

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

April 8, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in Room G8 at 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. **In Attendance:** Louis Free, Chair

John Butkus

Paul Costello

Thomas DiBlasi

Keith Flood

Robert Hanbury

Henry Miga

Michael Musco

Michael Sinsigalli

Carlton Smith

Fredrick Wajcs, Jr.

William Zoeller

**Also present:** William Abbott, State Fire Marshal  
Terry Brouwer, Office of State Fire Marshal  
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector  
Joseph Kingston, Office of State Fire Marshal  
Daniel Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector

Dianne Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut  
Ronald Kanterman, CT Career Fire Chiefs Association  
William Nash, International Code Council  
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut  
Robert Ross, CT Career Fire Chiefs Association  
Jeff Sargent, National Fire Protection Association  
Bruce Spiewak, Self & AIA Connecticut  
Jeff Terrey, Fire Equipment Manufacturer's Association  
Jim Tidwell, Fire Equipment Manufacturer's Association

3. **Minutes:**

Minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting was approved.

4. **Communications:**

The following correspondence has been acknowledged by the CAS as being received since the last CAS meeting.

a. Proposed Code Change Form received Natalie Huey Min Lee on March 13, 2015 related to proposed amendments to the 2005 IBC Sections 310.3.1, 404.1.2, 504.4, 906.1, 906.1.1, 1016.1.1 and

1019.1, and the 2009 Connecticut Supplement Sections 707.2 and 708.1. This Proposed Code Change Form is for CAS information only; the proponent currently has an appeal pending before the Codes and Standards Committee.

## 5. Old Business

- a. A motion was made and second to move Agenda Item 5.f. Proposed Code Change FM 15-06 up to the first item under Old Business. Motion was approved.
- b. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-06** - CSFSC 906.1, Table 906.1 and 906.2. An oral presentation was made by Jim Tidwell representing the Fire Equipment Manufacturer's Association; followed by Ronald Kanterman and Robert Ross, both representing the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs Association. The proposal is requesting that 2012 IFC Section 906.1, Table 906.1 and Section 906.2 related to portable fire extinguishers not be deleted from the code.

The proponents contend that there is no substantiation to remove the 2012 IFC language related to portable fire extinguishers, portable fire extinguishers are extremely effective and have a very low initial cost for the level of safety they provide and can be used effectively by untrained individuals. In addition, there is no OSHA reregulation that require employees in buildings where fire extinguishers are installed to be trained.

OSFM noted that the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code requires portable fire extinguishers in specific locations but is not as extensive as the requirements of 2012 IFC Table 906.1. OSFM supports maintaining the portable fire extinguisher requirements that currently exist in Connecticut in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code and deleting the requirements 2012 IBC and the 2012 IFC. CAS requested that OSBI and OSFM review providing "pointer" or references in the 2012 IBC and the 2012 IFC to the applicable portable fire extinguishers sections in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code.

- c. The following is a status update of the OSBI/OSFM and CAS reviews for the 2012 Family of Codes:
  1. 2012 International Building Code: State Building Inspector Cassidy reported he is trying to schedule a meeting with the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA) and that there has been no change in status from the January 7, 2015 CAS meeting related to OSBI and OPA

coordination of 2012 IBC Chapter 11, Chapter 34 and ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009. OSBI will contact OPA for an update.

Dan Veronick reported that both OSBI and OSFM are making progress coordinating Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the 2012 IBC and 2012 IFC into the second DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT.

2. ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009 Standard on Accessible & Usable Buildings and Facilities: See item 5.c.1. above.
  3. 2012 International Fire Code and Connecticut State Fire Safety Code: Terry Brouwer reported the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT for Part I – Administration and Part II – General are complete; Part III – New Construction, Renovation, or Change of Use, Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 coordination has not been started; and that OSFM has started to provide “pointers” to the Fire Prevention Code where applicable.
- d. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-02** - Code proposal re 2012 IFC. An oral presentation was made by the proponent on 2/11/2015 related to a proposed amendment to the 2012 IFC to include 2012 IBC Chapter 4 – Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy in its entirety in the Connecticut Fire Safety Code. This chapter contains many requirements that are continually monitored by the Fire Marshal throughout the course of occupancy of the building and that can be directly referenced during an abatement process and potential court action. Both State Building Inspector Cassidy and State Fire Marshal Abbott are jointly reviewing on how to address this code change proposal in the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT. CAS action on **HOLD** pending OSFM review and comment.
- e. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-05** - Code proposal re 2012 IFC. An oral presentation was made by the proponent on 2/11/2015 related to a proposed amendment to the 2012 IFC to include 2012 IBC Chapter 7 – Fire and Smoke Protection Features in its entirety in the Connecticut Fire Safety Code. This chapter contains many requirements that are continually monitored by the Fire Marshal throughout the course of occupancy of the building and that can be directly referenced during an abatement process and potential court action. Both State Building Inspector Cassidy and State Fire Marshal Abbott are jointly reviewing on how to address this code change proposal in the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT. CAS action on **HOLD** pending OSFM review and comment.

## 6. New Business

No New Business.

**7. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the CAS will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 in Room G38, 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut starting at 1:00 PM.

  
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Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY: CSFSC Connecticut State Fire Safety Code  
ICC International Code Council  
IBC International Building Code  
IEBC International Existing Building Code  
IECC International Energy Conservation Code  
IRC International Residential Code  
NEC National Electrical Code  
NFPA National Fire Protection Association

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