

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**September 9, 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  
Donald Doeg  
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:**

Daniel Tierney, OSBI  
William Abbott, OSFM  
Jenna Padula, DAS Legal  
Bruce Spiewak, AIA CT  
Don Vigneau

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. **Correspondence from William Nash, Jr., ICC re vertical floor openings, stairways and the International Code Council (ICC). On 8/14/15 copy of his correspondence was forwarded to the Codes Amendment Subcommittee. On 9/8/15 Mr. Nash requested that he be allowed to give presentation at the next C&S meeting [on 10/14/15].**

- b. **A-6-15. Request for appeal from John Casey, Esq. re New London Building Official's decision re New London Harbor Lighthouse, Pequot Avenue, New London, CT. Panel consists of Henry Miga, Chair; Carlton Smith and Louis Free. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

## **5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)**

This subcommittee met on August 12, 2015 and will meet today. Draft of CT Supplement will be sent to CAS members for review prior to 9/30/15 meeting with action by the full C&S Committee at the 10/14/15 C&S meeting.

Next meeting will be on September 30, 2015.

### **b. Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)**

A discussion was held regarding the next code cycle review. Meeting was set for October 14, 2015, at 11:00 in G38.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no report.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. Staff Report**

There was no report.

### **b. Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood)**

A discussion was held regarding representation on this subcommittee and to have 2 members represent C&S. Mike Sinsigalli volunteered to serve.

Bill Abbott, Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), advised that the CSFPC errata should be posted to OSFM's website shortly.

### **c. Joint Building Code Training Council (Musco)/ Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)/ (aka Joint BCTC/FMTC)**

There was no report.

### **d. Report on Bills**

There was no report.

## 8. APPEAL HEARINGS

- a. **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.**
  
- b. **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. On 4/13/15 briefs received from appellant. On 5/4/15 briefs received from Lt. Ballou, Waterbury Fire Department. Deliberations set for 5/13/15 were postponed; on 5/11/15 panel member requested deliberations be postponed due to schedule conflict. Deliberations were held on 6/10/15. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 9/10/15.] Decision was sent out on 8/31/15. Remove from agenda.**
  
- c. **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. \*Due to schedule conflict on 6/10/15, Paul Costello will serve and David McKinley 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. The hearing set for 5/13/15 was rescheduled to 5/15/15 due to schedule conflict of a panel member. On 5/11/15 appellee, James Roberts, requested postponement of the hearing set for 5/15/15. Hearing was rescheduled and held on 6/10/15. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 9/10/15.] Decision was sent out on 9/9/15. Remove from agenda.**

- d. **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 4/8/15. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 7/8/15]. **Decision was sent out on 8/19/15. Remove from agenda.**
- e. **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. On 5/11/15 additional information received from appellant. Hearing held on 5/13/15. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 8/13/15.] Decision was sent out on 9/9/15. Remove from agenda.**
- f. **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.** \*Panel consists of Donald Harwood, Panel Chair; Michael Sinsigalli and Carlton Smith. Louis Free will be the alternate. \*Due to schedule conflict on 6/10/15, panel revised to: Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; Carlton Smith and Henry Miga. On 3/11/15 correspondence received from appellant. Hearing set for 5/13/15 was postponed due to schedule conflict of panel member. Hearing was held on 6/10/15. **Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 9/10/15.] Decision was sent out on 8/19/15. Remove from agenda.**

## 9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Members were notified of the resignation of Christopher Cozzi effective 9/8/15. The Committee is grateful for the time and effort he put forth while on this Committee. A second resignation is pending.

A brief discussion was held regarding meeting attendance.

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **October 14, 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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