

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 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
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
Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer
Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor 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, CT DDS
Darren Pont, NEEP

1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (B. Zoeller) was made and seconded (P. Costello) to accept the minutes of the *June 12, 2019* meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) 7/31/19 **A-08-19** Request for Appeal received from Mike Wallace, Wallace Architects LLC, RE: Cherry Apartments, 145 Cherry Street, Waterbury, CT RE: Denial of Section 1012.4, of the 2012 IBC portion of the 2016 SBC which proposed to have support brackets such that interrupts the continuity of the handrail gripping surface. **Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Lou Free, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Tom DiBlasi, Alternate.**
- b) 6/21/19 **A-09-19** Request for Appeal received from Robert W. Hall, Jr., Director of Facility Support Services, Gaylord Specialty Healthcare (Lyman Building): RE: 50 Gaylord Farm, Road, Wallingford CT. RE: Denial of relief from Part IV, Section 7.2.1.4.2(2) of the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code - to permit the door to the existing Exit Stair Enclosure STR-L101 (said to be used as a convenience stair between the Floor Levels 1, and 2) to swing opposing the direction of egress travel at Floor Level 1, within an existing

Two Story Health Care Occupancy. Panel assigned: **Keith Flood, Chair; David McKinley, Panel; Henry Miga, Panel; Carlton Smith, Alternate.**

- c) 6/27/19 **A-10-19** Request for Appeal received from Attorney John Laudati, Murphy, Laudati, Kiel, Rattigan, LLC RE: 860 Main Street, LLC - Estate of John Gramegna, Managing Member: RE: 860 Main Street, East Hartford, CT RE: Connecticut Fire Safety Code(s). **Referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for their investigation.**

3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – We will have our meeting directly following this one on the 2020 Codes.
- 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** – 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)** – We have a meeting scheduled for the end of August 2019. We are moving along with the Fire Prevention Code and the existing portion of the fire 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-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). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. **Hearing moved to Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hold on agenda.**

- b) **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). **Decision mailed out 7/26/19. Remove from agenda.**
- c) **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, and Donald Harwood (alternate). Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:00a.m.-2 North Conference Room B. Received Request for Continuance from Sara A. Sharp, Esq., Hurwitz Sagarin Slossberg & Knuff, LLC on 5/31/19. **Panel Granted Continuance. Hearing rescheduled, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hold on agenda.**
- d) **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. Hold on agenda.**
- e) **A-06-19** Request for Appeal received 5/13/19 from Ms. Cristina Casati, Greenwich, CT RE: [99 Taconic Road, Greenwich, CT] – (M-228-19) 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: John Butkus, (Chair); Lou Free (panel); Carlton Smith (panel) and Fred Wajcs, Jr. (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 @ 8:30am, 2 North Room B. Client did not appear for scheduled hearing. **Decision mailed out 7/18/19. Remove from agenda.**
- f) **A-07-19** Request for Appeal received 5/22/19 from 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. Correspondence received on 6/6/19 from Richard E. Leighton, Deep River Building Official. Panel assigned: Henry Miga, (Chair); Glenn Neilson (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel) and Paul Costello (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 8/14/19 @ 11:00am, 2N Room B. Appellant did not appear for scheduled hearing. **Decision will be mailed in 90 days (11/14/22). Hold on agenda.**

- g) **C-01-19** Formal Complaint and request for a formal investigation from Mr. Joseph M. Cohen, Chester, CT RE: Robert M. Meyers, State Licensed Building Inspector, 76A East Haddam Colchester Turnpike, Moodus, CT. **Refer to Sargent, Wilfred Blanchette, Connecticut State Police, Fire and Explosion Unit.** A certified letter was sent to Mr. Cohen acknowledging receipt of complaint. A certified letter was sent to Mr. Robert Meyers regarding complaint (copy of complaint was attached). The Complaint and a letter asking Sargent Blanchette to assign an investigator to review the case, associated allegations, and making a recommendation to the panel. **Hold on agenda.**

1) **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for **September 11, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**, and will be held in the **2 North Conference Room B**, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

2) **ADJOURNMENT**



Keith Flood, Chair
Connecticut State Codes & Standard Committee