

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 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 OCTOBER 12, 2022, MEETING**

**4. COMMUNICATIONS:**

<b>SUBJECT &amp; DATE RECEIVED</b>	<b>FROM – TO</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Request for Appeal Received 10/24/22</b>	Walter J. Onacewicz, Esquire Nair & Levin, P.C. 707 Bloomfield Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002 <a href="mailto:wonacewicz@nairlevin.com">wonacewicz@nairlevin.com</a> <b>(860) 692-3121</b>  CS	<b>A-13-22</b> RE: Request for Appeal for James A. Balch. RE: [250 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT 06016] – State Building Code Section 117 Violation September 14, 2022, Notice of Imminent Danger, Order to Vacate and Posting of Unsafe Structure (“Order”) from Kenneth A. Rich, East Windsor Building Official.  <b>ACTION:</b> _____ _____
<b>Correspondence Received 11/4/22</b>	Brian L. McCann, Esq. Joshua A. Hawks-Ladds, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC 90 State House Square Hartford, CT 06103 <a href="mailto:bmccann@pullcom.com">bmccann@pullcom.com</a> <a href="mailto:jhawks-ladds@pullcom.com">jhawks-ladds@pullcom.com</a> (203) 330-2127  CS	RE: <b>A-13-22</b> – Town of East Windsor’s reply to “Notice of Appeal” filed by the Appellant, James A. Balch, dated October 24, 2022 [250 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT 06016]  <b>ACTION:</b> _____ _____

**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) Omarys Vasquez, State Building Inspector -

- ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal –**
- iii) **Anne Peterson, 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 (Vasquez) –**

## 8) 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. No change, still trying to get a meeting with Judy to review CPV documents at their site. 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 wishes to hold appeal until resolved. There has been no change, but State Fire Marshal will reach out to power people. State Fire Marshal (SFM) will reach out to Appellant within the next week or two to set something up. As of 9/8/21 SFM reached out – not able to get in touch with anyone. SFM will try and reach out to Appellants one more time. We have a meeting scheduled 10/20/21. We will review the piping and issues of concern. I will update you on the results of that meeting. As of 11/10/21, document review completed; progress is being made. State Fire Marshal is in the process of preparing a report for Committee review. OSFM prepared report and waiting for Committee review. Report submitted to C&S Committee and Appellant who states he would get back to us in a month. To date, we have not heard from Appellant. Counsel will send status letter to Appellant. Await Counsel approval on drafted status letter. **Counsel mailed out status letter on 11/8/22.**
- b) **A-17-21 RE: [195 East Main Street, Branford, CT]** Appeal received 11/11/21 from Attorney John A. Ferranti - representing Shoreline Recovery, LLC RE: Notice of Violation issued by Branford Fire Marshal Robert Dobuzinsky dated 10/12/21. RE: A change of use and occupancy - referencing the 2018 CSFSC Parts I, II & III - 2015 IFC section [A] 102.3. Forward to Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM is working on this appeal with the Attorney. OSFM could not gain access to property but still working on this appeal. Report received on 5/9/22 from Joseph Kingston, OSFM-Fire & Life Safety Supervisor. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Henry Miga, Panel; Glenn Neilson, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Friday, June 10, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. **Hearing held followed by deliberations. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (09/10/22). Hold on agenda.**
- c) **A-18-21 RE: [58 Todds Hills Road, Branford, CT]** Appeal received 11/11/21 from Attorney John A. Ferranti - representing Shoreline Recovery, LLC RE: Notice of Violation issued by Branford Fire Marshal Robert Dobuzinsky dated 10/12/21. RE: A change of use and occupancy - referencing the 2018 CSFSC Parts I, II & III - 2015 IFC section [A] 102.3. Forward to Office of the State Fire Marshal. OSFM is working on this appeal with the Attorney. OSFM could not gain access to property but still working on this appeal. Report received on 5/9/22 from Joseph Kingston, OSFM-Fire & Life Safety Supervisor. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Henry Miga, Panel; Glenn Neilson, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Friday, June 10, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. **Hearing held followed by deliberations. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (09/10/22). Hold on agenda.**

- d) **A-05-22 RE: [94 Woodford Hills Drive, Avon, CT]** Appeal received 4/11/22 from Ms. Virginia Brown, Esq. RE: Appealing the decision made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer to issue a zoning permit, the Building Department Official's decision to issue a building permit for the proposed retaining wall; and the administrative approval of the proposed driveway expansion and concrete block retaining wall. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Johnny Carrier, Panel; Lou Free, Panel; William Zoeller, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Hearing held followed by deliberations. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (8/12/22). **Decision was mailed out on 10/27/2022.**
- e) **A-06-22 RE: [90 Pine Road Jewett City, CT]** Appeal received 4/12/22 from Mr. Pixy Elliott RE: Appealing the decision made by the Town of Griswold Building Department RE: \$200.00 fine for not pulling a permit to replace front door. Referred to OSBI. OSBI worked with Building Official. We will await the withdrawal. **Omarys Vasquez, State Building Inspector will follow up on status. Hold on agenda.**
- f) **C-22-01 RE:** Complaint regarding Richard Leighton, Chester Building Inspector and Fire Marshal **RE: [43-45-47 Main Street, Chester, CT]** received 5/3/22 from John R. Schroeder, AIA LLC [jrschroeder@jrsaia.com](mailto:jrschroeder@jrsaia.com), 69-2 Main Street, Chester, Connecticut 06412, (860)526-5838. Referred to OSBI. OSBI still working with the parties. **Omarys Vasquez, State Building Inspector reports that she is actively engaged with the Complainant. Hold on agenda.**
- g) **C-22-02 RE:** Complaint regarding Town of Chester, Richard Leighton, Building Inspector & Fire Marshal. This is in reference to the building permits issued for buildings located RE: **[189-191 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT]** received 5/3/22 from Mr. Thomas A. Gribbin A.I.A., [tomgribbin@novesvogtarchitects.com](mailto:tomgribbin@novesvogtarchitects.com), Noyes Vogt Architects, 191 Middlesex Ave, Suite 2A, P.O. Box 370, Chester, CT 06412, (860)526-2900. Referred to OSBI. OSBI still working with the parties. **Omarys Vasquez, State Building Inspector reports that she is actively engaged with the Complainant. Hold on agenda.**
- h) **A-09-22** Request for Appeal received 6/17/22 from Robert Rizzuti RE: **[24 Woodbine Street, Naugatuck, CT]** Appealing the decision made by the Naugatuck Building Official - William Herzman dated March 15, 2022, for violations of codes: (IBC116.1, R401.2); (IBC116.1, R601.2); (116.1, R801.3). Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Glenn Neilson, Panel; William Zoeller, Panel; Johnny Carrier, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Appellant was a no show for scheduled hearing. A motion to close the hearing (HM); Seconded (WZ). All in favor, none opposed. Hearing was closed at 9:19a.m. Panel will notify Appellant of denial w/o prosecution. **Decision was mailed out on 10/17/22.**
- i) **A-10-22** Request for Appeal received 8/2/22 from Attorney Maria K. Tougas representing Ms. Nancy Miller RE: **[471 South Elm Street, Wallingford, CT]** RE: Appealing the decision made by the Wallingford Building Official, Justin J. Rossetti, Chief Building Official dated June 29, 2022 - State Building Code Section 115 "Stop Work Order". Panel assigned: Johnny Carrier, Chair; Fred Wajcs, Jr.; Panel; Lou Free; Panel; Paul Costello, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: Friday, September 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Hearing held. Parties will submit briefs on or before Tuesday, October 4, 2022, by 12:00noon. Deliberation date scheduled: Friday, October 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. **Deliberations held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (1/14/23).**
- j) **A-12-22** Request for Appeal received 9/22/22 from David Resendes RE: **[14 Sunset Hill Road, Bethel, CT]** Appealing the decision of the State Building Inspector's denial of Request for Modification (#M-22-0464) Section R311.7.5.1 of the 2015 IRC portion of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code – to allow a new stairway with risers greater than a 3/8" differential. **Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Johnny Carrier, Panel; William Zoeller, Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing scheduled Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 9:00a.m.**
- k) **C-22-03** Correspondence Received 9/27/22 from Patricia A. Cofrancesco, Esq., Law Offices of Patricia A. Cofrancesco RE: **[60 Pinehurse Drive, East Haven, CT – Elaine Cioffi (Owner)]**; Seeking Revocation of East Haven Building Official's License (James Bassett). **Referred to OSBI for investigation.**

9) GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (on-line or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting (SEE TEAMS LINK ON NEXT PAGE TO ENTER MEETING)

10) ADJOURNMENT

## Online Meetings

### Codes and Standards Committee

January 2022 – December 2022

#### Overview

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