

## STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2019

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes & Standards Committee at 1:00 p.m. 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
- Johnny Carrier, **C&S Secretary**, Residential Contractor
- Paul Costello, **C&S Vice Chair**, Electric Trades
- Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer
- Donald Doeg, Esquire, Public Member
- Louis Free, Architect, CAS Chair,
- Donald Harwood, Public Member
- George Iskra, Fire Protection Engineer
- David McKinley, Advocacy
- Henry Miga, Building Official
- Michael, Musco, P.E., Engineer, Electrical
- Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor
- Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades
- Carlton Smith, Building Official
- Fred Wajcs, 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
- Tim Baldwin, DDS

### 1) MINUTES

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

### 2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) 3/8/19 **A-20-18** Correspondence received from Attorney Keith Rudzik, Howard, Kohn, Sprague & Fitzgerald, LLP. Appellant Withdrew Appeal RE: [Republic@Linden – 10 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT]. Hartford Building Official's Nuisance Violation (see Appeal Hearings #b below).
- b) 4/15/19 **A-05-19** Request for Appeal received 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 the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Panel assigned: Donald Harwood (Chair), Donald Doeg, (panel), Henry Miga (panel), Carlton Smith (alternate)

### 3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – There will be a meeting directly following this one. The Committee will continue on with the 2018 Codes.
- b) **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood)** – We will schedule a meeting next month.

#### 4) OLD BUSINESS

- a) There was no old business

#### 5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Staff Report**
  - i) **Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector** – No report
  - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal** – We been working with the 541 Committee on the Fire Code portion.
  - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report.
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – Meeting was held last week. There is an ongoing active committee working on the Fire Prevention Code.
- c) **Training Councils**
  - i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco)** – No Report
  - ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)** – No Report
- d) **Report on Bills (Cassidy)** – No Report

#### 6) APPEAL HEARINGS

- a) **A-18-18** Request for Appeal received 8/23/18 from Joseph Citino c/o Vianca T. Diaz, Esq., Diane, Contie & Tunila, LLP. RE: 229 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, CT RE: Hartford Fire Marshal's Abatement Order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards. Referred to State Fire Marshal's Office for review. SFM still investigating pending meeting with appellant's attorney. Panel assigned: Keith Flood (Chair), Don Doeg (panel), Fred Wajcs, Jr. (panel), Johnny Carrier (alternate). Hearing scheduled 12/12/18 @ 11:00 a.m., Conference Room B. A Field visit was conducted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal staff. A Request for Continuance received from Vianca T. Diaz, Esq. on 11/29/18. Panel Granted Continuance to Wednesday, 2/13/19 @ 10:30 a.m., 2 North Conference Room B. **Continued to** Wednesday, 3/13/19 @ 10:30 a.m., 2 North Conference Room B. Appellants requested to postpone hearing pending resolution with State Fire Marshal. **The Office of the State Fire Marshal have been in touch with the owner and the Architect. The Local Fire Marshal is trying to set up a meeting. Hold on agenda.**

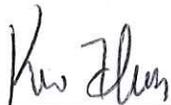
- b) **A-20-18** Request for Appeal received 11/20/18 from Keith R. Rudzik, Esq., Howard, Kohn, Sprague & Fitzgerald RE: [Republic@Linden – 10 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT] Hartford Building Official's Nuisance Violation. Panel assigned: Henry Miga (Chair), Mark Mastropasqua (panel), Fred Wajcs, Jr. (panel), Carlton Smith (alternate), Hearing scheduled, January 9, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m., 2 North Conference Room B. Continued for 30 days (2/9/19). Status letter mailed certified on 2/27/19. There has been no response. **Appellant withdrew Appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- c) **A-21-18** Request for Appeal received 11/23/18 from Vianca T. Diaz, Esq., Diane, Conti & Tunila, LLP RE: 229 Franklin Ave, Hartford, CT Appellant is seeking an appeal of the State Fire Marshal's decision, dated October 24, 2018, denying request for modification pursuant to CSFSC Part IV Section 31.2.4.1. Panel assigned: Michael Sinsigalli (Chair), Carlton Smith (panel), David McKinley. (panel), Paul Costello (alternate), Hearing scheduled: February 13, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 North Conference Room B. Continued to Wednesday, 3/13/19 @ 10:30 a.m., 2 North Conference Room B. Appellant request to postpone hearing pending resolution with State Fire Marshal. The Office of the State Fire Marshal have been in touch with the owner. The Local Fire Marshal is trying to set up a meeting. **Hold on agenda.**
- d) **A-22-18** Request for Appeal received 12/4/18 from Robert Meyers RE: [577 Town Street, 102 East Haddam Colchester Turnpike, and 51 Ackley Cemetery Road] appealing the decision of the East Haddam Building Official – 2012 IRC 502.3.1(1). Panel assigned: Henry Miga (Chair), Carlton Smith (panel), Johnny Carrier (panel), William Zoeller (alternate). Hearing scheduled: February 13, 2019 @ 9:00a.m. **Hearing held. Decision will be mailed in 90 days (5/13/19). Hold on agenda.**
- e) **A-01-19** Request for Appeal received 1/7/19 from Ori D. Spiegel, Esq., Law Office of Lawrence A. Levinson RE: [243 Winthrop Avenue, New Haven, CT] per New Haven Fire Marshal – “Doors not in compliance”. Forward to State Fire Marshal for review. Fire Marshal reports that they had an inspector review it. He is currently working with the Appellant. **State Fire Marshal report in process. Hold on agenda.**
- f) **A-02-19** Request for Appeal received 1/22/19 from Peter Monaghan, Lux Renovations RE: [29 Wilford Road, Branford, CT] – (M-0984-18B) – “Denial of Section R305.1(4), of the 2015 IRC portion of the 2018 SBC that proposed a ceiling height of 6 feet under a beam/soffit within an existing basement being converted to habitable space”. Panel assigned: Johnny Carrier, Chair, Lou Free (panel), Glenn Nielson, (panel), Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: 3/13/19 @ 11:30a.m., 2N Room B. **Hearing held. Decision will be mailed in 90 days (6/13/19). Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-03-19** Request for Appeal received 3/11/19 from Bruce J. Spiewak, AIA, Consulting Architect, LLC. RE: A-03-19 [Greenwich Library-101 West Putnam Ave, Greenwich, CT] (M-80-19B-D) Denial of Sections 712.1.3 and 712.1.3.1, of the 2012 IBC portion of the 2016 SBC that proposed to use the above mention code requirements to protect a newly constructed open stair within an existing building undergoing alterations and additions and that proposes to use the above mentioned code requirement that apply solely for escalators and use them for an open stair, and then seek relief from some of the above requirements for the stair . Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Panel Chair, Don Doeg, Panel, Mike Sinsigalli, Panel, Fred Wajcs, Jr. (Alternate). Hearing scheduled April 10, 2019 @ 11:30 a.m., 2 North Conference Room B. Original Request for Appeal Application received on 3/11/19. **Hearing held (4/10/19). Decision will be mailed in 90 days (7/10/19). Hold on Agenda.**

- h) **A-04-19** Request for Appeal received 3/14/19 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 in 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, Panel Chair, Glenn Nielson, Panel, Lou Free, Panel, Don Harwood (Alternate). No hearing scheduled. Hold for 30 days.**

7) **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for **June 12, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**, and will be held in the **2 North Conference Room B**, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**



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**Keith Flood, Chair**  
**Connecticut State Codes & Standard Committee**