

**STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 14, 2016

1. The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in conference room 121 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

2. **In Attendance:** Carlton Smith, Chair
John Butkus
Paul Costello
Donald Doeg
John Ferrucci
Keith Flood
Louis Free
Donald Harwood
George Iskra
Mark Mastropasqua
Henry Miga
Michael Musco
Glenn Neilson
Michael Sinsigalli
Fred Wajcs, Jr.
William Zoeller

Also Present: Joseph Cassidy, OSBI
Bill Abbott, OSFM
Jenna Padula, DAS/DCS Legal
Bill Nash, ICC
Don Vigneau, AKF/AIA
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut
Diane Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut
Bruce Spiewak, AIA Connecticut

3. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. **A-11-16. Correspondence received 8/5/16 from Michael Roberts re: request for appeal re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-568-16 re: 545 Bedford, Street, Stamford, CT. Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair; George Iskra and Keith Flood; John Ferrucci is alternate. Hearing set for Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in room G38.**

b. **A-12-16. Request for appeal from Steven Abbate re: State Fire Marshal's decision re: FM-0078-16 re: 81 Main Street North Units 1-8, Kent, CT. Panel consists of Keith Flood, Panel Chair; George Iskra and Donald Doeg. Michael Sinsigalli will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in Room G38.**

c. **A-13-16. Request for appeal from Eamon Fuller re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-594-16 re: 2714-2720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. Correspondence received on 8/30/16. Panel consists of Henry Miga, Panel Chair; Michael Musco and Michael Sinsigalli. Donald Harwood will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room G38.**

d. **A-10-16. Correspondence received 8/12/16 from Hongyao Zhu re: request for appeal re: State Fire Marshal's decision re: FM-0110-016 re: 23 Allan Street, West Haven, CT. Panel consisted of Michael Sinsigalli, Panel Chair, and David McKinley. Timeliness and appeal hearings were held on September 13, 2016. Decision will be sent out within 90 days [by December 13, 2016.]**

e. **A-8-16. Correspondence received 8/4/16 from Stuart Lachs re: request for appeal re: Deputy State Building Inspector & OPA's decision re: W-33-16 re: 4200 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. Paul Bette of OSBI, and Matt Shea of OPA, worked with appellant toward resolution of this appeal. Panel had been set to consist of John Butkus, Panel Chair; Carlton Smith and Louis Free, with Henry Miga as alternate. Hearing was set for September 14, 2016. On 9/7/16 appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.**

f. **A-14-16. Request for appeal from Renée Doyle re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-662-16 re: 12 Ralto Court, Danbury, CT. Panel consists of Glenn Neilson, Panel Chair; Louis Free and Donald Harwood. Carlton Smith will be the alternate. Hearing was set for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in Room G38.**

g. **A-15-16. Request for appeal from Steven Anderson re: Local Fire Marshal's decision re: 7.7, 8.6, 13.6 Parts IV & V, 10.4, 7.2 re: 11 Mason's Island Road,**

Mystic, CT. No panel was set. On September 14, 2016, referred to Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Codes Amendment Subcommittee: (Free)**

This subcommittee will meet today, **September 14, 2016**, at 1:30 p.m. in room G38 to discuss process to adopt the 2018 Building Code and 2018 Fire Safety Code.

b. **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee: (Harwood)**

There was no report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Staff reports (Cassidy)** Regarding Code adoption: the final version was submitted to the legislature. Both the Fire Safety and Building Codes are expected to be on the agenda for Regs Review for the end of the month, and should be on target for October 1. Regarding ODM, Bonnie Becker has been promoted to the position of Director. **(Abbott)** Regarding Code publishing – per ICC, a license is required to include IFC books/amendments on the website. **(Padula)** Nothing to add.

b. **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Flood)**

At a recent Subcommittee meeting, each member was assigned a chapter and submitted commentary regarding the new Fire Safety Code. The full committee will meet formally at the end of September or beginning of October to begin work on the 2015 Fire Prevention Code.

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

(Cassidy) We are starting to get appointments from legislative leadership.

d. **Report on Bills (Cassidy)**

We are just starting to do legislative work.

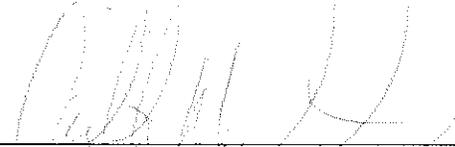
8. APPEAL HEARINGS

- a. **A-5-16. Request for appeal from Mark Miller re Deputy State Bldg. Inspector's decision re M-119-16 re Stamford Hospital, 30 Shelburne Road, Stamford, CT.** Panel consisted of Paul Costello, Panel Chair; Fred Wajcs, Jr. and Carlton Smith. Hearing was held on May 11, 2016. Decision was sent on August 10, 2016. Remove from agenda.
- b. **A-6-16. Request for Appeal from 89 Prospect Street, LLC c/o John Forrest re: Deputy Fire Marshal's decision re: 26.3.5.1 re: 44-46 Connecticut Boulevard, East Hartford, CT.** On 5/31/16 referred to Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for review. OSFM has been in contact with the local fire marshal and is waiting for receipt of modification. Hold on agenda.
- c. **A-8-16. Request for Appeal from Stuart Lachs re: Deputy State Building Inspector & OPA's decision re: W-33-16 re: 4200 Park Avenue Bridgeport, CT.** Panel consisted of John Butkus, Panel Chair; Carlton Smith and Louis Free (Henry Miga alternate). On 8/4/16 correspondence received from appellant. Paul Bette of OSBI, and Matt Shea of OPA, worked with appellant toward resolution of this appeal. Hearing was set for 9/14/16. On 9/7/16 appellant withdrew appeal. Remove from agenda.
- d. **A-9-16. Request for Appeal from Douglas Golden re: Deputy State Building Inspector's decision re: M-48-16B re: 358 Springside Ave., New Haven, CT.** Panel consists of Henry Miga, Panel Chair, William Zoeller and Fred Wajcs, Jr. (Paul Costello alternate). Hearing was set for 9/14/16; re-scheduled for Wednesday, 10/12/16 at 10:00 a.m. in room G38. Hold on agenda.
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9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Yesterday Carlton Smith, John Butkus and Mike Sinsigalli attended a meeting at the LOB, and were asked about the history of how this Committee was formed and what made it grow. It started at 9 members in 1969, and has increased to 21 members in 2016. John Butkus knew a lot of the history, having served on the committee for 19 years. There was some general talk about how the Committee works, such as on appeals, and why it takes a long time to get the Code out. With the new process that we will hear more about soon, we feel it will become a quicker process. John Butkus commented that one suggestion made by a representative was: why not make the Committee smaller (and thus possibly more efficient?) The size of the committee is appropriate due to the workload and number of appeals and the range of background and experience of the committee members. Some very good questions were asked.

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **October 12, 2016**, and will be held in conference room **G38**, at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.



Carlton Smith, Chair