

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)  
January 10, 2018**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ATTENDANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE **December 13, 2017** MEETING**
- 4. COMMUNICATIONS:**

<b>SUBJECT &amp; DATE RECEIVED</b>	<b>FROM – TO</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
a. Correspondence Received 12/19/17	Attorney Louis P. Pittocco C&S	<p><b>RE: A-21-17</b> Request that the January 10, 2018 hearing be postponed to February 14, 2018, at 12:00 noon (<i>see item #j under hearings for details</i>).</p> <p>ACTION: <u>Panel granted request on 1/3/18</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free) –
- b. Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood) –

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Staff Report – Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector -  
William Abbott, State Fire Marshal –  
Jenna Padula, DAS Attorney –
- b. Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)
- c. Joint Building Code Training Council (Musco)/Fire Marshall Training Council (Harwood) –
- d. Report on Bills (Cassidy) -

## 8. APPEAL HEARINGS

- a. 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 09/14/16 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; OSFM asked for advice. A letter was sent to the appellant on 12/22/16 informing him that if he is willing to meet with the State Fire Marshal, a hearing may not be necessary; however, a hearing has been scheduled. Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Chair; Louis Free and Carlton Smith, Henry Miga (Alternate). Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Local Fire Marshal requested an extension of time to attempt to meet with the Appellant and resolve matter. Extension of time was granted and hearing will be rescheduled. An inspection is scheduled for March 21-22, 2017. We will hear more in April 2017. Received Fire Marshal Inspection/Report on 4/10/17. Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 12:00noon-1:00pm, 13 North Conference Room A. The Fire Marshal asked for a continuance. Continuance was granted. Status letter sent on 6/23/17. A hearing is scheduled 10/11/17 @ 11:00 a.m., 13N Conf. Room B. Appellant requested a continuance. Continuance granted. Hearing scheduled 12/13/17 at 11:00am, 2N Conference Room B. **On 12/4/17, Appellant requested an extension of the hearing for 60 days. Panel granted extension of the hearing to (2/14/18). Hold on agenda.**
- b. A-18-16.** Request for Appeal from Alexis Brown RE: Local Fire Marshal's decision RE: 7.1.3.2.1(1) RE: 58-60 Roberts Street, New Britain, CT. On 1/11/17 referred to Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review. On 1/10/17 received additional correspondence from appellant, which was forwarded to OSFM on 1/12/17. State Fire Marshal is currently working on this case. C&S Administrative Secretary sent Appellant an OSFM Request for Modification to complete. Status letter sent on 6/23/17. Appellant responded to status letter that "she wishes to proceed with this appeal". State Fire Marshal just received Request for Appeal Application today 9/13/17. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Don Doeg (panel); Fred Wajcs (panel); Henry Miga (alternate). Hearing scheduled 11/8/17 at 12:00 noon. Hearing was held and a decision was made. **Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (2/8/18) Hold on agenda.**
- c. A-10-17.** Request for Appeal from John Coppola c/o Attorney Zullo-Zullo and Jacks, LLC RE: 10 Caroline Street, Milford, CT RE: The original denial of Joseph D. Griffith, Milford Building Official dated March 30, 2017 - notice alleges that Mr. Coppola is in violation of State Building Code R1101.1 and CGS §29-265 which, in tandem and in conjunction with Milford Zoning Code Sec. 8.9, require the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for any building altered after October 1, 1970. Following client's timely appeal of that notice

of violation, the City of Milford was unable to seat its Building Code Board of Appeals within the statutory timeframe. Pursuant to CGS §29-266(c), client now advances to present appeal to the Codes & Standards Committee. Panel assigned: Louis Free, Chair, Mike Sinsigalli (panel), Carlton Smith (panel) and Paul Costello (alternate). Hearing date is 7/12/17 @ 12:00 noon. Brief is due 9/8/17. Appellant requested extension of briefing deadline to November 15, 2017 at 3:00pm. **Second request for an extension of the briefing. Panel granted extension of briefing to (1/15/18). Hold on agenda.**

- d. A-13-17.** Request for Appeal from Merchant 99 /111 Founders, LLC c/o Joseph B. Schwartz RE: Founders Plaza, 323 Pitkin Street, East Hartford, CT. RE: Justin Wagner, East Hartford Fire Marshal's (CFSC) Connecticut State Fire Safety Code Abatement Order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards concerning a violation of CFSC, Part IV, Section 39.4.2.1. Appellant further requests a finding that the requirement to install an "automatic sprinkler system" under CFSC, Part IV, Section 39.4.2.1 does not apply to the building on the subject property known as Founders Plaza. Refer appeal to the State Fire Marshal. Sent file to Fire Marshal on 6/15/17. Fire Marshal is in communications with the appellant. Admin will send a status letter to Appellant. No response from Appellant in 30 days. Admin will send second status letter on 10/11/17 informing the appellant that the case will be dismissed if no response is received within 30 days of receipt of notice. Hold on agenda for 30 days. Appellant responded 10/18/17 and plans to proceed with appeal. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair, Glenn Nielson(panel), David McKinley(panel), Carlton Smith(alternate). Hearing scheduled December 13, 2017 at 12:00 noon, 2 North Conference Room B. **Hearing was held today. No decision was made. Panel will set a date for deliberation.**
- e. A-14-17.** Request for Appeal from John B. Torello, Architect, CT Reg #2336 RE: James Turcio, Building Official & Zoning Enforcement Officer, City of New Haven Building Department's "Stop Work Order" based on Section 29-266, Chapter 541, Building Fire & Demolition Codes - Subject Property: 126 Weybossett Street, Turkish Merican Religious Foundation Mosque located at 531 Middletown Avenue. Send letter to Appellant asking for clarification of his appeal. Reached out to Appellant on 6/15, 6/23 and 6/28 for clarification of his appeal. Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair, Fred Wajcs (panel), Donald Doeg (panel), Carlton Smith (alternate); and hearing scheduled, 9/19/17, 10:00 a.m., 10N Conference Room B. **Decision was mailed on (12/27/17).**
- f. A-17-17** Request for Appeal from Drew Liljedahl, RE:[185 Steele Road, West Hartford, CT] RE: Section R311.7.2 of the 2012 IRC portion of the 2016 State Building Code, which states in part that "The minimum headroom in all parts of existing or replacement stairways serving existing unfinished attics or existing unfinished basements being converted to habitable space shall be 6 feet, 6 inches". The Deputy State Building

Inspector denied said modification because it proposed a headroom of 6 feet at the top of a stair that serves a newly created habitable basement within a single family dwelling. The decision was based on the fact that the height is too low and a hazard to the occupants and no hardship has been demonstrated where compliance with the minimum requirements of the Building Code would entail practical difficulty, nor has it been determined that the requirements of the code have been adjudged unwarranted. Panel assigned: Glenn Nielson, Chair; Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel); John Butkus (alternate). Hearing scheduled 11/8/17, 11:00am, 2 North Conference Room B. Case was heard. Briefs are due back on December 8, 2017. To date, no briefs were submitted. **Panel set deliberation date to 1/10/18. North Plaza Level Meeting Room G. Hold on agenda.**

- g. A-18-17** Request for Appeal from Douglas L. Golden/Bruce Spiewak, AIA, Consulting Architect, LLC RE: [The Westport Library, 20 Jesup Rd, Westport, CT] RE: Section 1022.2 of the 2012 IBC portion of the 2016 State Building Code, which states that *"Enclosures for interior exit stairways shall be constructed as fire barriers in accordance with Section 707"* RE: The Deputy State Building Inspector's (DSBI) *denial* where the Appellant proposed to protect glass walls that make up an exit enclosure with TYCO Model WS sprinkler heads. That the DSBI's decision was based on the fact that the Office of the State Building Inspector (OSBI) has not accepted the use of such sprinklers as an equivalent to the required rated fire barrier that is required for the enclosure of exit stairs, and the fact that it is a new construction around and existing stair and no hardship has been demonstrated where compliance with the minimum requirements of the Building Code would entail practical difficulty, or has it been determined that the requirements of the code have been adjudged unwarranted. Panel assigned: John Butkus, Chair; Lou Free (panel); George Iskra (panel); William Zoeller (alternate). Hearing scheduled 10/11/17, 12:00 noon, 2 North Conference Room B. Deputy State Building Inspector requested reschedule hearing. Request granted. Hearing date moved to 11/8/17 at 10:00am 2N Conference Room B. Case was heard 11/8/17 and a decision was made. **Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (2/8/18). Hold on agenda.**
- h. A-19-17** Request for Appeal received from Jeffrey Polke, Co-President, GCI Outdoor Inc. c/o Joseph Versteeg, Code Consultant [457 Killingworth Road, Haddam, CT] Appeal of the Haddam Building Inspector/Fire Marshal's decision - "Use and Occupancy Classification" Section 103 of the 2016 Connecticut Fire Safety Code - seeking an appeal of the decision rendered by Haddam Fire Marshal William Robbins regarding the hazard classification established in his letter dated August 25, 2017, and reaffirmed on September 26, 2017. Forward to State Fire Marshal for review. State Fire Marshal reports review process is ongoing. **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal's report is completed. They will submit the report today 12/13/17. Hold on agenda.**

- i. **A-20-17** Request for Appeal received from Andrew Inga, RE: Jenice Poulin, Enfield Building Official's decision/response RE: [23 Kennedy Drive, Enfield, CT] "that the code violations are too numerous and too extensive to approve any portion of the work and exceptions will have to be approved by the State Building Inspector through modification requests. The roofing, siding, windows, flashing and framing all have violations". Refer to the Office of the State Building Inspector for review prior to the C&S Committee's review. **Deputy State Building Inspector is waiting for correspondence from Appellant. Hold on agenda.**
- j. **A-21-17** Request for Appeal received from Housing Authority of the Town of Greenwich c/o Attorney Louis P. Pittocco, RE: William Abbott, State Fire Marshal's decision RE: "denying the Housing Authority of the Town of Greenwich relief from an order of the Greenwich Fire Marshal to install pull stations in stairwells with alarms in the complex known as: Armstrong Court, Hamilton Avenue, Greenwich, CT". Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Chair, Keith Flood (panel), Lou Free (panel), Donald Harwood (alternate). Hearing scheduled 1/10/18 at 12:00 noon, North Plaza Level Meeting Room G. **On 12/19/17 Appellant requested hearing postponed to 2/14/18 at 12:00 noon. Panel Granted postponement of hearing to 2/14/18 at 12:00 noon.**
- k. **A-22-17** Request for Appeal received from Joseph Anania, Taylor Brook LLC RE: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision **RE:** OSBI case #M-1223-17A [124 Forest Street Naugatuck] *denying* his request for modification of Section R311.7.2 of the 2012 IRC portion of the 2016 SBC which states in part that *"the minimum headroom in all parts of existing or replacement stairways serving existing unfinished attics or existing unfinished basements being converted to habitable space shall be 6 feet, 6 inches). Thus, Mr. Anania proposed a headroom of 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches at a bottom of a stairway that serves a newly created habitable basement within a single family dwelling."* The Deputy State Building Inspector based the decision of the fact that the height is too low and a hazard to the occupants and no hardship has been demonstrated where compliance with the minimum requirements of the Building Code would entail practical difficulty, nor has it been determined that the requirements of the code have been adjudged unwarranted. **Panel assigned: Louis Free, Chair, Johnny Carrier (panel), Mark Mastropasqua (panel), Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled 1/10/18 at 11:00 a.m., North Plaza Level Conference Room G.**

## 9. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **February 14, 2018** and will be held in the **2N Conference Room B**, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT