



State of Connecticut
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Division of Fire, Emergency and Building Services
Office of Education and Data Management

BUILDING CODE TRAINING COUNCIL

**May 12, 2011 Minutes
(Corrected 11-3-11)**

Chairman Loos called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Members present: Mary Ann Basile, Tom DiBlasi, Lisa Humble, Robert Kiely, Dan Loos, Henry Miga, Tom Manning, Michael Musco and Eric Schoonmaker.

Bill Ferrigno was absent.

Attending from the Office of Education and Data Management were Assistant Directors Bonnie Becker, Doug Schanne and Recording Secretary Helen Stocker.

There were no communications.

Approval of November 4, 2010 Minutes: It was noted on Page 3 that the copies of the ASHRAE document have not been received. Doug Schanne said they had not been sent out yet. A motion was made by Michael Musco to approve the minutes which was seconded by Tom DiBlasi. The motion was carried.

The meeting began with **Staff Reports.**

In anticipation of its move to the newly formed “Department of Construction Services” agency, Bonnie Becker reported that **OEDM** is in the process of writing procedural manuals detailing job specs as well as cleaning up the database. It is expected the actual move will not take place for possibly a year, but reporting duties will change beginning July 1.

Doug Schanne reported the Design & Trades Conference was held March 15 at Naugatuck Community College that was attended by 300 people. From July 1, 2010 through April 1, 2011, approximately 4700 individuals have been trained in the career development, pre-licensure, pre-certification and specialized fire schools offered by OEDM. Tentative plans are underway for fall classes, as well as the CBOA/CFMA Conference scheduled for November 15.

For **OSBI**, Lisa Humble reported the second round of regulatory review has been completed on the 2009 IECC transition on how to use that code book. OSBI, along with Staff Attorney Janet Ainsworth and the Codes & Standards Committee will be meeting with the regulatory review committee for final approval. It is anticipated implementation will be sometime this summer. Since the last BCTC meeting, there has been positive feedback on events and classes held; she is working with DSFM Barry Rickert to try to come up with combination courses.



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She also reported that there has been an increase in calls to OSBI from homeowners, designers, contractors, etc. seeking advice because local building (official) offices don't have enough staff on hand to answer questions. To help with this problem, she has designated a member of her staff take turns each day to help assist with the inquiries. MaryAnn suggested maybe keeping a list of frequently asked questions and then posting the information on line to help cut down on incoming calls.

Tom Manning mentioned that he has found a link to access the ICC codes on line without cost. They are posted section by section, which will enable you to cut and paste.

New Business: Sub-Committee report.

MaryAnn discussed how we can do training more economically; i.e. on line, web-based, etc. with shrinking staff and budgets. There is concern out there because the last building trainer, Jack VanNess, is retiring June 1, and with the agency being split up, the landscape will become very different. Also, regarding training such as pre-licensure, she found in her research that other states do not offer this type of training 'free' unless they are going to hire an individual. Fees charged help offset costs.

On an added note, Bonnie Becker stated that the current fee charged to cities and towns for the code fund will remain the same at \$.26 per \$1,000.00 of construction value assessed.

Henry Miga proposed a suggestion that instead of holding separate council meetings, with one joint meeting each year, that they combine forces. With a future of divided responsibilities with Fire & Building Services being transferred to a newly formed agency, the future process of day to day operations might become difficult. By combining the council meetings, this would improve communication and everyone will be on the same page with current issues.

Confirmation of next meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Tom DiBlasi to adjourn and was seconded by Henry Miga. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

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