

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

November 9, 2016

**1. Call to Order:** The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in Room G38 at 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**2. In Attendance:**

Louis Free, Chair	Mark Mastropasqua
John Butkus	David McKinley
Paul Costello	Michael Musco
Thomas DiBlasi	Michael Sinsigalli
Robert Hanbury	Carlton Smith
Donald Harwood	Fredrick Wajcs, Jr.
George Iskra	William Zoeller

**Also present:** William Abbott, State Fire Marshal  
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector  
Dianne Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut  
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut  
Bruce Spiewak, Self & AIA Connecticut

**3. Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

**4. Communications:**

No new correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting.

**5. Old Business**

a. 2018 Code Review Group Assignments:

- i. A copy of the Code Review Work Group Assignment document was emailed to CAS members by State Building Inspector Cassidy on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Joe Cassidy noted that an update to the document is forthcoming with additions to the Constituency Groups currently listed in the document.
- ii. Clarification was requested on how each Work Group would identify state statutes that are building code or fire safety code related for possible repealing. Joe Cassidy stated OSBI and OSFM staff shall prepare a list of the statutes; examples of

possible statutes to repeal include HAZMAT Statutes and fire sprinkler requirements for schools. It was noted that the CAS has already missed submitting changes for this year's legislative session but can coordinate with the Department of Administrative Services submissions for the following year's legislative cycle.

- iii. State Building Inspector Cassidy will email to CAS members a working copy of the 2016 Connecticut Amendments in .doc format to use as a starting point for the Work Group assignments. CAS members are requested to use Track Changes to identify revisions.
- b. 2018 Code Review and Adoption Schedule:
- i. An updated copy of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code and Connecticut State Fire Safety Code Adoption Schedule was emailed to CAS members by State Building Inspector Cassidy on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The CAS requested that Line 4 – Public Code Change Proposal Period with a 120 day duration starting on 1/01/2017 and finishing on 5/01/2017 be revised to a 90 day duration with the same start date of 1/01/2017 and a new finish date of 3/31/2017.
  - ii. OSBI and OSFM shall send out public notifications to Constituency Groups with the code change proposal submission timeframes and deadlines. In addition, the same information shall be on the Department of Administrative Services New State Building Code Adoption website.
  - iii. Monthly CAS meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month immediately following the adjournment of the State Codes and Standards Committee monthly meeting (when they meet). Each Work Group shall provide a status report at each CAS monthly meeting. Individual Work Group meetings can be scheduled as necessary.
- c. 2018 Codes Review Open Discussion:
- i. At the next meeting, OSBI and OSFM will introduce to the CAS members the OSBI and OSFM staff that are assigned to the Work Groups.
  - ii. The Department of Administrative Services New State Building Code Adoption website shall identify which edition of the codes is being reviewed for adoption (ICC 2015 Edition). In addition, the website shall note the objective of the code adoption is to maintain the model code language as written and limit code changes.

- iii. State Building Inspector Cassidy has coordinated with ICC in obtaining the hard and electronic copies of the 2015 ICC Family of codes for CAS member use. The electronic copies should be available for ordering from the ICC website in late December.
- iv. OSBI and OSFM are responsible to preparing the Code language changes to Chapter 1.

## 6. New Business

- i. State Building Inspector Cassidy reported that the 2012 International Building Code Portion of the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code and the 2012 International Residential Code Portion of the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code which incorporate the Connecticut Amendments into the codes are now available on the ICC website for pre-ordering.
- ii. State Fire Marshal Abbott reported that due to different publishing and licensing agreements between ICC and NFPA, he will continue to pursue working out the publishing issues for the 2018 codes with the possibility of getting the 2018 Connecticut Amendments printed into both the IFC and NFPA as two code books.

## 7. Adjournment

The next meeting of the CAS will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, in the North Plaza Hearing Room B, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut starting at 1:30 PM or immediately following the adjournment of the State Codes and Standards Committee monthly meeting.



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Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

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