

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**April 8, 2015**

1. The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in the conference room (room G38) at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. **In Attendance:**

- Keith Flood, Chair
- Anthony Bruno
- John Butkus
- Paul Costello
- Thomas DiBlasi
- Louis Free
- Robert Hanbury
- Donald Harwood
- George Iskra
- David McKinley
- Henry Miga
- Michael Musco
- Glenn Neilson
- Michael Sinsigalli
- Carlton Smith
- Fred Wajcs, Jr.
- William Zoeller

**Also Present:**

- Joseph Cassidy, OSBI
- Daniel Tierney, OSBI
- William Abbott, OSFM
- Joseph Kingston, OSFM
- Jenna Padula, DAS Legal
- Bruce Spiewak, AIA CT
- Bill Nash, ICC
- Joanne Rees, AIA CT
- Diane Harp Jones, AIA CT
- Rob Ross, Middletown Fire Dept.

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **A-4-15. Request for appeal from William Letson re State Fire Marshal's decision re FM-0046-15 re Voluntown Elementary School, 195 Main St., Voluntown, CT. On 3/11/15 correspondence received from appellant. Panel consists of Donald Harwood, Panel Chair; Michael Sinsigalli and Carlton Smith. Louis Free will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in room G38.**
- b. **A-12-14 A&B. Correspondence re appeal from Natalie Huey Min Lee re A) Norwich Building Official's decision and B) Norwich Fire Marshal's decision re 270 Broadway, Norwich, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.h. On 3/1/15 additional information received from appellant.**
- c. **A-3-15. Correspondence re appeal of Heather Van Deusen re Office of State Building Inspector and Office of Protection and Advocacy's decision re W-78-14 re HH Ellis Technical High School, 613 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, CT. Panel consists of John Butkus, Panel Chair; Louis Free and Robert Hanbury. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. See section Appeal Hearings 8.i. On 3/24/15 additional information received from appellant. Hearing was set for Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 12:00 noon in room G38.**

#### **5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)**  
This subcommittee will meet today. Discussion will include Chapter 3 as well as increasing the number of meeting dates to review code documents.
- b. **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)**  
There was no report.

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no report.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Staff Report**  
There was no report.
- b. **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood)**  
Jenna Padula updated members on the proposed code.

- c. **Joint Building Code Training Council (Musco)/ Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)/ (aka Joint BCTC/FMTC)** The Design Conference will be held on May 28, 2015.

- d. **Report on Bills**

**HB 5707** - Joe Cassidy advised that HB 5707 regarding disconnects to solar panels was referred to the Appropriations Committee.

**HB 6972** - Joe Cassidy discussed the substitute language of HB 6972 as it was voted out of committee. The bill now adds two fire marshal members to the Codes and Standards Committee and leaves the current membership alone. A discussion ensued regarding the accuracy of the Connecticut Fire Marshal Association's (CFMA) comments and testimony at the public hearing on the bill. Codes and Standards members were discouraged by this and discussed officially submitting a rebuttal to such testimony to the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Louis Free asked Joe Cassidy to let committee members know when the official transcript of the public hearing, which was held on March 12, is available so a timely response could be submitted to the Public Safety & Security Committee. He re-emphasized the need for timeliness to respond to HB 6972.

- e. **Public Member Vacancy:** Joe Cassidy reported that they are still working on filling this position.

## **8. APPEAL HEARINGS**

- a. **A-34-04. Appeal of Steven Edelman re State Building Inspector's decision re 9/1/04 State Building Inspector's decision under 29-252(d) CGS.** Appellant contacted DCS Legal Counsel and requested this appeal be re-opened. On 12/10/14 noted for the record: John Butkus, Louis Free, Robert Hanbury, Donald Harwood, Michael Musco and Glenn Neilson are recused. This is a request to re-open an appeal that had been decided. On 1/14/15, appellant's request to re-open this appeal and applicable State Statute was forwarded to members for review. Motion was made and seconded to deny the appellant's request to re-open this appeal. Noted for the record: John Butkus, Louis Free, Robert Hanbury, Donald Harwood, Michael Musco and Glenn Neilson recused themselves. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. **On 3/11/15 letter sent to appellant advising his request to re-open the appeal was denied. Remove from agenda.**

- b. **A-4-10. Appeal from Steven Edelman re Windham Building Official's decision re 202 Scotland Road, Windham, CT.** John Butkus, Louis Free, Robert Hanbury, Donald Harwood, Michael Musco, Glenn Neilson and Marjorie Shansky are recused. On June 21, 2010 a postponement was granted as a result of appellant's request for a stay of the proceedings. On January 24, 2013 correspondence received from appellant. On January 24, 2013 correspondence received from appellant. On March 21, 2013 referred to legal counsel. On 6/3/14 certified letter sent to appellant requesting status of appeal and to respond in writing by 6/17/14. On 6/12/14 correspondence received from appellant advising he wished to pursue this appeal. **Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; George Iskra and William Zoeller.** Hearing set for November 12, 2014 was not held; on 11/10/14 appellant requested postponement. Hearing was held on February 4, 2015. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by May 4, 2015]. Hold on agenda.**
- c. **A-28-11. Appeal from Steven Edelman re Acting State Building Inspector's decision re 29-252(d) re Town of Windham Building permit application re 202 Scotland Road, Windham, CT.** John Butkus, Louis Free, Robert Hanbury, Donald Harwood, Michael Musco, Glenn Neilson and Marjorie Shansky are recused. **Panel consists of Henry Miga, Panel Chair; Anthony Bruno and George Iskra. David McKinley will be the alternate.** Panel will review 29-252(d) as it applies to this appeal. If panel determines aggrievement, then appeal hearing may immediately follow to consider the merits of this appeal. Hearing set for June 16, 2014, was not held; on 6/12/14 appellant requested postponement. Aggrievement hearing set for November 12, 2014 was not held; on 11/10/14 appellant requested postponement. Hearing was held and closed on February 4, 2015. The parties were given 7 working days [until February 17, 2015] to submit briefs. **On 2/17/15 received Motion for Continuance and CGS 29-262(d) Petition from appellant. Deliberations were held on April 8, 2015. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by July 8, 2015]. Hold on agenda.**
- d. **A-19-13. Appeal from Jeffrey Reiner re West Hartford Fire Marshal's decision re 25 Stanley Street, West Hartford, CT.** Michael Sinsigalli is recused. Panel consists of Keith Flood, Panel Chair; Glenn Neilson and Carlton Smith. Christopher Cozzi will be the alternate. Hearing to address timeliness and aggrieved party issues set for March 12, 2014 was postponed; on 2/21/14 appellant requested postponement. Aggrievement and timeliness hearing was rescheduled to April 9, 2014; on 3/3/14 appellant requested second postponement. Aggrievement and timeliness hearing was rescheduled to May 14, 2014 in room G38, in Hartford. Appeal hearing may immediately follow. As of 5/14/14 appeal panel is awaiting commentary from legal advisor re timeliness of appeal before rendering their decision. On 11/7/14 correspondence from Michael Sinsigalli requesting action be taken on this appeal. Aggrievement and timeliness hearing were held on December 22, 2014. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by March 22, 2015]. **On 3/23/15 decision was sent out. Remove from agenda.**

- e. **A-8-14. Appeal from Joe Asklar re State Building Inspector's decision re 350/356 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.** Panel consists of Henry Miga, Panel Chair; William Zoeller and George Iskra. Thomas DiBlasi will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 11:00 in room G38. On 9/2/14 correspondence received from appellant requesting postponement; Lawrence Stannard, Marlborough Building Official, granted appellant a 30 day extension (until 10/8/14). Hearing was held on November 12, 2014. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by February 12, 2015.] Hold on agenda.**
  
- f. **A-10-14. Appeal from Bruce Spiewak re State Fire Marshal's decision re FM-0263-14 re Sandy Hook School, Building 2, 12 Dickinson Drive, Newtown, CT. Appeal panel was not set.** On 10/8/14 appellant requested appeal be tabled until the November meeting. **On 12/10/14 appellant requested this appeal be postponed until a draft determination is made by the Codes Amendment Subcommittee re what parts of Chapter 10 (Fire Code and Building Code) will be recommended for approval. Reason for modification denial stated in part that, "C&S had not addressed that section of the code yet." Hold on agenda.**
  
- g. **A-11-14. Appeal from Harry Narine re Waterbury Fire Marshal's decision re 269 Wilson Street, Waterbury, CT. Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; Anthony Bruno and Donald Harwood. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate.** On 11/18/14 forwarded to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review. On 11/19/14 additional information received from appellant. On 12/9/14 correspondence received from Chuck Kiessling, OSFM, requesting appeal be tabled for 30 days [until January 14, 2015]. On 2/9/15 correspondence received from Chuck Kiessling, OSFM. On 3/4/15 correspondence received from Chuck Kiessling, OSFM, indicating appellant wishes to pursue the appeal. There may be a timeliness issue related to this appeal. If good cause is shown, then an appeal hearing may immediately follow. **Timeliness and appeal hearing were held on April 8, 2015. On 4/9/15 certified letter sent to appellant advising that briefs are to be filed by 5/6/15. Hold on agenda.**
  
- h. **A-12-14 (A&B). Request for appeal from Natalie Huey Min Lee re**
  - A) Norwich Building Official and**
  - B) Norwich Fire Marshal decisions re 270 Broadway, Norwich, CT****Panel consists of Keith Flood, Panel Chair; David McKinley and Henry Miga. Paul Costello will be the alternate.** On 1/9/15 appellant requested postponement pending review from her consultant. On 2/24/15 certified letter sent to appellant requesting her to respond, in writing by 3/9/15, clearly stating what issues she is appealing. On 2/11/15 correspondence received from appellant providing additional information and advising she no longer has a consultant. On 2/24/15 certified letter sent to appellant requesting clarification of what she is appealing and to respond in writing by 3/9/15. On 3/9/15 additional information and correspondence received from appellant. **There may be an issue of timeliness re A-12-14(B). On 3/16/15**

**appellant's code change proposal was forwarded to the Codes Amendment Subcommittee. On 3/11/15 additional information received from appellant. Hearing was set for Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in G38. Hold on agenda.**

- i. A-13-14. Request for appeal from Rocco Tirozzi, Esquire, re State Fire Marshal's decision re 315 York Street, West Haven, CT. Keith Flood is recused. Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; George Iskra and Henry Miga. John Butkus will be the alternate. Hearing set for February 4, 2015, was postponed; on 1/23/15 correspondence received from appellant requesting postponement. On 4/8/15 Keith Flood advised this was resolved. Hold on agenda.**
- j. A-1-15. Request for appeal from Alfred Xhuti re Waterbury Fire Marshal's decision re 359-361 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, CT. No panel was set. On 2/4/15 additional information received from appellant. On 2/11/15 referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Hold on agenda.**
- k. A-2-15. Request for appeal from Max Case, Esq., re Milford Building Official's decision re 354 Woodmont Road, Unit 3 & 4, Milford, CT. Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair; Louis Free and Fred Wajcs, Jr. Carlton Smith will be the alternate. Hearing set for March 11, 2015 was not held; on 2/23/15 appellant requested postponement. On 3/4/15 correspondence received from Attorney Jonathan Berchem, Milford City Attorney, requesting file copies. Hearing was rescheduled and held on April 8, 2015. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by July 8, 2015]. Hold on agenda.**
- l. A-3-15. Request for appeal from Heather Van Deusen re Office of State Building Inspector and Office of Protection and Advocacy's decision re W-78-14 re H. H. Ellis Technical High School, 613 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, CT. Panel consists of John Butkus, Panel Chair; Louis Free and Robert Hanbury. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. On 3/24/15 additional information received from appellant. Hearing was set for Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in G38.**

## **9. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mike Sinsigalli advised that the Connecticut Sprinkler Coalition will have a side-by-side burn demonstration on May 2, 2015 at 11:00 at the Home Depot, West Hartford. Another live burn demonstration of sprinklered vs non-sprinklered buildings will be held on May 9, 2015 in West Haven.

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **May 13, 2015** and will be held in conference room **G38**, at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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David McKinley, Secretary

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