

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)
 Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – 1:30 PM, PLAZA LEVEL-Room B

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

SUBJECT & DATE RECEIVED	FROM – TO	DESCRIPTION
a. Correspondence Received 01/08/20	Bonnie Becker, Director ODEM C&S	Certificate of Emeritus. Retirement of Joanna Lambert – Fire Marshal Certification effective 12-13-19. ACTION: _____ _____
b. Correspondence Received 01/10/20	Law Office of Lawrence A. Levinson C&S	A-01-19 APPELLANT WITHDREW APPEAL - Law Office of Lawrence A. Levinson RE: [243 Winthrop Avenue, New Haven, CT – 3 Family Apartment Building] ACTION: _____ _____
c. Correspondence Received 02/03/20	Attorney John L. Laudati Muphy, Laudati, Kiel, Rattigan C&S	A-10-19 REQUEST FOR 60-DAY CONTINUANCE RE: [860 Main LLC, East Hartford, CT - Estate of John Gramegna] (see item #e below for details) ACTION: <u>Panel Granted</u> _____ _____
d. Correspondence Received 02/03/20	William Abbott, OSFM State Fire Marshal C&S	A-19-19 State Fire Marshal Report RE: Thimble Island Condominiums – 45 Jefferson Road, Branford, CT (see item #i below for details) ACTION: _____ _____

5) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free) –**
- b) **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood) –**

6) **OLD BUSINESS**

7) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Staff Report**
 - i) **Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector –**
 - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal –**
 - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel –**
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli) –**
- c) **Training Councils**
 - i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco) –**
 - ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood) –**
- d) **Report on Bills (Cassidy) –**
- e) **Vote on the Connecticut State Building Code package**
- f) **Vote on the Connecticut State Fire Code package**

8) **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 – 3 Family Apartment Building] 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. Received Investigation report from Office of the State Fire Marshal on 5/24/19. Panel Assigned: Keith Flood, (Chair); David McKinley (panel); Michael Sinsigalli (panel); William Zoeller (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. Hearing moved to Wednesday, 11/13/19 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued to Wednesday, 2/5/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. **1/10/20 Appellant withdrew appeal.**
- b) **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, 11/13/19 @ 9:00 a.m., 2N Room B. 10/28/19 Appellant requested a continuance of the hearing. Panel granted continuance. Hearing rescheduled Wednesday, 12/18/19 @ 10:00a.m., 13 North Room A. **Panel continued hearing to Wednesday, 3/11/20 @ 10:00am, 2 NB Room B. Hold on agenda.**

- c) **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. **State Fire Marshal still actively working with Appellant. Hold on agenda.**
- d) **A-09-19 Request for** Appeal received 6/21/19 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) and Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 12/11/19 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. **Hearing held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (3/11/20) Hold on agenda.**
- e) **A-10-19 Request for Appeal received 6/27/19 from** 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 State Fire Marshal for investigation. State Fire Marshal unable to reach a resolution with Appellant. 11/29/19 received site visit and assessment report from OSFM. Panel assigned: Keith Flood (Chair); Mike Sinsigalli (panel); Don Harwood (panel); William Zoeller (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 12/18/18 @ 9:00a.m., 13 North Room A. **12/11/19 Appellant requested continuance of hearing. Panel granted hearing – continued to Thursday, 2/6/20 @ 10:00am, 13 NB Room A. Hold on agenda.**
- f) **A-12-19 Request for Appeal received 9/3/19** from Richard Leighton, R.E. Leighton & Associates, RE: Appeal of the Local Fire Marshal Ivoryton (Essex), Connecticut. RE: Ivory Key, LLC, [158 Main Street, Ivoryton (Essex), CT]. Referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Communications are ongoing with State Fire Marshal and Appellant. State Fire Marshal is currently working on the report for the Committee. 12/13/19 received OSFM site visit and assessment report. **Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate.**
- g) **A-13-19 Request for Appeal received 9/6/19** from Alan P. Gravel, RE: [200 Perch Rock Trail, Winsted, CT (OSBI: M-554-19)] RE: denial Section R305.1.1(4) that proposed a ceiling height of 6 feet, 5 inches and a clear height of 5 feet, 10 inches under a beam within an existing basement being converted to habitable space. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson (Chair); Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 12/11/19 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued for 30 days. **Hold on agenda.**
- h) **A-14-19 Request for Appeal received 9/20/19** from Anthony P. Strazza, III RE: [194 South Ave, New Canaan, CT] denial w/o prejudice, of Section 404.2.3.2 (Swinging Doors), of ICC A117.1-2009 portion of the 2018 SBC; that proposed to allow a 4 inch clearance on the push side of the door in lieu of the required 18 inch clearance for a manual swinging door. **Panel assigned: David McKinley (Chair); Don Doeg (panel); Henry Miga (panel); George Iskra (alternate).** Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. **Hearing held and continued for 30 days. Hold on agenda.**
- i) **A-15-19 Request for Appeal received 9/27/19** from Bruce J. Spiewak RE: [Saint Thomas More – 23 Lynwood Place, New Haven, CT] Section 1011.3, of the 2015 IBC portion of the 2018 IBC: Modification approved in part: approved a headroom of 6 feet, 5 inches, but denied a headroom of

5 feet, 9 inches at a stairway leading from a new dwelling unit located on the third floor of an existing building undergoing a change of use. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson (Chair); Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Paul Costello (alternate). 01/15/19 received Summary of Rational from Knight Architecture LLC. Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. **Hearing held and continued for 30 days. Hold on agenda.**

- j) **A-16-19 Request for Appeal received 10/23/19 from Rachita Shan RE:** [338 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford, CT] Section R311.7.2, of the 2015 IRC *denial* that proposed a headroom of 6 feet, at the top of a stairway that serves a newly created habitable attic within a single family dwelling. **Panel assigned: Glen Neilson (Chair); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Lou Free (panel); Johnny Carrier (alternate). Hearing Scheduled Wednesday, 2/5/20 @ 11:00am PLAZA LEVEL, ROOM B. Hold on Agenda.**
- k) **A-18-19 Request for Appeal received 11/15/19** from Jane Davila, Managing Director, NEST Arts Factory. **RE: [NEST Arts Factory - 345 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport, CT] RE:** Accessibility Exemption from Section 1012.8(2) – Complete Change of Occupancy, of 2015 IEBC. *denial* of an accessibility exemption that proposed to utilize an existing freight elevator to provide accessibility within an existing three-story 34,185 square foot building undergoing a change in occupancy. **Panel assigned: John Butkus, Chair; Lou Free (panel); Johnny Carrier (panel); Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, 1/15/20 @ 11:00am, 2 NB Room B.** Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (4/15/2020) **Hold on agenda.**
- l) **A-19-19** Request for Appeal received 11/15/19 from Attorney Pat Labbadia. RE: Abatement order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards – Section 31.3.4.1.1 [45 Jefferson Road / West Main, Branford, CT]. Referred to Office of the State Fire Marshal. **OSFM currently working on this – assigned to Inspector Mike Kellett. Hold on agenda.**
- m) **A-21-19** Request for Appeal received 12/6/19 from Mr. Carlos Pla, Greenwich, CT. RE: [107 East Elm Street, Greenwich, CT] Section R305.1(4), 2015 IRC – denial of 6 feet, under a beam within an existing basement being converted to habitable space. **Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasio (panel); Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 4/8/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. Hold on agenda.**
- n) **A-01-20** Request for Appeal received 1/06/20 from Brian Miller, Brookfield, CT. RE: [90 Ironworks Hill Road, Brookfield, CT] RE: Storm Damage: Re-roof and replace 2 skylights RE: William Babyak, Assistant Brookfield Building Official’s Certificate of Approval. **Referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector for mediation. Hold on agenda.**

9) GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 1:00 p.m.**, and will be held in the **2 North Room B**, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

10) ADJOURNMENT