

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

January 11, 2012

1. **Call to Order:** The Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee (“CAS”) 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.

In Attendance:

Louis Free, Chair	
John Butkus	Andrew Rizzo, Jr.
Thomas DiBlasi	Marjorie Shansky
Robert Hanbury	Michael Sinsigalli
Donald Harwood	Frederick Wajcs
Henry Miga	William Zoeller
Michael Musco	

Also present:

David Bebrin, CL&P
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector
Diane Harp-Jones, AIA Connecticut
Bruce Spiewak, AIA Connecticut
Daniel Tierney, Office of the State Building Inspector

2. **Minutes:**

Minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting were approved.

3. **Communications:**

No new correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting.

4. **Old Business**

1. **45-IRC** – John Butkus presented a revised proposal for a new 2009 IRC Section R105.2.4 Homeowner Exemption based on review comments discussed at the previous CAS meeting. It was agreed that this proposal shall not apply to Townhouses and Two-Family Dwellings. Dan Tierney stated that OSBI will review the proposal based on the CAS discussions and provide another revised proposal for consideration.

5. New Business

CAS Chairman Louis Free informed the CAS that he has been made aware of a renewed interest in promoting smoke detectors in existing one and two-family dwellings based on the recent tragic event of the single-family dwelling fire in Stamford and the concern of what more could be done to prevent such future occurrences. One consideration being discussed is the elimination of the statutory requirement (CGS Sec. 29-292) which exempts one and two family dwellings from the smoke detector requirement if built prior to the October 1, 1978 and to make the smoke detector requirement retroactive to all existing one and two family dwellings. Daniel Tierney, Deputy State Building Inspector, provided clarification to the committee to correct misinformation related to the Stamford fire. Based on discussions, the CAS contends that the existing code provision of 2005 CSBC Section R313.1.1 which require smoke detectors in all one and two family dwellings that undergo alterations or additions requiring a building permit adequately address the issue of having smoke detectors install in existing one and two family dwellings based on the building codes statutory scope. The alternative is education of the public to the safety benefits of smoke detection.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on January 25, 2012 at 1:00 PM in room 348.

Louis J. Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY:	ICC	International Code Council	IRC	International Residential Code
	IBC	International Building Code	NEC	National Electrical Code
	IEBC	International Existing Building Code	NFPA	National Fire Protection Association

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