

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

January 11, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in North Plaza Hearing Room B, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. **In Attendance:**

Louis Free, Chair	David McKinley
Paul Costello	Henry Miga
Thomas DiBlasi	Michael Musco
Keith Flood	Michael Sinsigalli
Donald Harwood	Carlton Smith
George Iskra	Fredrick Wajcs, Jr.
Mark Mastropasqua	William Zoeller

Also present: William Abbott, State Fire Marshal
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector
Darren Hobbs, Office of State Building Inspector

Dan Bonyai, Branford Building Department
Dianne Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut
Bruce Spiewak, Self & AIA Connecticut

3. **Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2016 CAS meeting. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

4. **Communications:**

No new correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting.

5. **Old Business**

- a. 2018 CSBC and CSFSC – Code Review Work Groups: Status Reports and Constituency Coordination Updates:
 - i. Accessibility (IBC Chapter 11, A117.1, IEBC): David McKinley reported that the work group has scheduled a conference call for Thursday, January 19th for their first work session.
 - ii. IBC (General): Henry Miga had nothing to report but did request clarification related to the work group's scope of review. Currently the review includes all IBC chapters except Chapter 3 through Chapter 10 but does not exclude Chapter 11 – Accessibility or the structural chapters being reviewed by others.

Additionally, should Chapter 5 also be included in the work groups' review. State Building Inspector Joseph Cassidy will reassess the assignments and make necessary modifications.

- iii. IBC (Structural): Thomas DiBlasi reported that the Structural Coalition of Connecticut will assist in the review of the structural portions of the IBC. Tom will document proposed structural code changes on a worksheet similar to what has been used in the past.
- iv. IBC (Resiliency / Weather) and IRC (Resiliency / Weather): Donald Harwood stated that the work group has nothing to report at this time.
- v. IEBC and IFC (Existing): Keith Flood stated that the work group has nothing to report at his time.
- vi. IECC and IRC (Energy): William Zoeller reported that the work group has started communications and will be using the document previously provided by Fred Wajcs that compares the changes between the 2012 IECC and the 2015 IECC.
- vii. IFC / Fire Safety (New): Donald Harwood reported that there are work group meetings scheduled for 2/9 and 2/23. Michael Sinsigalli noted that the 541 Committee has already started their review.
- viii. CFPC Coordination: Michael Sinsigalli requested that the coordination with the CFPC be pushed off towards the end of the code review schedule once all code amendments are identified.
- ix. IMC and IRC (Mechanical): George Iskra reported the work group held a meeting today on the IMC and identified four (4) potential code changes. The IRC Mechanical review is still pending.
- x. IPC and IRC (Plumbing): George Iskra stated that the work group has nothing to report at his time.
- xi. IRC (General): Carlton Smith stated that the work group has nothing to report at this time.
- xii. IRC (Sprinklers): Keith Flood reported that the Sprinkler Task Force has a meeting tentatively scheduled with State Fire Marshal Abbott, State Building Inspector Cassidy and Deputy State Building Inspector Tierney to discuss the status of issues that need to be addressed.
- xiii. NEC and IRC (Electrical): Michael Musco reported that the work group has been collecting information and will be working with the NFPA to obtain the NEC code change support information.

- xiv. CT Supplement Drafts: T. Brouwer/D. Hobbs/J. Kingston: Joe Cassidy reported that no drafts of the Connecticut supplements have been prepared at this time.
- b. 2018 CSBC and CSFSC – Code Review and Adoption Schedule
 - i. Department of Administrative Services New State Building Code Adoption Website Update Status: Joe Cassidy reported that the Department of Administrative Services Building & Fire Safety Code Adoption website was launched before the New Year. The website provides the code adoption announcement, identifies the codes being proposed for adopted, the process, the code change proposal format and link to the Code Change Proposal form, updated contact information and email address, and the Codes Amendment Subcommittee schedule with meeting dates.
 - ii. Joe Cassidy will start to notify and coordinate with interested associations, groups and other State Agencies regarding the code change process and schedule.
- c. 2018 Codes Review Open Discussion:
 - i. Tom DiBlasi reported that the Use Groups identified in the 1988 Threshold Limits provision needs to be updated to reflect current code definitions. Joe Cassidy will review and make the necessary revisions.
 - ii. Lou Free requested Joe Cassidy to check with Agency Legal Counsel regarding code amendments that are required due to statutory requirements and how to reference the statute within the amendment language (i.e. Pursuant to section 29-265 of the Connecticut General Statutes).

6. New Business

No new business was conducted.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting of the CAS will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, in the North Plaza Hearing Room B, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut starting at 1:30 PM.



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KEY:	CSBC	Connecticut State Building Code	IFC	International Fire Code
	CSFPC	Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code	IMC	International Mechanical Code
	CSFSC	Connecticut State Fire Safety Code	IPC	International Plumbing Code
	IBC	International Building Code	IRC	International Residential Code
	ICC	International Code Council	NEC	National Electrical Code
	IEBC	International Existing Building Code	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
	IECC	International Energy Conservation Code		

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