

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

August 12, 2015

**1. Call to Order:** The Acting Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in Room G8 at 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**2. In Attendance:** Henry Miga, Acting Chair

John Butkus	Donald Harwood
Paul Costello	Michael Musco
Keith Flood	Michael Sinsigalli
Louis Free	Fredrick Wajcs, Jr.
Robert Hanbury	William Zoeller

**Also present:** William Abbott, State Fire Marshal  
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector  
Daniel Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector

Bruce Spiewak, Self & AIA Connecticut  
Donald J. Vigneau, Self

**3. Minutes:**

No action was taken on previous meeting minutes.

**4. Communications:**

A motion was made and second to add to the agenda under 4. Communications, Item a. Motion was approved.

a. Email correspondence from Terry Brouwer, Office of State Fire Marshal, to Louis Free, dated August 12, 2015, Subject: IBC Chapters 9 & 10. This correspondence requests that IBC Chapters 9 and 10 be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and that copies of the amendments will be sent to CAS members before that date. This is for CAS information only at this time.

**5. Old Business**

a. The following is a status update of the OSBI/OSFM and CAS reviews for the 2012 Family of Codes:

1. 2012 International Building Code: State Building Inspector Cassidy reported he is meeting with the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA) to finalize discussions on the code amendment coordination of 2012 IBC Chapter 11, Chapter 34 and ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009. A motion was made and second to grant the OSBI authority to act on and incorporate the agreed upon amendments without first obtaining CAS approval. Motion **APPROVED**.

Dan Veronick reported that the Connecticut Amendments for the IPC and IMC are now complete with the changes indicated on the handouts (see Item 6.d.i. through 6.d.iii.)

2. ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009 Standard on Accessible & Usable Buildings and Facilities: See item 5.a.1. above.
  3. 2012 International Fire Code and Connecticut State Fire Safety Code: State Fire Marshal Abbott reported that Terry Brouwer will have Part III – New Construction, Renovation, or Change of Use, Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 code amendments ready for CAS review at the next meeting. Michael Sinsigalli reported that the 541 Committee is meeting with the OSFM to discuss three substantive issues in Part IV – Existing Buildings / Occupancies: 1) performance based design, 2) incorporation of current code modifications being granted by OSFM into the proposed code amendments and 3) smoke resistant construction for Educational Use Groups.
- b. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-02** - Code proposal re 2012 IFC. An oral presentation was made by the proponent on 2/11/2015 related to a proposed amendment to the 2012 IFC to include 2012 IBC Chapter 4 – Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy in its entirety in the Connecticut Fire Safety Code. This chapter contains many requirements that are continually monitored by the Fire Marshal throughout the course of occupancy of the building and that can be directly referenced during an abatement process and potential court action. State Building Inspector Cassidy and State Fire Marshal Abbott joint review on how to address this code change proposal in the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT remains under review. CAS action on **HOLD** pending OSBA and OSFM action.
  - c. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-05** - Code proposal re 2012 IFC. An oral presentation was made by the proponent on 2/11/2015 related to a proposed amendment to the 2012 IFC to include 2012 IBC Chapter 7 – Fire and Smoke Protection Features in its entirety in the Connecticut Fire Safety Code. This chapter contains many requirements that are continually monitored by the Fire Marshal throughout the course of

occupancy of the building and that can be directly referenced during an abatement process and potential court action. State Building Inspector Cassidy and State Fire Marshal Abbott joint review on how to address this code change proposal in the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT remains under review. CAS action on **HOLD** pending OSBA and OSFM action.

- d. Small I-2 Homes Alternatives: Terry Brouwer continues to have discussions with Timothy Baldwin, CT Department of Social Services, related to acceptable alternatives that will address DSS concerns. No final determination has been made and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- e. 2012 IBC Section 712 Vertical Openings: Michael Sinsigalli reported that the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association has requested that Connecticut maintain the code language currently in place and not adopt the new code provisions. A motion was made and second to maintain the current code requirements for protection of vertical openings and exit enclosures. Motion **APPROVED**. OSBI and OSFM shall coordinate the Connecticut Amendments accordingly.

## 6. New Business

- a. Proposed Code Change IBC-11: This code change proposal has been previously approved by the CAS on May 20, 2015. No action required.
- b. Berkeley Balcony Collapse: A motion was made, second and approved at the last CAS meeting to change the minimum uniformly distributed live load for residential exterior balconies and decks in Table R301.5 from 40 pounds per square foot to 60 pounds per square foot. OSBI may not support this change. No action required.
- c. The current schedule for the OSBI and the OSFM to substantially complete the Connecticut Amendments is by the end of September 2015. Based on this date, this provides the CAS with two more meetings (9/09/2015 and 9/23/2015) to review and act on the amendments, then forward the entire Connecticut Amendments at least one-week before the State Codes and Standards Committee 10/14/2015 monthly meeting for full Committee action and approval.
- d. Dan Veronick provided the following handouts:
  - i. Connecticut Amendment pages 115 and 116 (2012 IPC, revisions to Section 701.2 Sewer required, Section 1003.3 Grease interceptors, Section 1303.1 Subsurface landscape irrigation systems and Chapter 15 – Reference Standards).

- ii. Connecticut Amendment pages 122 and 123 (2012 IMC, revisions to Chapter 15 – Reference Standards).
- iii. Lead Reduction in Drinking Water: Include 2015 IPC Section 605.2.1 Lead content of drinking water pipe and fitting, which is a 2014 federal regulation, into the 2012 IPC and 2012 IRC.
- iv. Second Draft Amendment to the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code pages 124 through 130.
- e. Second Draft Amendment to the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code, Section C405.6.3 Light pollution controls, Exception 3 (page 126), revise date from 2003 International Existing Building Code to 2012.

## **7. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the CAS will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in Room G38, 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut starting at 1:30 PM or immediately following the adjournment of the State Codes and Standards Committee monthly meeting.



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Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

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

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