

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

December 14, 2016

1. The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in the North Plaza Hearing Room B, at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. In Attendance: Carlton Smith, Chair
Anthony Bruno
John Butkus
Paul Costello
Tom DiBlasi
Donald Doeg
Louis Free
Robert Hanbury
Donald Harwood
George Iskra
David McKinley
Henry Miga
Michael Musco
Glenn Neilson
Eric Shutt
Michael Sinsigalli
Fred Wajcs, Jr.
William Zoeller

Also Present: Joseph Cassidy, OSBI
Bill Abbott, OSFM
Coleman Lynds, FEMA
Bruce Spiewak, AIA Connecticut
Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS Legal

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **A-17-16. Request for appeal from MBH Architecture, LLC re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-880-16 re: 376 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT. Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair; Fred Wajes, Jr. and Michael Sinsigalli. Donald Harwood will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in North Plaza Hearing Room B.**

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)**
This subcommittee will meet today, **December 14, 2016**, at 1:30 p.m. in North Plaza Hearing Room B, when the Subcommittee will be introduced to DAS staff who will be assisting work groups, and will also be going to a schedule.
- b. **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)**
There was no report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Staff Report**
(Cassidy) Bethy Guiles-Smith was introduced; she started work here last Friday and will be taking over Joanne Cavaiuolo's responsibilities as secretary for OSBI, in a phased transition. The Committee was welcomed to the new facility, and was offered a tour of the offices of OSBI/OSFM after the meeting.
(Abbott) Reported that he met with Mike Sinsigalli's group last week to go over the new code, and also that he received the code books which will be distributed the beginning of next year.
(Padula) No report.
- b. **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)**
There was no report.
- c. **Joint Building Code Training Council (Musco)/ Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)/ (aka Joint BCTC/FMTC)**
There was no report.

d. Report on Bills (Cassidy)

Session has not yet started.

e. Vote for Codes and Standards officer positions: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Carlton Smith stated that he had spoken to Keith Flood, the current Vice-Chair, and to Paul Costello, the current Secretary, and further stated that all three of the current officers are willing to stay on in 2017. A motion was made and seconded to keep the current slate of officers. None opposed. Motion carried.

8. APPEAL HEARINGS

- a. A-6-16. Request for Appeal from 89 Prospect Street, LLC c/o John Forrest re: State Fire Marshal's decision re: 26.3.5.1 re: 44-46 Connecticut Boulevard, East Hartford, CT.** On 5/31/16 referred to Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review. OSFM contacted the local fire marshal and was waiting for receipt of a modification; however, when the 2016 Code was adopted the building became code-compliant. OSFM to contact the appellant and request withdrawal of appeal. **OSFM tried to do this through the local fire marshal; however, that person retired. OSFM contacted the new fire marshal just appointed, and was referred to the inspector who is handling this matter, who OSFM is now waiting to hear from. Keep on agenda.**
- b. A-9-16. Request for Appeal from Douglas Golden re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-48-16B re: 358 Springside Ave., New Haven, CT.** Panel consisted of Henry Miga, Panel Chair, William Zoeller and Fred Wajcs, Jr. (Paul Costello alternate). Hearing was set for 9/14/16; re-scheduled for Wednesday, 10/12/16 at 10:00 a.m. in room G38. On 10/6/16 correspondence received from appellant. **Hearing was held on 10/12/16. Decision will be sent within 90 days [by 1/12/17.] Keep on agenda.**
- c. A-10-16. Request for Appeal from Hongyao Zhu re: State Fire Marshal's decision re: FM-0110-16 re: 23 Allan Street, West Haven, CT.** Panel consisted of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, and David McKinley. (Donald Harwood, Carlton Smith alternate). On 8/12/16 correspondence received from appellant. Timeliness and appeal hearings were held on 9/13/16. **Decision was sent on 11/9/16. Remove from agenda.**
- d. A-11-16. Request for Appeal from Michael Roberts re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-568-16 re: 545 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT.** Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair, George Iskra and Keith Flood; John Ferrucci is alternate. On 8/5/16 correspondence received from appellant. **Hearing was scheduled for 10/12/16. On 10/12/16 appellant did not appear so appeal was**

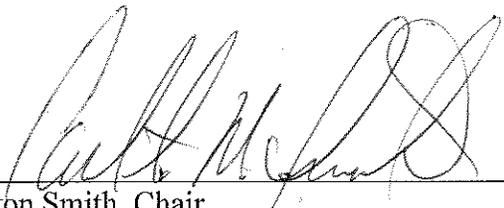
- dismissed for lack of prosecution. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 1/12/17.] Keep on agenda.**
- e. A-12-16. Request for Appeal from Steven Abbate re: State Fire Marshal's decision re: FM-0078-16 re: 81 Main Street North Units 1-8, Kent, CT.** Panel consisted of Keith Flood, Panel Chair; George Iskra and Donald Doeg (Michael Sinsigalli alternate). **Hearing was held on 10/12/16. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 1/12/17.] Keep on agenda.**
 - f. A-13-16. Request for Appeal from Eamon Fuller re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-594-16 re: 2714-2720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT.** On 8/30/16 correspondence received from appellant. Panel consisted of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, Michael Musco and Carlton Smith. Henry Miga and Donald Harwood were not available. **Hearing was held on 11/9/16. Decision will be sent within 90 days [by 2/9/17]. Keep on agenda.**
 - g. A-14-16. Request for Appeal from Renée Doyle re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-662-16 re: 12 Ralto Court, Danbury, CT.** Panel consisted of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair, Louis Free and Carlton Smith, who stepped in for Donald Harwood who was not available. **Appeal was withdrawn at hearing on 11/9/16. Remove from agenda.**
 - h. A-15-16. Request for Appeal from Steven Anderson re: Local Fire Marshal's decision re: 7.7, 8.6, 13.6 Parts IV & V, 10.4, 7.2 re: 11 Mason's Island Road, Mystic, CT.** On 9/14/16 referred to Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review. OSFM was refused entry into the building earlier this month. Inspection was re-scheduled for 10/18/16 but did not go forward. Since then a FOI request was received. OSFM asked for advice. **Jenna Padula advised that a hearing be scheduled. Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, Louis Free and Carlton Smith. Henry Miga will serve as alternate. Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in North Plaza Hearing Room B. However, a letter will be sent to the appellant stating that if the appellant is willing to meet with OSFM, the February 8, 2017 hearing will not go forward. Hold on agenda.**
 - i. A-16-16. Request for Appeal from Keith McLiverty re: Local Fire Marshal's decision re: 7.2.1.8.1 and CGS §29-292 and §29-293 re: 307 Old Field Road, Southbury, CT.** On October 12, 2016, referred to Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review and to contact the Local Fire Marshal. OSFM conducted an on-site investigation on 10/17/16. OSFM report received 11/3/16. Panel consists of Louis Free, Panel Chair; Michael Sinsigalli and Mark Mastropasqua, Fred Wajcs will be alternate. **Hearing was held today, 12/14/16. The panel granted appellant's request to submit a brief. Appellant's brief is due on January 13, 2017 by 3:00 p.m. Hold on agenda.**

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Joe Cassidy stated that the C&S and CAS Committee members will receive swipe cards next month to park in the lower garage at 450 Columbus Boulevard. He asked that the two members with oversize vehicles tell him if they plan to use those vehicles all the time so that their swipe cards will indicate they will park in the open-air lot.

Carlton Smith wished everyone present Happy Holidays, and stated he appreciates all that the Committee members do.

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **January 11, 2017**, and will be held in the **North Plaza Hearing Room B**, at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.



Carlton Smith, Chair