

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

October 14, 2015

1. The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in the conference room (room G38) at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. **In Attendance:**

- Keith Flood, Chair
- John Butkus
- Paul Costello
- Thomas DiBlasi
- Donald Doeg
- Robert Hanbury
- Donald Harwood
- George Iskra
- David McKinley
- Henry Miga
- Michael Musco
- Glenn Neilson
- Eric Shutt
- Michael Sinsigalli
- Carlton Smith
- Fred Wajcs, Jr.

Also Present:

- Joseph Cassidy, OSBI
- William Abbott, OSFM
- Jenna Padula, DAS Legal
- Bruce Spiewak, AIA CT
- Don Vigneau
- Bill Nash, ICC
- Lafond, NFSA

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. **A-6-15. Correspondence from John Casey, Esquire, re appeal from John Casey, Esq. re New London Building Official's decision re New London Harbor Lighthouse, Pequot Avenue, New London, CT. See Appeal Section 8.b. On 9/14/15 appellant requested postponement pending ZEO's decision.**

- b. **Correspondence from David Waskowicz, Chairman, State of Connecticut Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board. Letter was read into the record. A discussion was held regarding NFPA 13, life safety systems, structural protection, impediments of licensing, and legal ramifications of code changes. Forward letter to Legal Counsel for legal opinion and to full C&S Committee for review.**
- c. **A-7-15 (A&B) Request for appeal from Amy Blume, Esq., re New Haven Building Official's decision re A) 89 Union Avenue and B) 89 Union Ave., 169 Union Ave., and 94 Columbus Ave., New Haven, CT. Panel consists of Robert Hanbury, Panel Chair; Fred Wajcs, Jr. and Henry Miga. Glenn Neilson will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in room 538.**

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)

This subcommittee met on September 9, 2015 and will meet today. Next meeting will be on November 12, 2015. (Thursday).

b. Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)

Meeting was held on October 14, 2015. A discussion was held regarding making the code process more efficient. Discussion included electronic tracking, CAS members to have working access to database updates, setting up subset working groups and ICC membership for CAS members to allow timely access to ICC information, opinions and technical support. Joe Cassidy will look into putting members on an ICC roster.

6. OLD BUSINESS

William Nash, International Code Council (ICC), gave a brief presentation clarifying ICC communication protocol. He advised that he was willing to assist this Committee in the code development process and assist them with ICC related questions. He was unsure if membership in ICC was needed for technical opinions.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

There was no report.

b. Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)

The next meeting is set for 10/20/15 at 10:00 in Old Saybrook.

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

The 10/14/15 meeting was cancelled. Next meeting date was not set yet.

d. **Report on Bills**

There was no report.

e. **2 Vacancies**

Joe Cassidy advised work is progressing to fill both vacancies, Organized Labor (previously held by Christopher Cozzi) and Contractor-HVAC Trades (previously held by Michael Nero).

8. APPEAL HEARINGS

- a. **A-10-14. Appeal from Bruce Spiewak re State Fire Marshal's decision re FM-0263-14 re Sandy Hook School, Building 2, 12 Dickinson Drive, Newtown, CT. Appeal panel was not set. On 10/8/14 appellant requested appeal be tabled until the November meeting. On 12/10/14 appellant requested this appeal be postponed until a draft determination is made by the Codes Amendment Subcommittee re what parts of Chapter 10 (Fire Code and Building Code) will be recommended for approval. Reason for modification denial stated in part that, "C&S had not addressed that section of the code yet." Hold on agenda.**
- b. **A-6-15. Appeal from John Casey, Esq. re New London Building Official's decision re New London Harbor Lighthouse, Pequot Avenue, New London, CT. Panel consists of Henry Miga, Chair; Carlton Smith and Louis Free. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. Hearing set for October 14, 2015 was not held. On 9/14/15 appellant requested postponement pending New London's Zoning Board of Appeals decision of 9/24/15 hearing. Send status letter.**

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The 2016 Codes and Standards meeting schedule will be posted to website.

Vote for Codes and Standards officer positions will occur in December. Please contact Keith Flood if you might be interested in serving as Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary.

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **Thursday, November 12, 2015** and will be held in conference **room 532**, at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

David McKinley, Secretary