

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2019

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes & Standards Committee at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in 2 North Conference Room B, at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Anthony Bruno, Health Member
John Butkus, Architect
Johnny Carrier, **C&S Secretary**, Residential Contractor Member
Paul Costello, **C&S Vice Chair**, Electric Trades Member
John Cox, P.E., HVAC Member
Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer Member
Donald Doeg, Public Member
Keith Flood, **C&S Chair**, Fire Marshal Member
Louis Free, Architect, CAS Chair, Member
Donald Harwood, Public Member
Mark Mastropasqua, Labor Member
David McKinley, Advocacy Member
Henry Miga, Building Official Member
Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer
Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor Member
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor
Michael Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal
Carlton Smith, Building Official Member
Fred Wajcs, Jr., Public Member
William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency Member

Also Present:

Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector
Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS Legal
William Abbott, OSFM, State Fire Marshal

1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (M. Musco) was made and seconded (T. DiBlasi) to accept the minutes of the *August 14, 2019* meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) 8/19/19 **A-11-19** Request for Appeal received from Timothy P. Guidera, Pawcatuck Riverview LLC, State Building Code Section 117 - Notice of Imminent Danger, Order to Vacate and Posting of Unsafe Structure (RE: 21 Pawcatuck Ave, Pawcatuck, CT). Appellant seeking determination overruling the Stonington Building Official's July 26, 2019 decision that the subject building is not in violation of SBC Section 117. That it was already partially torn down and presents no imminent danger of collapse. **Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Johnny Carrier, Panel; Donald Doeg, Panel; Tom DiBlasi, Alternate.**
- b) 8/14/19 **C-1-19** Correspondence received from Sergeant Wilfred J. Blanchette III, 3249 Connecticut State Police, Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit, Hartford, CT - Submission of CSP Report and supporting

documentation regarding the complaint filed by Joseph M. Cohen against Building Official Robert Meyers (see item #e for details). **Bethy Guiles, Admin will forward report to C&S Committee for their review. Committee will discussed at October 9, 2019 C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda.**

- c) 9/3/19 **A-12-19** Request for Appeal received from Richard Leighton, R.E. Leighton & Associates, RE: Appeal of the Local Fire Marshal Ivoryton (Essex), Connecticut. RE: Ivory Key, LLC, 158 Main Street, Ivoryton (Essex), CT. **Referred to Office of the State Fire Marshal for their investigation.**
- d) 9/6/19 **A-13-19** Request for Appeal received from Alan P. Gravel, RE: 200 Perch Rock Trail, Winsted, CT (OSBI: M-554-19) RE: denial Section R305.1.1(4) that proposed a ceiling height of 6 feet, 5 inches and a clear height of 5 feet, 10 inches under a beam within an existing basement being converted to habitable space. **Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Lou Free, Panel; Tom DiBlasi, Panel; Carlton Smith, Alternate.**

3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – Directly following this meeting, we will have Public Presentations. We are on schedule with a drafted document for the November 2019 meeting for the Committee to entertain/acceptance to move on to the next step.
- b) **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood)** – No Report.

4) OLD BUSINESS

- a) There was no old business

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Staff Report**
 - i) **Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector** – No report
 - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal** – No Report. Working on Fire Code
 - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – We had a meeting yesterday. Fully engaged. Active dialogue. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 9/18/19.
- c) **Training Councils**
 - i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco)** – No Report
 - ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)** – No Report
- d) **Report on Bills (Cassidy)** – No Report

6) APPEAL HEARINGS

- a) **A-01-19** Request for Appeal received 1/7/19 from Ori D. Spiegel, Esq., Law Office of Lawrence A. Levinson RE: [243 Winthrop Avenue, New Haven, CT] per New Haven Fire Marshal – “Doors not in compliance”. Forward to State Fire Marshal for review. Fire Marshal reports that they had an inspector review it. He is currently working with the Appellant. **State Fire Marshal report in process.** State Fire Marshal completed inspection – Appellant owns many properties, would like to proceed with appeal/hearing. Panel assigned: Keith Flood (Chair), David McKinley (Panel), Mike Sinsigalli (Panel), William Zoeller (Alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. **Hearing moved to Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hold on agenda.**
- b) **A-04-19** Request for Appeal received 3/14/19 from Bill Disiero, Centennial Real Estate RE: [1201 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT (M-69-19)]. Denial of Section 907, of the 2012 IBC portion of the 2016 SBC, which sets forth requirements for “*Emergency Voice/Alarm Communication Systems in malls*” in which proposed to not have the required alarm system within the mall to trip Dave & Busters Fire Alarm System. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, Glenn Nielson, Panel, Lou Free, Panel, and Donald Harwood (alternate). Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:00a.m.-2 North Conference Room B. Received Request for Continuance from Sara A. Sharp, Esq., Hurwitz Sagarin Slossberg & Knuff, LLC on 5/31/19. **Panel Granted Continuance. Hearing rescheduled, Wednesday, November 13, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hold on agenda.**
- c) **A-05-19** Request for Appeal received 5/15/19 from Raymond Pietrorazio, Representative, OXC Airport/Power Plant, Town of Middlebury - RE: [CPV Towantic LLC, 16 Woodruff Hill Road, Oxford, CT]. RE: CT Fire Safety Code Section(s) under appeal: NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. And CT Building Code Section(s) under appeal: Section, 104.1, 105.1, NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. Referred to State Fire Marshal. **Due to the complexity of this case, Fire Marshal still working with this case. Hold on agenda.**
- d) **A-07-19** Request for Appeal received 5/22/19 from Mr. Douglas Budnick, Deep River, CT RE: [The Ivory/Jake’s Tavern, LLC, 77 Main Street, Deep River, CT] Appealing Sections: 116.0; 116.1; 116.3; 105.3.1.1. And Fire Safety Code: 105.3.1.2 of the Deep River Building Official. Correspondence received on 6/6/19 from Richard E. Leighton, Deep River Building Official. Panel assigned: Henry Miga, (Chair); Glenn Neilson (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel) and Paul Costello (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 8/14/19 @ 11:00am, 2N Room B. Appellant did not appear for scheduled hearing. Decision will be mailed in 90 days (11/14/22). **Decision was mailed August 8/23/19. Remove from agenda.**
- e) **C-01-19** Formal Complaint and request for a formal investigation from Mr. Joseph M. Cohen, Chester, CT RE: Robert M. Meyers, State Licensed Building Inspector, 76A East Haddam Colchester Turnpike, Moodus, CT. **Refer to Sargent, Wilfred Blanchette, Connecticut State Police, Fire and Explosion Unit.** A certified letter was sent to Mr. Cohen acknowledging receipt of complaint. A certified letter was sent to Mr. Robert Meyers regarding complaint (copy of complaint was attached). The Complaint and a letter asking Sargent Blanchette to assign an investigator to review the case, associated allegations, and making a recommendation to the panel. **Hold on agenda.**
- f) **A-08-19** Request for Appeal received 7/31/19 from Wallace Architects LLC. RE: Cherry Apartments, 145 Cherry Street, Waterbury, CT RE: Denial of Section 1012.4, of the 2012 IBC portion of the 2016 SBC which proposed to have support brackets such that interrupts the continuity of the handrail gripping surface.

Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, (Chair); Lou Free (panel); Fred Wajcs, Jr. (panel) and Tom DiBlasi (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 10/9/19 @ 12 Noon, 2N Room B. Hold on agenda.

- g) **A-09-19 Request for Appeal** received 6/21/19 from Robert W. Hall, Jr., Director of Facility Support Services, Gaylord Specialty Healthcare (Lyman Building): RE: 50 Gaylord Farm, Road, Wallingford CT. RE: Denial of relief from Part IV, Section 7.2.1.4.2(2) of the 2018 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code - to permit the door to the existing Exit Stair Enclosure STR-L101 (said to be used as a convenience stair between the Floor Levels 1, and 2) to swing opposing the direction of egress travel at Floor Level 1, within an existing Two Story Health Care Occupancy. **Panel assigned: Keith Flood, (Chair); David McKinley (panel); Henry Miga (panel) and Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 12/11/19 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hold on agenda.**
- h) **A-10-19 Request for Appeal** received 6/27/19 from 860 Main Street, LLC - Estate of John Gramegna, Managing Member: RE: 860 Main Street, East Hartford, CT RE: Connecticut Fire Safety Code(s). **Referred to State Fire Marshal for investigation. Hold on agenda.**

1) GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for **October 9, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**, and will be held in the **2 North Conference Room B**, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

2) ADJOURNMENT



Keith Flood, Chair
Connecticut State Codes & Standard Committee