

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

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

**Also present:** Lisa Humble, State Building Inspector  
David McKinley, Codes and Standards Committee  
Terry Brouwer, Office of State Fire Marshal  
Joseph Kingston, Office of State Fire Marshal  
Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, Legal Affairs  
Bruce Spiewak, AIA Connecticut and self  
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut

**3. Minutes:**

Minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting were approved.

**4. Communications:**

Communications were acknowledged, cross-referenced and referred for future review and action as required.

**5. Old Business**

There was no action with regard to old business.

**6. New Business**

An extended discussion was held concerning the need to speed up the process of reviewing the ICC family of codes. A summary of the discussion is as follows: The subcommittee has been going through the IRC section by section, which is taking a significant amount of time. Although this approach allowed identification of changes associated with a reduction in the construction fire ratings and building setbacks with the installation of residential sprinklers in one- and two-family homes and townhouses, it is not the usual process followed in past code adoption cycles and it is unnecessary with respect to the rest of the family of codes. Chairman Louis Free reported that the recommended process is to request that the Office of State Building Inspector (OSBI) and the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) assign expedited staff reviews of significant changes from previous editions of the ICC standards, identify statutory conflicts, evaluate previous Connecticut amendments and make recommendations for new amendments (i.e. where there have been many code modification requests). Coordination with the fire safety code is also part of this process. Chairman Free stated that he intends to inform Director Robert Ross that he is requesting that staff in both OSBI and OSFM be assigned to participate in this review. He indicated that reporting to the director or deputy commissioner has always been the process followed by the Codes and Standards Committee, since the committee has no authority to make or dictate staff assignments in support of the code adoption process. State Building Inspector Lisa R. Humble will report to the subcommittee at the next meeting as to the amount of time necessary for staff to accomplish this task.

Subcommittee members voted to proceed with the review described above: 1) review and identify significant changes from previous editions of the ICC standards; 2) identify statutory conflicts; 3) evaluate previous Connecticut amendments; and 4) make recommendations for new amendments. The subcommittee will accept public comment and code change proposals on the remaining family of codes between April 1 and June 1, 2011. Staff has until July 1, 2011 to submit code change proposals. Such proposals need not be in amendment form. They may be conceptual.

The subcommittee will continue reviewing IRC Chapter 3 proposals at the next meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2011 in Room 348 at 1 p.m.

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Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

**KEY:**    **ICC**    **International Code Council**  
          **IRC**    **International Residential Code**

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