

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

December 14, 2011

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
Donald Harwood	Frederick Wajcs
Henry Miga	William Zoeller
Michael Musco	

**Also present:** Patrice Gillespie, Connecticut Sierra Club  
Dan Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector  
Don Vigneau, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership

2. **Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 30, 2011 meeting were approved as noted with the following revisions: Page 2 under “5. New Business”, Item “1. Appendix G Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs”, first paragraph, third line, delete “tubes” and insert “tub”; Page 4, Item “24. (Amd) TABLE R302.6 DWEELING/GARAGE SEPARATION”, first line delete “DWEELING” and insert ‘DWELLING’, second line delete “revised” and insert “revise the” before “½-inch”.

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 John Butkus, Codes and Standards Committee, on December 1, 2011 submitting a code change proposal related to a new 2009 IRC Section R105.2.4 Homeowner Exemption. Correspondence identified as **45-IRC**.

#### 4. Old Business

The following corrections were noted related to items listed on the December 14, 2011 Agenda under Old Business.

1. Item i. Code Proposal submitted by Jerry Alverson, PE dated 4/29/2011 re 2009 International Energy Conservation Code Section 503.2.8 piping insulation identified incorrectly as 33-IRC should be 33-IECC. In a previous meeting, no action was taken on this proposal since it was submitted after the IECC code change proposal submission deadline. This item can be removed from Old Business on the agenda.

*Minutes Supplement Not Discussed at Meeting: At the May 11, 2011 CAS meeting, the minute's state under Communications the following: "A determination was made that no action will be taken with regard to 33-IRC as it was untimely filed."*

2. Item o.1. Status of prior review for comparison of the 2003 and 2009 International Residential Code, Chapter 4 Foundations – CAS Completed 6/22/2011 / OSBI review completed.
3. Item o.3. Status of prior review for comparison of the 2003 and 2009 International Residential Code, Chapter 6 Wall Construction - CAS Completed 4/27/2011 / OSBI review completed.

#### 5. New Business

The CAS and OSBI reviewed and took action on the following Code Change Proposals and Chapters of the 2009 International Residential Code:

1. **45-IRC** – John Butkus presented a proposal for a new 2009 IRC Section R105.2.4 Homeowner Exemption. CAS requested revisions which includes making this section applicable only to the owner of a single family owner-occupied dwelling and keeping the following exemptions: Building – 4 and 5; Electrical – 5, 7 and 8; Mechanical – 1 and Plumbing – 1. John Butkus was requested to rework the section and resubmit for additional reconsideration by the OSBI and CAS.
2. **Section 2 – Definitions, (Amd) WIND-BORNE DEBRIS REGION.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed amendment identifying the region specific to Connecticut. Proposed amendment approved.
3. **(Amd) TABLE 301.2(1), SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed revision to identify the categories per municipality in Appendix R. Proposed amendment approved.

4. **(Amd) R301.2.1 Wind limitations.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed revisions including the reference to Appendix R. Proposed amendment approved.
5. **(Del) R301.2.1.1 Design criteria.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed deletion of this section without substitution based on approval of Item 4 above. Proposed amendment approved.
6. **(Amd) R301.2.1.4 Exposure category.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed structural revisions to amend 3. Exposure C and 4. Exposure D. Proposed amendment approved.
7. **(Amd) R301.2.2.1 Determination of seismic design category.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed revisions including the reference to Appendix R. Proposed amendment approved.
8. **(Del) R301.2.2.1.1 Alternate determination of seismic design category.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed deletion of this section without substitution. Proposed deletion approved.
9. **(Del) R301.2.2.1.2 Alternate determination of Seismic Design Category E.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed deletion of this section without substitution. Proposed deletion approved.
10. **(Del) R301.2.2.4 Seismic Design Category E.** Tom DiBlasi presented the proposed deletion of this section without substitution. Proposed deletion approved.
11. **Appendix R – Wind Speeds and Seismic Design Categories.** Tom DiBlasi distributed copies of Appendix R (4 pages) for CAS review and comment. No action taken.

## 6. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 at 1:30 PM in Room 245.

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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