

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

November 10, 2010

**1. Call to Order:** The Chairman called to order the regular 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.

**2. In Attendance:** Louis Free, Chair  
John Butkus  
Thomas DiBlasi  
Robert Hanbury  
Donald Harwood  
John Jackman  
Henry Miga  
Michael Musco  
Andrew Rizzo  
Michael Sinsigalli  
Frederick F. Wajcs  
William Zoeller

**Also present:** Robert Ross, Director, Division of Fire, Emergency & Building Services  
Lisa Humble, State Building Inspector  
Dan Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector  
Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, Legal Affairs  
Brooks Campion, self, Robinson & Cole  
John Viola, American Fire Sprinkler Association

**3. Minutes:**

Minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting were approved.

**4. Communications:**

There were no communications.

**5. Old Business**

There was no action with regard to old business.

**6. New Business**

Director Ross discussed his efforts to put together a study group to research issues associated with mandating residential sprinklers in one- and two-family homes and townhouses. He presented a proposed list of stakeholders and suggestions for additional participants were made during the meeting. The subcommittee discussed whether the study group should analyze need or just impact, i.e. issues regarding water, supply and licensing. The chair advised that all issues raised in the state building inspector's option # 5 should be explored.<sup>1</sup> The chair noted that the intent is to provide sufficient information for the subcommittee to make a determination when it begins working on the 2009 family of ICC codes later next year. (The current estimate for completion of work on the 2009 IRC amendment to the 2005 State Building Code is March or April.)

The next meeting will focus on review of IRC chapters 1 and 2, and a portion of 3. The chair distributed a review of chapter 2.

**6. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2010 in Room 348, beginning at 1:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the regular meeting of the Codes and Standards Committee.

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Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

**KEY:**

**IRC**      **International Residential Code**  
**ICC**      **International Code Council**  
**NFPA**    **National Fire Protection Association**

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<sup>1</sup> The option was to create a study committee to conduct research. Section R313 is to be deleted from the 2009 IRC amendment to the 2005 State Building Code. NFPA 13D will be added to the appendix for voluntary installations. It is hoped that a decision on whether to include the sprinkler requirement will be made by the time the subcommittee begins work on the next code cycle.