

C&S STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2024

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, P.E., **C&S Chair**, Residential Contractor Member
Anthony Cinicola, Building Official
Paul Costello, Labor Trades
Hank Cullinane, HVAC Member - **Absent**
Terry Deveney, Building / Non-Residential
Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer Member
Donald Doeg, Esq, Public Member
Keith Flood, Fire Marshal
Louis Free, Architect, **CAS Chair**,
Donald Harwood, Public Member - **Absent**
David McKinley, Advocacy
Henry Miga, Building Official
Tim Mikloiche, Electrical Contractor
Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer
Ilona Prosol, P.E., **C&S Vice Chair**, Fire Protection Engineer
Mike Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor
Fred Wajcs, Jr., **C&S Secretary**, Public Member
William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency

Also Present:

Omarys Vasquez, AIA, NOMA, State Building Inspector
Peter Zvingilas, Assistant Director, Regulatory Compliance
Anne Peterson, DAS/Legal
Rebecca Tamborra, DAS/Legal
William Abbott, State Fire Marshal
David Woods, OSFM-Fire & Life Safety Supervisor
Bethy Guiles, DAS/OSBI – Admin
Joseph Duval, OSFM-Fire & Life Safety Specialist
Kimberly Rogers-OSBI, Manager Technical Services
Darren Hobbs, DAS-Deputy Commissioner
Patrick Holland, OSFM – Field Services
Richard Klotzbier, OSFM Fire & Life Safety Specialist

PUBLIC:

Joseph Cassidy, P.E.; Joel Whitten; William Nash; Melisa Moone;
Abigail Brown; Nancy; Rep. Nuccio;

1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (KF) was made and seconded (WZ) to accept the minutes of the **March 13, 2024**, meeting minutes. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

2) COMMUNICATIONS

There were no appeals or correspondence.

3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – CAS meeting to follow directly after C&S. We will be getting an update on the proposed code changes for the electrical code.
- b) **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood)** – No report

4) OLD BUSINESS

Complaint Process Abbreviations – be careful with use of terminology

C&S: Codes & Standards Committee

CAC: Complaint Assessment Committee

CP: Compliance Panel

HP: Hearing Panel

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Report
- i) **Omarys Vasquez, State Building Inspector** – no report
 - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal/David Woods** – no report
 - iii) **Anne Peterson/Rebecca Tamborra, Staff Counsel** – no report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – Meeting scheduled 4/25/24 to review comments.
- c) **Training Councils**
- i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco)** – No report for this month.
 - ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)** – No report for this month
- d) **Report on Bills (Vasquez)** – (see Omarys for report on bills)

6) APPEALS/COMPLAINTS

- a) **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 Noyes Vogt Architects. Referred to OSBI. OSBI investigated and submitted a report to the Committee. **Compliance Panel assigned (CP): Donald Harwood, Lou Free, Henry Miga.** Admin received notarized complaint form on 10/12/23. Compliance conference scheduled for **Thursday, 4/11/24 9:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**

- b) **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. **(CP) assigned:** Henry Miga, Paul Costello, William Zoeller. Admin mailed out complaint form on 10/5/23. Tim Mikloiche has stepped in place of Henry Miga. Compliance panel meeting held on 12/19/23. CP received additional information. CP Meeting March 14, 2024. Compliance Panel recommendation submitted to entire committee on 4/9/24. **A motion (TD) was made and seconded (WZ) to dismiss the complaint. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**
- c) **C-23-01 RE:** Complaint received 2/28/23 from Heide Mizak, **RE: [69 Lohse Road, Willington, CT]** James Rupert, Willington Building Official. **CP assigned:** David McKinley, Tim Mikloiche, Mike Sinsigalli. On 10/20/23 received the completed complaint form. Compliance hearing held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 1:00pm. CP recommendation sent to full committee on 2/14/24. (DM) motion that matter not move forward and seconded (HM). All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. **Counsel will draft decision to be mailed out. Hold on agenda.**
- d) **C-23-02 RE:** RE: Correspondence received 8/19/23 from Adam P. McNiece, Niantic, CT RE: Complaint against town of Montville Building Official-David Jensen. Referred to CAC. Admin sent out packet on 10/5/23. CAC meeting scheduled: Tuesday, 10/31/23 at 9:00a.m. OSBI to follow up and provide feedback to Panel. CAC Meeting held 1/16/24 - 1:00 PM. CAC meeting held March 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. **CAC recommend dismissing complaint, Counsel will draft a final decision. Hold on agenda.**
- e) **C-23-04 RE:** Correspondence received 9/11/23 from Melisa Moone, Brooklyn, CT **RE: Complaint about Brooklyn Building Official-John Berard.** CAC meeting scheduled: November 28, 2023. Referred to OSBI for further investigation. CAC met to discuss March 11, 2024. Per C&S Chair, additional meeting scheduled for April 1, 2024. **Hold on agenda.**
- f) **C-23-05 RE:** Correspondence received 10/17/23 from Kenneth LeClerc, DEEP, Emergency Response Unit, Supervising Emergency Response Coordinator, Southern Region RE: Complaint about Newton Building Official-John Poeltl. Complaint form received 11/13/23. Referred to OSBI for further investigation. CAC meeting held March 11, 2024. CAC recommends moving to assigned **CP: Keith Flood, Chair; Hank Cullinane, panel; Terry Deveney, panel; Tim Mikloiche, alternate. Confirmed CP Meeting – Tuesday, 4/23/2024 – 11:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-23-15 RE:** Request for appeal received 10/6/23 from Attorney James C. Winters c/o William Conroy, S.P.A.C.E. Systems, LLC RE: [210 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT] Abatement Order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards dated 9/1/23 issued by Michael Kazlowski, Fire Marshal of the Town of Cheshire, CT. Referred to the OSFM. OSFM reached out to the local fire marshal – unable to resolve. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Tim

Mikloiche, panel; Henry Miga, panel; William Zoeller, alternate. Hearing held January 29, 2024. **Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (4/29/24). Hold on agenda.**

- h) **A-23-17** Request for Appeal received from Steven Montgomery 10/26/23 RE: [422 Sport Hill Road, Easton] 2018 and 2022 Building Code sections 111.1; 8-12; Ch.3 Town of Easton Building Code section 252.1 – appealing decision of Peter Howard, Easton Building Official. Panel assigned: Lou Free, Chair, Anthony Cinicola, panel; Timothy Mikloiche, panel; Paul Costello, alternate. Hearing Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. Hearing held. **Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (4/30/24). Hold on agenda.**
- i) **A-23-18** Request for Appeal received from Attorney Majorie Shansky 11/14/23 RE: [198 Commerce Street, East Haven, CT] of East Haven Fire Marshal, C.G.S. Section 29-309. Abatement Order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards – change of use. Refer to OSFM. **Onsite inspection to be scheduled once Appellant receives report from hired code consultant. Hold on agenda.**
- j) **A-23-20** Request for appeal received from Ike Uzoka on 12/16/23 RE: [**48 Kimball Drive, New Britain, CT**] Richardson Masson, Fire Inspector/New Britain Fire Marshal - Abatement Order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards. Referred to OSFM for investigation. OSFM report submitted to Committee on 4/3/24. **Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli, Chair; Tim Mikloiche, Panel; Keith Flood, Panel; Hank Cullinane, Alternate. Hearing Date: 5/1/24 – 9:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- k) **A-24-02** Request for appeal received 2/26/24 from Attorney Robert C. Leitz (Paul & Michelle Van Duinen), **RE: [12 Bradley Street, Stonington, CT]** denial to remove builder – concept home builder removed from current approved permit for remodel. Having permits changed to us as homeowners. On 3/5/24 Appellant withdrew appeal. **Remove from agenda.**
- l) **A-24-03** Request for appeal received 2/28/24 from Jarvis & Jennifer Ryan, Owner **RE: [11 Cornwall Drive, Windsor Locks, CT]** State Building Inspector’s denial of Section R905.1.1 of the 2021 IRC to allow the installation of an asphalt recovery without the required 4-inch-wide tape on plywood roof sheathing seams. **Panel assigned: Tim Mikloiche, Chair; Terry Deveney, Panel; Hank Cullinane, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Jr., Alternate. Hearing Date: 4/22/24 – 11:00 am. Hold on agenda.**
- m) **A-24-04** Request for appeal received 3/6/24 from Robert B. Hurd, AIA, Architect, **RE: [213 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT]** OSFM denial of 2022 CT State Fire Safety to allow (2) sleeping rooms to remain without a secondary means of escape. **Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Lou Free, Panel; Ilona Prosol, Panel; Paul Costello, Alternate. Hearing Date: 4/15/24 at 1:00 pm. Hold on agenda.**

7). **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8, 2024-1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (on-line or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting.

8). **ADJOURNMENT**

Johnny Carrier, P.E., C&S Chair
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