

## STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2020

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes & Standards Committee at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held online using a Teams format. The Chair opened the meeting introducing our newly appointed C&S Committee Member, Ilona Prosol, P.E., Fire Protection Engineer.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

**In Attendance:**

- John Butkus, AIA, Architect
- Johnny Carrier, **C&S Secretary**, Residential Contractor Member
- Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer Member
- Donald Doeg, Esq, Public Member
- Keith Flood, **C&S Chair**, Fire Marshal
- Louis Free, Architect, CAS Chair, Member
- Donald Harwood, Public Member
- David McKinley, Advocacy
- Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer
- Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor
- Ilona Prosol, P.E., Fire Protection Engineer
- Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor
- Mike Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal
- Carlton Smith, Building Official
- Fred Wajcs, Jr., Public Member
- William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency

**Also Present:**

- Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector
- Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS Legal
- William Abbott, OSFM, State Fire Marshal
- Darren Hobbs, Manager-Technical Services
- Joseph Kingston, OSFM, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor

**PUBLIC:**

- Hank Cullinane
- Dominique Tardin, Carrier Corp
- Robert Glass, Goodman Manufacturing Company
- Jean Cronin, Hughes & Cronin

### 1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (T. DiBlasi) was made and seconded (M. Musco) to accept the minutes of the *March 11, 2020* meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

### 2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) **03/10/20** Correspondence received from Office of the State Fire Marshal RE: A-19-19: Received Modification Worksheet. Decision acceptable (see item #i below for details).

- b) **06/03/20** Request for Appeal from Brad DeMontte, 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, creating a hazard for the occupants. **Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli (panel); Don Harwood (panel); Johnnie Carrier (alternate).**
- c) 06/07/20 Correspondence received from Estate of John Gramegna | RE: A-10-19 Withdrew Appeal via voice message RE: 860 Main Street, East Hartford, CT (see item #d below for details).

### 3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – No report
- 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** – The monthly meetings and hearings will be held virtually. This will be our new reality. We will not be in our offices until sometime the fall 2020. The CAS will meet in two weeks. Per Lou Free – unless we have direction on virtual appeals, there will be no meeting in July 2020.
  - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal** – No Report
  - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – No report. However, there have been some virtual trainings.
- 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-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, 3/11/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. **Request for continuance. Panel granted continuance. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda for rescheduling.**

- b) **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. State Fire Marshal is still work with the State's Attorney. **Awaiting response from Judy Dicene. Hold on agenda.**
- c) **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. Hearing held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (3/11/20). Decision was mailed out. **Remove from agenda.**
- d) **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. On 10/9/19, Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM), Joseph Kingston, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor reports that they did conducted a field inspection. However, they have not finished completing the report due to multiple units (54) involved. That unfortunately, it appears that they will not be able to reach an agreement with the parties. The OSFM's suggestion is to set a panel only until the report is complete. 11/29/19 received site visit report from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli (Chair), Keith Flood (Panel), Don Harwood (Panel) and William Zoeller, (Alternate). Hearing Scheduled: Wednesday, 12/18/19 @ 9:00 a.m., 13 North Building, Room A. 12/11/19 Appellant requested a continuance. Panel granted. Hearing date continued to Thursday, 2/6/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 13 NB, Room A. Appellant requested a 60-day continuance. Granted. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. **Appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**
- e) **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. Ongoing Communications continue. State Fire Marshal is working on a report for the Committee. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing scheduled, Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m., 13 NB Room A. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (5/6/20). **Hearing continued and referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda.**

- f) **A-14-19 Request for Appeal received 9/20/19** from Anthony P. Strazza, III RE: [194 South Ave, New Canaan, CT] denial w/o prejudice, of Section 404.2.3.2 (Swinging Doors), of ICC A117.1-2009 portion of the 2018 SBC; that proposed to allow a 4 inch clearance on the push side of the door in lieu of the required 18 inch clearance for a manual swinging door. Panel assigned: David McKinley (Chair); Don Doeg (panel); Henry Miga (panel); George Iskra (alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued for 30 days. Chair ordered status letter to Appellant. Admin emailed/mailed status letter on 3/5/20 requesting Appellant to respond by 3/19/20. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, Chair order Admin to send out another status letter. Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-15-19 Request for Appeal received 9/27/19** from Bruce J. Spiewak RE: [Saint Thomas More – 23 Lynwood Place, New Haven, CT] Section 1011.3, of the 2015 IBC portion of the 2018 IBC: Modification approved in part: approved a headroom of 6 feet, 5 inches, but denied a headroom of 5 feet, 9 inches at a stairway leading from a new dwelling unit located on the third floor of an existing building undergoing a change of use. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson (Chair); Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Paul Costello (alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued for 30 days. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda.**
- h) **A-16-19 Request for Appeal received 10/23/19 from Rachita Shan RE:** [338 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford, CT] Section R311.7.2, of the 2015 IRC *denial* that proposed a headroom of 6 feet, at the top of a stairway that serves a newly created habitable attic within a single family dwelling. Panel assigned: Glen Neilson (Chair); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Lou Free (panel); Johnny Carrier (alternate). Hearing Scheduled Wednesday, 2/5/20 @ 11:00am PLAZA LEVEL, ROOM B. Hearing held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (5/5/20). **Decision was mailed out 5/18/20. Remove from agenda.**
- i) **A-19-19** Request for Appeal received 11/15/19 from Attorney Pat Labbadia. RE: Abatement order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards – Section 31.3.4.1.1 [45 Jefferson Road / West Main, Branford, CT]. Referred to Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM, assigned case to Mike Kellett, State Fire Marshal Inspector. **Received Office of the State Fire Marshal Report on 3/10/20. Decision Acceptable. Remove from agenda.**
- j) **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 DiBlasio (panel); Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 4/8/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. Hold on agenda. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda.**
- k) **A-02-20** Request for Appeal received 3/04/20 from Philip R. Sherman, P.E. RE: [15 Oakwood Avenue, Norwalk, CT] - denial of Section 2902.1 of the 2015 IBC – that proposed to provide plumbing fixtures for approximately 100 occupants in lieu of providing fixtures for 455 occupants within a proposed building. Panel assigned: Eric Shutt, Chair, Anthony Bruno (panel); Carlton Smith (panel); Don Doeg (alternate). Hearing scheduled 4/8/20 @ 10:00 a.m., 2NB Room B. **Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. Hold on agenda.**

1) **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for, **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.** and will be held virtual on Teams.

2) **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion (M. Musco) was made and seconded (D. Harwood) to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

*Keith Flood (bag)*

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**Keith Flood, Chair**  
**Connecticut State Codes & Standard Committee**