

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 1:00 PM (Teams-online)

[Instructions for attending the meeting can be found as an attachment of the agenda]

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE November 4, 2020 MEETING

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

SUBJECT & DATE RECEIVED	FROM – TO	DESCRIPTION
a. Correspondence Received 12/8/20	Philip R. Sherman, P.E. CS – Panel Members	RE: A-08-20 500 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT - a letter from the State Historic Preservation Office supporting their request (<i>see item #i below for details</i>) ACTION: <hr/> <hr/>

5) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

6) OLD BUSINESS

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Report
 - i) Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector –
 - ii) William Abbott, State Fire Marshal –
 - iii) Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel –
- b) Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli) –
- c) Training Councils
 - i) Building Code Training Council (Musco) –
 - ii) Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood) –
- d) Report on Bills (Cassidy) –

- e) **Committee vote on minimum qualifications for fire official certification for fire code inspectors and fire investigators:** RE: Qualifications for Fire Certifications other than Fire Marshals. **Committee would like to meet with Bonnie Becker, Director, Education and Data Management (ODEM) and William Abbott, State Fire Marshal before they vote. Training Counsel will meet. Hold until December 2020 meeting.**
- f) **Nominations and Election of Officers Codes & Standards effective January 1, 2021.**
 - i) **Chair**
 - ii) **Vice Chair**
 - iii) **Secretary**

5) APPEAL HEARINGS

- a) **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. State Fire Marshal still actively working with Appellant. State Fire Marshal contacted the State's Attorney - awaiting response from Judy Dicine. State Fire Marshal will have a meeting with Judy next week. **Fire Marshal still waiting to set up meeting with Judy Dicine. Hold on agenda.**
- b) **A-12-19 Request for Appeal received 9/3/19** 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 the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Communications are ongoing with State Fire Marshal and Appellant. State Fire Marshal is currently working on the report for the Committee. 12/13/19 received OSFM site visit and assessment report. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing scheduled Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 11:00a.m. 13 North Room A. Hearing continued and referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector. This structure is a large old industrial building being used for storage. However, people are in and out of the building – there are safety issues/unsafe conditions. We are working together for a resolution. State Fire Marshal reports that they worked through it jointly – waiting to hear from Local Fire Marshal. State Fire Marshal waiting on new info. **Per Darren Hobbs, no new info received. Appellant has not provided an update. Per Chair, send status letter. Status letter emailed on 12/1/20. Hold on agenda.**
- c) **A-21-19** Request for Appeal received 12/6/19 from Mr. Carlos Pla, Greenwich, CT. RE: [107 East Elm Street, Greenwich, CT] Section R305.1(4), 2015 IRC – denial of 6 feet, 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). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 4/8/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting. Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, 9/30/20 @ 11:00 a.m. **Hearing held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (12/30/20). Hold on agenda.**
- d) **A-03-20** Request for Appeal received 6/3/20 from Brad DeMotte, R.A. | RE: [Universal Church, 261 Main Street, Danbury, CT] - denial of Section 1004.1 of the 2015 IEBC, to not allow a change of occupancy as described, is based on the fact that the change of occupancy is to a higher hazard and the travel distance to the single exit is too great, causing a hazard for the occupants. **Panel**

assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli (panel); Don Harwood (panel); Johnny Carrier (alternate). Panel assigned but do not schedule hearing until discussion of virtual hearings. Hearing scheduled, Monday, 9/14/20 @ 11:00 a.m. via online Teams. **Hearing held decision will be mailed out in 90 days (12/14/20). Hold on agenda.**

- e) **A-04-20** Request for Appeal received 7/16/20 from Michael Grunberg | RE: [82 Buckfield Lane, Greenwich, CT] – denied the alternate compliance to allow the use of a body of water is based on the requirements of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa code, Section 305.6 (Natural Barriers). Panel assigned: John Butkus, Chair; Lou Free, (panel); Johnny Carrier (panel); Henry Miga (alternate). Hearing scheduled, Monday, 9/14/20 @ 1:00pm via online Teams. **On 9/10/20 Appellant requested a 30-day Extension of the hearing – parties feel the matter may have been resolved. Panel granted 30-day Extension of hearing. Hold on agenda for 30 days.**
- f) **A-05-20** Request for Appeal received 9/17/20 from Bradley & Marylyn Korth | Local Building Official issue RE: [12 Lewis Road, Marlborough, CT]. Per Applicant, the town of Marlborough refuse to conduct inspections. Specific reason not cited in writing. **Referred to Office of the State Building Inspector follow-up. Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-06-20** Request for Appeal received 9/17/20 from Nicholas F. Kepple, Esq, Suisman Shapiro | Local Building Official issue RE: [316 Elm Street, Stonington, CT]. Applicant is seeking Waiver of 10-foot distance requirement for residential propane tank from side of house. **Referred to Office of the State Building Inspector follow-up. Hold on agenda.**
- h) **A-07-20** Request for Appeal received 10/5/20 from John Yacovino, State Fire Marshal-Meriden RE: [424 West Main Street, Meriden, CT] – denied relief request, existing historic building with a guard height at 31 inches above the floor. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Johnny Carrier, Panel Member, Don Harwood, Panel Member; Glenn Neilson, Alternate. Hearing scheduled, Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 11:00a.m. **Hearing held 10/27/20; Appellant requested to submit a brief; Brief due 11/24/20. Hold on agenda.**
- i) **A-08-20** RE: Request for Appeal received 10/14/20 from Philip R. Sherman, P.E., RE: Fire Safety Code Modification [FM-1046-20] 500 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT] - denied relief from the CSFSC 7.2.2.4.5.6 & 7.2.2.4.6.2 (handrails). Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Glenn Neilson, Panel Member; Fred Wajcs, Panel Member; Johnny Carrier, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. **Hearing held. Awaiting briefs.**

6) **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (on-line or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**