

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 13, 2016

1. The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in conference room 532 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. **In Attendance:** Carlton Smith, Chair
Anthony Bruno
John Butkus
Paul Costello
Donald Doeg
John Ferrucci
Keith Flood
Louis Free
Robert Hanbury
Donald Harwood
George Iskra
Mark Mastropasqua
David McKinley
Henry Miga
Michael Musco
Glenn Neilson
Eric Shutt
Fred Wajcs, Jr.
William Zoeller

Also Present: Joseph Cassidy, DAS
Bill Abbott, OSFM
Jenna Padula, DAS Legal
Bruce Spiewak, AIA CT
Diane Harp Jones, AIA CT
Joanne Rees, AIA CT

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Correspondence from David Bebrin, Eversource re energy codes. This will be addressed at the May 11, 2016 meeting.
- b. A-4-16. Request for appeal from Bruce Spiewak re Deputy State Bldg. Inspector and OPA's decision re W-47-15 re DeLaMar Hotel, Memorial and Raymond Road, West Hartford, CT. Panel consists of Henry Miga, Panel Chair; Robert Hanbury and Donald Doeg. David McKinley will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in G38.
- c. A-5-16. Request for appeal from Mark Miller re Deputy State Bldg. Inspector's decision re M-119-16 re Stamford Hospital, 30 Shelburne Road, Stamford, CT. Panel consists of Paul Costello, Panel Chair; Fred Wajcs, Jr. and Carlton Smith. Henry Miga will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in G38.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)**

This subcommittee will meet today directly following this meeting to get an update on the status of the agency legal reviews of both the fire code and building code and probably continue discussion with the State Building Inspector and Fire Marshal about the next round of code reviews once these get through this process. Next meeting is set for **May 11, 2016**.

b. **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)**

There was no report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Henry Miga brought in a copy of the State Building Code Manual for the year 1957. All are welcome to take a look at the manual.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood)**

There was no meeting held. The 2015 edition of NFPA1 was distributed, next meeting will be at the end of April.

b. Joint Building Code Training Council (Musco)/ Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)/ (aka Joint BCTC/FMTC)

There was no meeting. Mike Musco advised there will be a meeting later this month.

c. Report on Bills (Cassidy)

Discussions were held on the following proposed bills:

1. **H.B. No. 5050 An Act Modernizing the Symbol of Access for Persons with Disabilities.** -On House calendar.
2. **H.B. No. 5180 An Act Concerning Concrete Foundations and Septic Tanks**
To require documentation of the name of the individual or entity that poured a concrete foundation at a new residential or commercial building and the date upon which the foundation was poured prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Substitute language will require a contractor to supply information to the local building official for a CO. DCP is working on a program to assist homeowners.
3. **H.B. No. 5272 An Act Concerning Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment in Businesses and Residential Buildings.**
To promote the safety of workers and customers by ensuring that businesses are equipped with carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment.
4. **H.B. No. 5278 An Act Concerning Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems in Residential Buildings Designed to be Occupied by Two Families.**
-Died in committee.
5. **H.B. No. 5309 An Act Concerning Facilitation of the Municipal Residential Solar Application Process.**
To require the Green Bank to approve a standardized solar photovoltaic system permit application form for use by municipalities. OSBI will write two advisories for LBOs – 1) accepting electronic permit applications; 2) guidelines for basic residential systems – costs –structural issues.
6. **H.B. No. 5545 An Act Concerning the Applicability of Certain Provisions of the State Building Code to Fairs and Festivals.**
To exempt fairs, festivals and similar gatherings, authorized by a municipality, from complying with certain provisions of the State Building Code.
7. **H.B. No. 5549 An Act Concerning the Codes and Standards Committee.**
To increase the number of local fire marshals on the Codes and Standards Committee from two to four.

Public Safety hearing was held on 3/8/16. Carlton Smith, C&S Chair, submitted a position paper on 3/31/16 on behalf of C&S Committee advising it is not in

support of this bill. The GAE heard the bill on 4/4/16. It is currently on the House calendar.

8. ***H.B. No. 5579 An Act Concerning the Governor's Council on Climate Change.*** *To require the building code to contain provisions for building resiliency associated with increases in flood and wind damage and provide for certain reporting and goals by the Office of Policy and Management and the Governor's Council on Climate Change concerning greenhouse gas reductions. No longer references building code.*
9. ***S.B. No. 86 An Act Concerning the Fire Safety Code and One, Two and Three Family Dwellings.*** *To exempt three-family dwellings from Fire Safety Code regulations and provide for variation or exemption where impairment or destruction of a historic structure or landmark being used as a private dwelling and occupied by one, two or three families would result from compliance with said code. Died in committee.*
10. ***S.B. No. 120 An Act Concerning the Authority of Deputy Fire Marshals and Fire Inspectors.*** *To create the authority of deputy fire marshals and fire inspectors to issue citations. Revised language that works. – allows LFA to delegate citation authority. On Senate calendar.*
11. ***S.B. No. 121 An Act Repealing Certain Statutes Related to Moving Pictures.*** *To repeal certain obsolete statutes related to moving pictures. Deleting old stuff. Senate passed 4/13/16.*
12. ***S.B. No. 124 An Act Requiring Smoke Detectors in Residential Buildings.*** *To require smoke detection and warning equipment in all residential buildings. Died in committee. May be offering up a rewrite that makes sense next session as a technical amendment.*
13. ***S.B. No. 238 An Act Concerning Adoption of Municipal Ordinances Regarding Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems in New Residential Buildings.*** *To allow municipalities to adopt ordinances requiring automatic fire extinguishing systems in new residential buildings. Died in committee.*
14. ***S.B. No. 259 An Act Concerning Inspections by Fire Marshals.*** *To ease the burden on fire departments in conducting state mandated fire inspections. Died in committee.*
15. ***S.B. No. 388 An Act Concerning the Department of Administrative Services' Recommendations Regarding the Adoption of the State Building and Fire Codes.*** *To remove the State Building Code, the State Fire Prevention Code and*

the Fire Safety Code from the regulation-making proceedings set forth in Chapter 54 of the general statutes. Working diligently on language agreeable to all.

16. S.B. No. 389 An Act Concerning Fire Marshals. To provide for less frequent inspections of fire suppression equipment located in the kitchen of a restaurant. Died in committee.

d. State Fire Marshal's Office: (Abbott)

Today Terry Brouwer met with Tim Baldwin and they straightened out some IT stuff.

e. DAS Legal: (Padula)

Introduced Cathy Phelps, stepping in on a temporary basis until, if & when, the secretarial position held by Joanne Cavaiuolo is filled.

8. APPEAL HEARINGS

- a. **A-8-15. Request for appeal from Robert Weber, Jr., Esq., re Rocky Hill Building Official's decision re 374 New Britain Avenue, Rocky Hill, CT.** Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair; William Zoeller and John Butkus. Robert Hanbury will be the alternate. Hearing set for 2/10/16 was not held; on 12/15/15 appellant requested postponement. On 1/6/16 correspondence received from Rocky Hill Building Official. **Hearing was rescheduled to Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in room G38. On 1/13/16 deferred to Legal Counsel to draft response to appellant's postponement request. On 2/18/16 correspondence received from Jonathan Chappell, Esq., attorney representing the Town of Rocky Hill. On 2/25/16 additional information received from J. P. Langlois, appellee. Hearing was held on 3/9/16. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 6/9/16].**
- b. **A-2-16. Request for appeal from William Connole re Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re M-41-16 re 10 Trout Brook Terrace, West Hartford, CT.** Panel consists of Robert Hanbury, Panel Chair; John Butkus and Don Doeg. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. **Hearing was set for 3/2/16. On 3/2/16 appellant did not appear so appeal was dismissed for lack of prosecution. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by 6/2/16].**
- c. **A-3-16. Request for appeal from John Laudati, Esq., re Manchester Fire Marshal's decision re 49-51 Flower Street, Manchester, CT.** No panel was set. **On March 10, 2016, referred to Office of State Fire Marshal (OFSM) for review.**

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Don Harwood recognized Joanne Cavaiuolo, who was a phenomenal support for this group for 20 years.

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **May 11, 2016** and will be held in conference **room G38**, at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.



Paul Costello, Secretary