

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

August 11, 2010

- 1. Call to Order:** The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in the third floor conference room (room 348) at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut.
- 2. In Attendance:** Louis Free, Chair
Donald Harwood
John Jackman
Henry Miga
Andrew Rizzo
Michael Sinsigalli
Frederick F. Wajcs
William Zoeller

Also present:

Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, DPS Legal Affairs
Ignatius Kapalczynski, OSFM
Robert Duval, NFPA
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut
Bruce Spiewak, self, AIA Connecticut
Tim Travers, NFSA

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the July 28, 2010 meeting were approved.

4. Communications:

There were no new communications.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. The chairman advised that he would create a matrix of review assignments for comparison of various chapters of the 2003 and 2009 IRC.
- b. An extensive discussion was held regarding how to most comprehensively explore the issue of whether residential sprinklers should be required in townhouses and one- and two-family dwellings with adoption of the 2009 IRC. A decision was made to request that the State Building Inspector discuss her position on the issue at the August 25, 2010 meeting. A meeting is also scheduled on September 8, 2010 to solicit comments from municipal officials, members of the construction industry and design community, as well as interested members of the public.

Participants will be asked to take a position on four broad categories of possible action with respect to adoption of the 2009 IRC: 1) Adopt the language of § R313 without change; 2) Retain a sprinkler requirement, while providing options for alternative compliance; 3) Add construction requirements, while providing sprinklers as an option for alternative compliance; or 4) Delete the section without substitution.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2010 in Room 348, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY: IECC International Energy Conservation Code
IRC International Residential Code