

## STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2021

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  
Anthony Cinicola, Building Official  
Paul Costello, **C&S Vice Chair**, Labor Trades  
Hank Cullinane, 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, Architect  
Donald Harwood, Public Member  
David McKinley, Advocacy  
Henry Miga, Building Official  
Tim Mikloiche, Electrical Contractor  
Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer  
Glenn Neilson, Building Contractor  
Ilona Prosol, P.E., Fire Protection Engineer  
Mike Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal – **Absent (National Fire Academy)**  
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor - **Absent**  
Fred Wajcs, Jr., Public Member  
William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency

### Also Present:

Joseph Cassidy, Acting State Building Inspector  
Brandon Clarke, State Building Inspector  
Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS Legal  
William Abbott, State Fire Marshal  
Joseph Kingston, OSFM, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor  
Darren Hobbs, Deputy State Building Inspector  
Bethy Guiles, DAS/OSBI - Administrative Assistant

### PUBLIC:

Kevin McQueen, AIA, Architecture Design Alliance  
Joe Versteeg  
William J. Nash  
Bruce Spiewak

## 1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (T DiBlasi) was made and seconded (M. Musco) to accept the minutes of the *June 9, 2021* meeting minutes. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

## 2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **A-08-21** Request for Appeal received 6/23/21 from Mr. Kevin McQueen, AIA, Architecture Design Alliance RE: [1 Tucks Road, Brookfield, CT] Appeal of the State Fire Marshal from Kevin McQueen, AIA RE: State Fire Marshal's decision regarding fire code modification Request #FM-0181-20 pertaining to the height of the escape window. See attached Letter of Transmittal dated 6/23/21 for list of enclosures. **Panel assigned combined with A-12-21: Keith Flood, Chair; William Zoeller, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Johnny Carrier, Alternate. Hearing scheduled 9/1/21 – 9:00 a.m.**
- b. **A-09-21** Request for Appeal received on 07/15/21 from Mr. Guy Mauri, Owner, Engine 22, LLC RE: [Engine 22, LLC - 21 Bridge Street, Kent, CT] Appeal of the Kent, CT Local Building Official and Local Fire Marshal Stan McMillan and Joe Manley. Committee Chair reports that appeal is a “Stop Work Order” that was issued on the property by the Local Building Official. Local Fire Marshal intervened and found violations on existing building where owner requested an appeal of Fire Code. **Set panel. Counsel will send letter to Appellant requesting more information regarding their local process. Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Lou Free, Panel; Glenn Neilson, Panel; Anthony Cinicola (Alternate). Hold on agenda**
- c. **A-10-21** Request for Appeal received on 07/23/21 from Mr. Douglas L. Golden, code Specialist / Mr. Bruce Spiewak, AIA, Consulting Architect, LLC RE: [EQUINOX PROJECT #FM-0051-21 | 72 Heights Road, Darien, CT] Appeal of Office of State Fire Marshal RE: Omission of Fire Sprinkler System throughout existing building. **Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Chair; Don Harwood, Panel; Paul Costello, Panel; Ilona Prosol (Alternate). Schedule hearing in October 2021 – Chair agreed. Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- d. **A-11-21** Request for Appeal received on 08/02/21 from Mr. Syed Aly Imam RE: [32 Garden Street, New Haven, CT] Appeal of New Haven Local Building Official RE: STOP WORK ORDER: Work Without Permit. Egress windows and pits were installed w/o the required permits and approvals. The floor plan for the basement remodel was never submitted. Building Permit Application B-20-01053 was voided. This work without permit constitutes a violation of the Connecticut State Building Code Section R114. **Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Anthony Cinicola, Panel; Johnny Carrier, Panel; Don Doeg (Alternate). Hearing scheduled Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**
- e. **A-12-21** Request for Appeal received on 08/10/21 from Mr. Kevin McQueen, AIA, Architecture Design Alliance RE: [1 Tucks Road, Brookfield, CT] RE: State Fire Marshal's decision regarding fire code modification Request #FM-0182-20 pertaining to the height of the door. **Panel assigned combined with A-12-21: Keith Flood, Chair; William Zoeller, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Johnny Carrier, Alternate. Hearing scheduled Wednesday, September 2, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

## 3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – Two weeks ago, we held our public code proposal change presentations. We had 7-8 presenters – they provided good information. We will have a meeting directly following this one today at 1:30pm to discuss the structural IBC and IRC recommended changes as well as appendix. Joe sent out code change proposal assignments for the workgroups to assess and come back with recommendations. We should be wrapped up within 2 months once we get through the fire-code review.
- 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** – Brandon Clarke was appointed by the Governor as the new State Building Inspector. His first day will be August 27, 2021.
- ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal** – Will schedule a meeting with C&S Chair to go over some of the fire prevention codes. We are just about done with NFPA portion of the fire code. Next, we will move to the IFC portion. REMINDER: We are on the CAS Agenda for presentation of IFC and Fire Safety Code scheduled for September 8, 2021.
- iii) **Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel** – No report

- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – No report

c) **Training Councils**

- i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco)** – We will have our first meeting on 8/17/2021.
- ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)** – No report

- d) **Report on Bills (Cassidy)** – Governor asked us to start working on our proposal packages.

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. Fire Marshal still waiting to set up meeting with Judy Dicine. Still trying to arrange a meeting with Judy. Also requested to review CPV's inspection records at their location. Their facility is restricted to employees only due to COVID. We will conduct the review once the facility can accept visitors. State Fire Marshal reports, "To date, no movement, requested a visit to view their documentation regarding safety. Council will send status letter to Appellant. Status letter was mailed out on 3/16/21. Appellant asked to continue to hold appeal until resolved. There has been no change, but State Fire Marshal will reach out to power people. **State Fire Marshal will reach out to Appellant within the next week or two to set something up. Hold on agenda.**

- b) **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. Currently working towards a resolution. OSBI is actively working with Appellants. The Local Building Official visited; we are waiting for some information regarding low water levels. Admin to resend file contents to panel

members. **Due to lack of response of 7/22/21 letter sent to Appellant from Counsel; Chair of panel request letter be sent to Appellant deeming Appeal withdrawn. Remove from agenda.**

- c) **A-01-21** Request for Appeal received 2/8/21 from Kevin J. Curseaden, Curseaden & Moore, LLC representing Mr. Joseph G. Voll. RE: Milford, CT Local Building Official and Local State Fire Marshal [22 Broad Street, Milford, CT]. Appellant is seeking that building permit #B-20-452 be confirmed as active and valid. That work be inspected by the fire marshal and building official for compliance with said permit. That a certificate of occupancy for 2nd floor office space be issued. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; Glenn Neilson, Panel; Henry Miga, Panel; Don Harwood, Alternate. Hearing scheduled for March 31, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Hearing held – building official appeal dismissed (no jurisdiction), local fire marshal appeal continued to date to be determined. Council is currently working on this matter. Scheduled hearing combined with Appeal A-07-21. Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, 7/20/21 at 10:00 a.m. **Combined hearing (A-01-21/A-07-21) scheduled Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**
- d) **A-03-21** Request for Appeal received on 4/27/21 from Kevin J. Curseaden, Curseaden & Moore, LLC, 3 Lafayette Street, PO Box 31, Milford, CT 06460, **RE: [22-24 Broad Street, Milford] OSBI – Denial, to reinstate a suspended permit, is not a matter subject to modification as such is being denied. The matter is currently the subject of an appeal through the local Building Board of Appeals / Codes & Standards Committee which is the proper forum for this request. Counsel requested to hold on agenda. Counsel will send status letter. Parties requested extension; extension granted. Hold on agenda.**
- e) **A-05-21** Request for Appeal received on 5/10/21 from Maria K. Tougas, Partner, Jacobs, Walker, Rice & Barry, LLC, 146 Main Street, Manchester, CT 06042, RE: [Bemer Petroleum, 210 Commerce Street, Glastonbury, CT] Appeal of Glastonbury Town Fire Marshal Abatement Order. Referred to Office of the State Fire Marshal – Fire Prevention Code Committee. Council will work on response letter. State Fire Marshal will reach out to Local Fire Marshal. Hold on agenda until August 2021 meeting. State Fire Marshal reports that they have been making progress with the clean-up. Work not completed but they are working with the local fire marshal to fix the violations. This is a fire code prevention appeal. Fire & Life Safety Supervisor confirms they are working on the violations. Chair ordered to remove from agenda and forward to Office of the State Fire Marshal to manage. **Counsel will send a letter to Appellant informing that their appeal is being managed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Remove from agenda.**
- f) **A-06-21** Request for Appeal received on 6/2/21 from Mr. Mayer Muller, Owner, Common Hartford Accommodation, Inc., 2370-2374 Main Street, Hartford, CT. **A-06-21** RE: Order to Vacate due to Fire/Life Safety Hazards - Connecticut State Fire Safety CGS Section 29-306(c) [2370-2374 Main Street, Hartford, CT]. Per State Fire Marshal, this is a Directive 10. Hold on the agenda until the August 2021 meeting. **Chair reports that there is no appeal process to the C&S Committee for a Directive 10. Counsel will send a letter of explanation to the Appellant. SFM will follow up with Hartford Fire Marshal. Remove from agenda.**
- g) **A-07-21** Request for Appeal received on 5/5/21 from Mr. Joseph Voll on behalf of Harbor Walk, Inc. and Kevin J. Curseaden, Curseaden & Moore, LLC. RE: [22-24 Broad Street, Milford] Appeal of the Milford Building Board of Appeals | Joseph Voll on behalf of Harbor Walk, Inc. RE: Building Code Section 105.6-Reinstatement of Permit; Overrule Decision affirming actions of Joe Griffith. Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, Glenn Neilson, Panel; Henry Miga; Panel; Don Harwood (Alternate). Scheduled hearing combined with Appeal A-01-21. Hearing scheduled for

Tuesday, 7/20/21 at 10:00 a.m. Parties requested extension; extension granted. Combined hearing (A-07-21/A-01-21) scheduled Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. **Hearing held followed by deliberations. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (11/17/21). Hold on agenda.**

7). **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for, **Wednesday, September 8, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.** and will be held virtual on Teams.

8). **ADJOURNMENT**

*Keith Flood (baq)*

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**Keith Flood, Chair**  
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