

## STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 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 Member
- John Butkus, AIA, Architect Member
- Johnny Carrier, **C&S Secretary**, Residential Contractor Member
- Paul Costello, **C&S Vice Chair**, Electric Trades Member
- John Cox, P.E., HVAC Member
- Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer Member
- Keith Flood, **C&S Chair**, Fire Marshal Member
- Louis Free, Architect, CAS Chair, Member
- Donald Harwood, Public Member
- George Iskra, Fire Protection Engineer Member
- Mark Mastropasqua, Labor Member
- David McKinley, Advocacy Member
- Henry Miga, Building Official Member
- Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor Member
- Mike Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal Member
- Carlton Smith, Building Official Member
- Fred Wajcs, Jr., Public Member
- William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency Member

**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 (L. Free) was made and seconded (F. Wajcs, Jr.) to accept the minutes of the *May 8, 2019* meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

### 2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) 5/13/19 **A-06-19** Request for Appeal received from Ms. Cristina Casati, Greenwich, CT, RE: [99 Taconic Road, Greenwich, CT – Denial of Section AG105.2 of the 2012 IRC portion of the 2016 SBC that proposed to have deer fencing and naturally existing land barriers in lieu of a code required pool barrier. Panel assigned: Jophn Butkus (Chair), Lou Free (Panel), Carlton Smith (Panel), Fred Wacjs, Jr. (Alternate).
- b) 5/22/19 **A-07-19** Request for Appeal received Mr. Douglas Budnick, Deep River, CT RE: [The Ivory/Jake's Tavern, LLC, 77 Main Street, Deep River, CT]. Appealing Sections: 116.0; 116.1; 116.3; 105.3.1.1 and Fire Safety Code: 105.3.1.2 of the Deep River Building Official. Panel assigned: Henry Miga (Chair), Glenn Neilson, (Panel), Tom DiBlasi (Panel), Paul Costello (Alternate).

- c) 5/24/19 Correspondence received from William Abbott, State Fire Marshal RE: Office of State Fire Marshal Investigation Report RE: **A-01-19** [243 Winthrop Avenue, New Haven, CT – 3 Family Apartment Building]. State Fire Marshal completed inspection – Appellant owns many properties, would like to proceed with appeal/hearing (see item #d for details). Panel assigned: Keith Flood (Chair), David McKinley (Panel), Mike Sinsigalli (Panel), William Zoeller (Alternate).
- d) 5/31/19 Correspondence received from Ms. Sara A. Sharp, Esq., Hurwitz Sagarin Slossberg & Knuff, LLC RE: Request for a Continuance - **A-04-19** [1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT]. Panel granted extension to 7/10/19 @ 12noon. (see item #g for details).
- e) 6/6/19 Correspondence received from Mr. Richard E. Leighton, Deep River Building Official RE: **A-07-19** [The Ivory/Jake's Tavern, LLC, 77 Main Street, aka 1 Kirtland Street, Deep River, CT]. Building Codes under appeal: 116.0; 116.1; 116.3; 105.3.1.1. Fire Safety Code under appeal: 105.3.1.2. Panel assigned: Henry Miga (Chair), Glenn Neilson, (Panel), Tom DiBlasi (Panel), Paul Costello (Alternate).
- f) 6/3/19 **C-1-19** Complaint submitted from Joseph Cassidy, P.E., State Building Inspector RE: Complaint from Joseph Cohen RE: [Robert M. Meyers, State Licensed Building Inspector]. State Building Inspector sent FEIU to do an investigation. Panel will be assigned to evaluate outcome of the investigation.
- g) 6/13/19 Correspondence received from Vianca T. Diaz, Esq., Diana, Conti & Tunila, LLP RE: A-18-18/A-21-18: Appellant Withdrew Appeals RE: [229 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, CT] (See item #a, #b for details).

### **3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – Directly after this meeting, we will conduct a relatively short meeting to discuss some outstanding issues. The following month we will continue with Work-Group Reports.
- b) **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood)** – No Report. No meeting held.

### **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** – No Report
  - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – Meeting Cancelled. We will be moving forward with the rest of our review and working on 101 side of the Amendments.

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, Conti & 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. **Appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- b) **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. **Appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- c) **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). **Decision mailed on 5/17/19. Remove from agenda.**
- d) **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.** State Fire Marshal completed inspection – Appellant owns many properties, would like to proceed with appeal/hearing. **Panel assigned: Keith Flood (Chair), David McKinley (Panel), Mike Sinsigalli (Panel), William Zoeller (Alternate). Hold on agenda.**

- e) **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). **Decision was mailed on 5/24/19. Remove from agenda.**
- f) **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.**
- g) **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 (Chair), Glenn Nielson,(Panel), Lou Free (Panel), Don Harwood (Alternate). Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 11:00am-2 North Conference Room B. **Extension of hearing date requested and granted by Panel Members. Hearing scheduled 9/11/19 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 North Conference Room B. Hold on agenda.**

## 7) GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for **August 14, 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**