

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2020

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes & Standards Committee at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held online using a Teams format.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Anthony Bruno, Health
John Butkus, AIA, Architect
Johnny Carrier, **C&S Secretary**, Residential Contractor Member
Paul Costello, **C&S Vice Chair**, Electrical Engineer
Hank Cullinane, P.E., HVAC Member
Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer Member
Donald Doeg, Esq, Public Member
Keith Flood, **C&S Chair**, Fire Marshal
Louis Free, Architect, CAS Chair, Member
Donald Harwood, Public Member
David McKinley, Advocacy
Henry Miga, Building Official
Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer
Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor
Ilona Prosol, P.E., Fire Protection Engineer
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor
Mike Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal
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
Darren Hobbs, Manager-Technical Services
Joseph Kingston, OSFM, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor

PUBLIC:

Tim Baldwin
Bill Nash
Robert Glass, Goodman Manufacturing Company

1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (H. Miga) was made and seconded (B. Zoeller) to accept the minutes of the *August 12, 2020* meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) **07/16/20** Request for Appeal received from Michael Grunberg RE: [82 Buckfield Lane, Greenwich, CT] denied the alternate compliance to allow the use of a body of water is based on the requirements of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, Section 305.6 (Natural Barriers). **Panel Assigned: John**

Butkus, Chair, Lou Free, Panel; Johnny Carrier, Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing Scheduled 9/14/20 @ 1:00pm – via online Teams.

3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free) – Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – The CAS approved at the 06/24/2020 CAS meeting a motion to proceed with the code adoption of the 2020 CSBC and CFSC such that the submission to and approval by the LRRC would occur closely after the Legislature approves the proposed legislative fire marshal change sometime in mid-June 2021. The motion included reviewing the 2021 ICC family of codes to determine if any additional code amendments should be included in the 2020 CSBC and CFSC amendments. The full Codes and Standard Committee will be taking action on this action later in the agenda. The CAS will convene a meeting directly after this meeting to discuss the next steps in the code adoption process.
- 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** – Mr. John Tye, Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector has retired on 7/1/20. This is a huge loss for the OSBI Unit. We wish him the best!
 - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal** – No Report
 - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – No report.
- 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
- e) **Action on CAS Recommendation for Code Adoption:**
 - i) CAS recommendation to continue with the adoption of the 2018 I-Codes and the 2020 NFPA 70 National Electrical Code; perform a technical review of the 2021 I-Codes to identify any significant changes that should be brought forward into the adoption of the 2018 I-Codes; and submit to and seek approval by the LRRC to occur closely after the Legislature approves the proposed legislative fire marshal changes sometime in mid-June 2021.

A motion (L. Free) was made and seconded (C. Smith) to approve and move forward with the CAS recommendation. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

6) APPEAL HEARINGS

- a) **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, 3/11/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Request for continuance. Panel granted continuance. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda for rescheduling. **Appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- b) **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. Due to the complexity of this case, Fire Marshal still working with this case. State Fire Marshal is still work with the State’s Attorney. Awaiting response from Judy Dicine. **State Fire Marshal will have a meeting with Judy Dicine. Hold on agenda.**
- c) **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. Ongoing Communications continue. State Fire Marshal is working on a report for the Committee. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing scheduled, Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m., 13 NB Room A. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (5/6/20). Hearing continued and referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. **State Building Inspector reports, this structure is a large old industrial building being used for storage. However, people are in and out of the building – there are safety issues/unsafe conditions. We are working together for a resolution. Hold on agenda for 30 days.**
- d) **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. Chair ordered status letter to Appellant. Admin emailed/mailed status letter on 3/5/20 requesting Appellant to respond by 3/19/20. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, Chair order Admin to send out another status letter. **A status letter was sent on 8/25/20. If no response, the panel will reconvene the hearing. Hold on agenda.**

- e) **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). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued for 30 days. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. **A status letter was mailed out on 8/25/20. Appellant withdrew appeal on 8/26/20. Remove from Agenda.**
- f) **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 DiBlasi (panel); Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 4/8/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. Hold on agenda. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. **Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, 9/30/20 @ 11:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-02-20 Request for Appeal received 3/04/20** from Philip R. Sherman, P.E. RE: [15 Oakwood Avenue, Norwalk, CT] - denial of Section 2902.1 of the 2015 IBC – that proposed to provide plumbing fixtures for approximately 100 occupants in lieu of providing fixtures for 455 occupants within a proposed building. Panel assigned: Eric Shutt, Chair, Anthony Bruno (panel); Carlton Smith (panel); Don Doeg (alternate). Hearing scheduled 4/8/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2NB Room B. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. **OSBI is working on a resolution with the appellant. Hold on agenda.**
- h) **A-03-20 Request for Appeal received 6/3/20** from Brad DeMotte, R.A. | RE: [Universal Church, 261 Main Street, Danbury, CT] - denial of Section 1004.1 of the 2015 IEBC, to not allow a change of occupancy as described, is based on the fact that the change of occupancy is to a higher hazard and the travel distance to the single exit is too great, causing a hazard for the occupants. **Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli (panel); Don Harwood (panel); Johnny Carrier (alternate).** Panel assigned but do not schedule hearing until discussion of virtual hearings. **Hearing scheduled, Monday, 9/14/20 @ 11:00 a.m. via online Teams. Hold on agenda.**

1) GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for, **Wednesday, September 9, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.** and will be held virtual on Teams.

2) ADJOURNMENT

Keith Flood (bag)

Keith Flood, Chair
Connecticut State Codes & Standard Committee