

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

February 10, 2016

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:** 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
Michael Musco
Glenn Neilson
Eric Shutt
Fred Wajcs, Jr.
William Zoeller

Also Present: Joseph Cassidy, DAS
Bill Abbott, OSFM
Joseph Kingston, OSFM
Jenna Padula, DAS Legal

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **A-1-16. Appeal from Diane Whitney, Esq., re Deputy State Building Inspector and Office of Protection and Advocacy's decision re Seabury Independent Living, 200 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.f. On 1/25/16 additional supporting information received from Attorney Whitney.**
- b. **Correspondence from Joseph Summers, Hebron Building Official, re code adoption process. Copy to be distributed to C&S members. Motion made and**

seconded to forward to the Codes Amendment Subcommittee for appropriate action. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- c. **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 Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. and will be held in G38.**
- d. **A-9-15A. Correspondence from Philip Sherman re appeal from Philip Sherman re Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re A-9-15A re M-977-15B re Norwalk Community College-West Campus, 188 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.c. On 2/2/16 appellant withdrew appeal.**
- e. **A-1-16. Correspondence from Wanda Gonzalez re appeal from Diane Whitney, Esq., re Deputy State Building Inspector and Office of Protection and Advocacy's decision re Seabury Independent Living, 200 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT. See section Appeal Hearings 8.f. On 2/5/16 the Office of Protection and Advocacy requested postponement.**
- f. **A-10-14. Correspondence re 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. See section Appeal Hearings 8.a. On 1/6/16 appellant withdrew appeal.**

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)

See Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee for items discussed at the February 10, 2016 meeting. Next meeting is set for **March 9, 2016**.

b. Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)

The meeting set for February 5, 2016 was rescheduled to February 10, 2016 due to inclement weather. Section 29-252 language was reviewed. The legislative portion of the code approval process is currently approximately 10-12 months. That timeframe does not include Codes Amendment Subcommittee reviews, Codes & Standards Committee reviews and approvals, public comment session, respond to comments, then put back out for 30 day review process. Options discussed to streamline process were to change the statute time line, increase dedicated personnel to guide code approval in a shorter time line, remove process of adoption from regulation and make it code. Future areas requiring special attention and review include Energy, Accessibility, and Residential Fire Protection. A discussion was held to possibly review Rhode Island's code

adoption process and their use of subcommittees to review code areas rather than going through the Legislature.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no report.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Joe Cassidy, OSBI, discussed the solar photovoltaic permitting process. He is working with BEST for future automation of records. Final drafts of the Code are being reviewed by Legal Counsel. Bill Abbott, OSFM, is planning to forward the Fire Code draft to Legal Counsel for review next week.

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

Next meeting will be February 11, 2016.

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

Mike Musco advised there was not a quorum for the Joint Building Code Training Council. Don Harwood advised the Fire Marshal Training Council did have a quorum and discussed building on the expertise of committee members regarding the current Office of Education and Data Management's (OEDM) registration process for classes.

d. Report on Bills

Paul Costello brought awareness to **Raised S.B. No. 86. AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIRE SAFETY CODE AND ONE, TWO AND THREE-FAMILY DWELLINGS.**

8. APPEAL HEARINGS

a. A-7-15 (A-D) Request for appeal from Amy Blume, Esq., re New Haven Building Official's decision re

**A) 89 Union Avenue, (Great Green Building, Unit 6), New Haven, CT
re no permit**

**B) 89 Union Ave., 169 Union Ave., and 94 Columbus Avenue, New Haven, CT
re failed roof coverings in 17 buildings**

**C) 89 Union Avenue (aka Cinque Green Building), New Haven, CT
re roof coverings & water infiltration**

**D) 89 Union Avenue (Great Green Building, Units 1-6), New Haven, CT
re means of egress. Panel consists of Robert Hanbury, Panel Chair; Fred Wajcs, Jr. and Henry Miga. Glenn Neilson will be the alternate. Hearing set for November 10,**

2015 was not held; on 10/29/15 appellant requested 60 day postponement. **Hearing rescheduled to 1/13/16 was not held; on 1/6/16 appellant requested another 60 day postponement. Hearing was rescheduled to Wednesday, 3/9/16, at 10:00 a.m. in G38. Hold on agenda.**

- b. **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. Hold on agenda.**
- c. **A-9-15 A&B. Request for appeal from Philip Sherman re Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re A) M-977-15B and b) M-977-15C re Norwalk Community College-West Campus, 188 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT.** William Zoeller is recused. **On 1/5/16 appellant withdrew A-9-15B.** Appellant will continue to pursue A-9-15A. Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair; Louis Free and John Butkus. Fred Wajcs, Jr. will be the alternate. **Hearing set for February 10, 2016 was not held; on February 2, 2016 appellant withdrew appeal A-9-15A. Remove from agenda.**
- d. **A-10-15. Request for appeal from Daniel DelPino re State Fire Marshal's decision re FM-0279-15 re 180 Elm Street, West Haven, CT.** Panel consists of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair; Donald Harwood and Mark Mastropasqua. Carlton Smith will be the alternate. **Hearing was set for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in room G38A. Hold on agenda.**
- e. **A-11-15. Request for appeal from Robert Maccarini re Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re M-1045-15B re Chuck's Automotive, 653 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT.** Panel consists of *Henry Miga, Panel Chair; Keith Flood and George Iskra. Robert Hanbury will be the alternate. *Due to schedule conflict, Robert Hanbury will serve as Panel Chair. **Hearing was held on February 10, 2016 and adjourned pending appellant's withdrawal.**

- f. **A-1-16. Request for appeal from Diane Whitney, Esq., re Deputy State Building Inspector and Office of Protection and Advocacy's (OPA) decision re Seabury Independent Living, 200 Seabury Drive, Bloomfield, CT.** Panel consists of David McKinley, Panel Chair; Robert Hanbury and Fred Wajcs, Jr. Keith Flood will be the alternate. **On 1/25/16 additional supporting documentation received from Attorney Whitney. Timeliness meeting set for February 10, 2016, was not held; on 2/5/16 the Office of Protection and Advocacy requested postponement. Timeliness issue to be addressed prior to appeal hearing. If panel determines appeal has been timely filed, then appeal hearing may immediately follow. Timeliness meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in room G38. Hold on agenda.**

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **March 9, 2016** and will be held in conference **room G38**, at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Paul Costello, Secretary