

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

February 11, 2009

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
 Robert Hanbury
 Donald Harwood
 Henry Miga
 Debbie Sampson
 Marjorie Shansky

Also present: Lisa Humble, OSBI
 Janet K. Ainsworth, Esq., DPS Legal Affairs
 Joe Kingston, Office of State Fire Marshal
 Jamie Howard, Environment Northeast
 Bruce Spiewak, AIA Connecticut
 Frederick Wajcs, CL&P, C&LM

The subcommittee voted to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting.

Henry Miga led a roundtable discussion on development of a green building regulation in Connecticut, within the following parameters: include all proposed requirements in the building code; develop a hierarchy from mostly achievable in a building code to a goal/proposed requirement that is difficult to quantify, more subjective to identify and may be a concept not readily or appropriately put into code language; acknowledge existing requirements outside the scope of a building code, but referenced in its administrative section; include appropriate guidelines or requirements that are related to building envelope or system.

The subcommittee discussed various sustainable design/energy conservation rating systems or standards. In its charge to develop a regulation, the subcommittee will focus on requirements applicable to subjects already regulated by the State Building Code, i.e. building envelope, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems and energy conservation, identifying appropriate editions of systems/standards to be incorporated into the State Building Code by reference.

The CAS will review the International Energy Conservation Code 2009 edition to determine how this document addresses sustainable design and if it can be used to meet the sustainable design requirements of Public Act 07-242.

Proponents of three code change proposals related to sustainable design that has been previously submitted to the Codes Amendment Subcommittee will be requested to attend the next meeting on February 25, 2009 to make presentations and answer questions.

Future topics to be discussed include sustainable design related to water, energy and indoor air quality.

The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2009 in Room 252 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Louis Free, Chair
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