

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

November 9, 2011

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.

In Attendance:

Louis Free, Chair	
John Butkus	Henry Miga
Thomas DiBlasi	Andrew Rizzo, Jr.
Donald Harwood	Frederick Wajcs
John Jackman	William Zoeller

Also present:

Roberta Avery, Department of Construction Services
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector
Patrice Gillespie, Connecticut Sierra Club
Diane Harp-Jones, AIA Connecticut
Joseph Kingston, Office of State Fire Marshal
John Livingstone, Local 669 Sprinkler Fitters Union
Robert Ross, Executive Director DESPP
Bruce Spiewak, AIA Connecticut
Daniel Tierney, Office of the State Building Inspector

2. **Minutes:**

Minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting were approved as noted with the following revision: Page 2 under "5. New Business", Item 1, 11R-IRC, second paragraph, line 7, delete "board" and insert "broad".

Minutes of the June 8, June 22, July 27 and August 24, 2011 meeting are pending final drafts before Subcommittee action.

3. **Communications:**

Correspondence received from Daniel Tierney, Office of the State Building Inspector, dated November 1, 2011 regarding the Connecticut Residential Fire Sprinkler Research Working Group draft report related to 2009 IRC Section R313.

4. **Old Business**

No action was taken with regard to old business.

5. New Business

Joseph Cassidy, Acting State Building Inspector, reported on his discussions with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection related to charging stations for electric vehicles. Based on those discussions, DEEP is supportive of allowing the 2009 IRC code requirements to remain as written without amendments with the understanding that the electrical service will allow for the future addition of a dedicated 40 AMP circuit for the charging station when required (see CAS Minutes dated October 12, 2011, 5. New Business, Item 2, **(Add) E3408.1 Required installation**).

Daniel Tierney, Office of the State Building Inspector, presented the Connecticut Residential Fire Sprinkler Research Working Group draft report related to 2009 IRC Section R313. The draft report is purely a factual document which addresses the CAS requests regarding identification of potential obstacles to implementing this requirement and the cost. Based on this presentation, the CAS requested the following revisions to the draft report.

Item d: Provide a note that the average cost of the design work (\$500.00) for a NFPA 13D system inside a single-family residence is included in the total average cost on a NFPA 13D system municipal water system (\$6,904) and on a well system (\$6,843).

Item g. Provide a note that backflow preventers are not required by NFPA 13D or 2009 IRC Section P2904, however, they are a requirement of the water purveyors and therefore a yearly cost might be incurred for testing and inspection of the device.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on November 30, 2011 at 1:00 PM in room 348.

Louis J. Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

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