) GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for May 8, 2019, 1:00 p.m., and will be held in the 2 North Conference Room B, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Keith Flood, Chair
Connecticut State Codes & Standard Committee

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