

## STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

**In Attendance:**

- Anthony Bruno, Health
- John Butkus, AIA, Architect
- Johnny Carrier, **C&S Secretary**, Residential Contractor Member
- Paul Costello, **C&S Vice Chair**, Electrical Engineer
- Hank Cullinane, P.E., HVAC 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
- Henry Miga, Building Official
- Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer
- Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor
- Iлона 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
- Joseph Kingston, OSFM, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor
- Darren Hobbs, Deputy State Building Inspector

**PUBLIC:**

- Dave LaFond
- David Smith
- David Runner

### 1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (L. Free) was made and seconded (M. Sinsigalli) to accept the minutes of the *September 9, 2020* meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

### 2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) 9/17/20 Request for Appeal received from Bradley & Marilyn Korth | RE: **A-05-20** Local building Official issue [12 Lewis Road Marlborough, CT]. Per applicant, the Town of Marlborough refused to conduct inspections. Specific reasons not cited in writing. **Referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector.**

- b) 9/17/20 Request for Appeal Received from Nicholas F. Kepple, Esq., Suisman Shapiro | A-06-20 Local Building Official issue RE: [316 Elm Street, Stonington, CT] – Waiver of 10-foot distance requirement for residential propane tank from side of house. **Referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector.**
- c) 10/5/20 Request for Appeal received from John Yacovino | **A-07-20** State Fire Marshal Code issue 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; Don Harwood, Panel; Glenn Neilson, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: October 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**
- d) 10/9/20 Correspondence received from William Abbott, State Fire Marshal | Memo to C&S Chair RE: **Qualifications for fire certifications other than fire marshals.**

### 3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – waiting on 2021 codes to be made available to us
- 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
  - iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – waiting on code changes
- 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
- e) **Committee vote on minimum qualifications for fire official certification for fire code inspections and fire investigators.** Committee would like to meet with Bonnie Becker, Director, ODEM and William Abbott, State Fire Marshal for more details. Committee agreed to move the vote to the November 2020 meeting.

## 6) 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. 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 Dicine. State Fire Marshal will have a meeting with Judy Dicine. **Currently waiting to set up meeting with Judy. 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. 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. State Building Inspector reports, 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. We worked jointly. Waiting to hear from local fire official. **Waiting on new info. Hold on agenda.**
- c) **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. A status letter was sent on 8/25/20. If no response, the panel will reconvene the hearing. **Panel will reconvene-hearing scheduled Wednesday,10/28/20 at 11:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- d) **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. Hold on agenda. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will reschedule at next C&S Meeting. Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, 9/30/20 @ 11:00 a.m. **Hearing held. Decision will go out in 90 days (12/30/20). Hold on agenda.**
- e) **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. OSBI is working on a resolution with the appellant. OSBI is waiting on revised modification. **Received modifications – awaiting withdraw. Hold for 30 days.**

- f) **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 go out in 90 days (12/14/20). Hold on agenda.**
- g) **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. **Appellant requested a 30-day Extension of the Hearing. Extension Granted. Hold for 30 days.**

**7). GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for, **Wednesday, November 4, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.** and will be held virtual on Teams.

**8). ADJOURNMENT**

*Keith Flood (bag)*

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