

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

January 13, 2010

The Chairman called to order the special meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee 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  
Thomas DiBlasi\*  
Donald Harwood  
George Iskra (Codes and Standards Committee)\*  
John Jackman\*  
Henry Miga  
Michael Musco\*  
Andrew Rizzo  
Michael Sinsigalli\*  
Frederick F. Wajcs  
William Zoeller

Also present: Lisa Humble, OSBI  
Daniel Veronick, OSBI  
Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, DPS Legal Affairs  
Terry Brouwer, OSFM\*  
Diane Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut  
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut  
James Howland, Environment Northeast  
Charles Rothenberger, Connecticut Fund for the Environment  
Bruce J. Spiewak, AIA, Consulting Architect, LLC  
Don Vigneau, NEEP

\*Left meeting after discussion of overall code update.

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Chairman Louis Free led a discussion on the next major revision of the building and fire codes, which will follow completion of amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) portion of the 2005 State Building Code. It is hoped that work on the IECC will be concluded by February. A number of additional code change proposals are still to be reviewed. Review of the 2009 International Code Council family of codes will begin as soon the IECC amendment is completed. Due to the departure of the deputy state fire marshal and a vacancy in that position, it was determined that the review should begin with codes that do not impact the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code: the International Residential Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code and parts of the International Building Code.

The chair reported that he has received suggestions that the agency wait for the 2012 editions of the ICC codes, which Don Vigneau reported will not be released before July 2011. The chair advised that the committee stay the course and continue working on the 2009 ICC codes. Whether to jump to the next code comes up every code cycle. The chair would like to begin work on the family of codes in February and have a draft no later than December. The goal is not to make a lot of changes in the base documents. Meetings will be held biweekly or weekly, if necessary. IRC chapter assignments will be the first to be made at the next meeting.

Terry Brouwer noted that there is a potential problem on the fire code side when all the new construction built under the ICC codes is subject to the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code. Michael Sinsigalli reported that the Chapter 541 Committee has begun its review of the 2009 codes and hasn't identified any significant issues yet.

James Howland and Charles Rothenberger will be invited to the next CAS meeting to present their code change proposals. Don Vigneau distributed comments in response to these proposals. The State Building Inspector will be the proponent of suggested changes identified by Vigneau.

The Office of State Building Inspector was invited to begin looking at administrative sections of the various codes.

A discussion was held regarding the effect of the Connecticut State Fire Prevention on the building and fire codes and the role of the offices of State Building Inspector and State Fire Marshal in the code adoption process. John Jackman, who is a member of the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code

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Advisory Committee commented that the intent of the fire prevention code was to supplement the building and fire codes.

Following discussion of overall code development, the subcommittee began working on the IECC amendment.

The subcommittee approved the November 18, 2009 and December 9, 2009 minutes.

John Butkus presented his comparison of Chapter Four of the 2006 and 2009 editions of the IECC. He reported that some titles have changed, there are some new insulation requirements and mandatory moisture control has been moved to the International Building Code.

A discussion was held whether to include cross-referencing in the text of the document. It was determined that it would be preferable to include this information in training materials.

The next meeting will be held on January 27, 2010 in Room 348 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

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/s/  
Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

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