

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

April 22, 2015

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 Room G8 at 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.
2. **In Attendance:** Louis Free, Chair  
John Butkus  
Henry Miga  
Michael Nero  
Michael Sinsigalli  
Fredrick Wajcs, Jr.

**Also present:** William Abbott, State Fire Marshal  
Terry Brouwer, Office of State Fire Marshal  
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector  
Daniel Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector

Dianne Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut  
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut  
Bruce Spiewak, Self & AIA Connecticut

3. **Minutes:**

No action was taken on previous meeting minutes.

4. **Communications:**

No new correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting.

5. **Old Business**

- a. The following is a status update of the OSBI/OSFM and CAS reviews for the 2012 Family of Codes:
  1. 2012 International Building Code: State Building Inspector Cassidy reported he continues to try to schedule a meeting with the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA) and that there has been no change in status from the January 7, 2015 CAS meeting related to OSBI and OPA coordination of 2012 IBC Chapter 11, Chapter 34 and ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009. The goal of the next meeting will be to

review the highlights of the accessibility code changes and that OPA appeared receptive to these code changes discussed at their initial meeting.

Dan Veronick reported that OSBI has completed the second DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT incorporating previous actions for 2012 IBC through Chapter 6. Both OSBI and OSFM have started coordinating Chapter 7 of the 2012 IBC and 2012 IFC into the second DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT.

2. ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009 Standard on Accessible & Usable Buildings and Facilities: See item 5.a.1. above.
  3. 2012 International Fire Code and Connecticut State Fire Safety Code: Terry Brouwer reported that OSFM continues to work on the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT for Part III – New Construction, Renovation, or Change of Use, Chapter 7.
- b. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-02** - Code proposal re 2012 IFC. An oral presentation was made by the proponent on 2/11/2015 related to a proposed amendment to the 2012 IFC to include 2012 IBC Chapter 4 – Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy in its entirety in the Connecticut Fire Safety Code. This chapter contains many requirements that are continually monitored by the Fire Marshal throughout the course of occupancy of the building and that can be directly referenced during an abatement process and potential court action. State Building Inspector Cassidy and State Fire Marshal Abbott joint review on how to address this code change proposal in the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT is pending. CAS action on **HOLD** pending OSFM review and comment.
  - c. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-05** - Code proposal re 2012 IFC. An oral presentation was made by the proponent on 2/11/2015 related to a proposed amendment to the 2012 IFC to include 2012 IBC Chapter 7 – Fire and Smoke Protection Features in its entirety in the Connecticut Fire Safety Code. This chapter contains many requirements that are continually monitored by the Fire Marshal throughout the course of occupancy of the building and that can be directly referenced during an abatement process and potential court action. State Building Inspector Cassidy and State Fire Marshal Abbott joint review on how to address this code change proposal in the CSFSC DRAFT CT SUPPLEMENT is pending. CAS action on **HOLD** pending OSFM review and comment.
  - d. Proposed Code Change **FM 15-06** - CSFSC 906.1, Table 906.1 and 906.2. An oral presentation was made by proponents on 4/08/2015. The proposal is requesting that 2012 IFC Section 906.1, Table 906.1

and Section 906.2 related to portable fire extinguishers not be deleted from the code. OSFM stated that the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code (CSFPC) requires portable fire extinguishers in specific locations but is not as extensive as the requirements of 2012 IFC Table 906.1 that the proponents are requesting to be maintained. The current CSFPC requirements include all occupancies, except Use Groups S-1 and S-2, outside and immediately adjacent to the entrance to all special hazardous areas except general storage areas; throughout health care occupancies including Use Groups I-1 and I-2; throughout ambulatory health care occupancies including Use group B medical occupancies; staff locations within detention and correctional occupancies including Use Group I-3; Group R-1 Bed and Breakfast establishments per the CSFSC; and where commercial cooking equipment is utilized. OSFM noted for the record that the CSFPC is a property maintenance code and not a construction code. CAS would like to see references included in the 2012 IBC and the 2012 IFC CT SUPPLEMENTS to the applicable portable fire extinguishers sections in the CSFPC.

A motion was made and second by the CAS to deny Proposed Code Change FM 15-06 and requested that OSBI and OSFM review providing "pointers" or references in the 2012 IBC and the 2012 IFC to the applicable portable fire extinguishers sections in the CSFPC. The proposed code change **FM 15-06** is rejected.

## 6. New Business

- a. Terry Brouwer provided a handout titled *Covered Mall Buildings IBC Section 402* related to smoke control in covered mall buildings. This issue to be addressed at the next CAS meeting.
- b. Terry Brouwer provided a handout titled *Review with CAS for new alternatives* with attachments titled *Enhanced 13D System* and *Current Alternative / Proposed Alternative* related to means of escape associated with OSFM's proposed amendments to Section 407 13 Small I-2 Homes. This issue to be addressed at the next CAS meeting.
- c. Dan Veronick stated that new code provisions and concepts associated with unenclosed exit access stairs are in 2012 IBC Section 712 Vertical Openings, Section 713 Shaft Enclosures, Section 1009 Stairways and Section 1021 Number of Exits and Exit Configuration. Currently, Connecticut does not allow this concept and OSBI is requesting CAS to review this at a future CAS meeting.

- d. CAS is seeking recommendations from OSFM associated with the trigger date for use of NFPA 101 under CSFSC Part IV – Existing Buildings / Occupancies and if CGS 29-292-10f requires statutory modifications. Previous discussions included the following:
- Constructed on or after December 31, 2005: CSFSC Part III – New Construction, Renovation, or Change of Use
  - Constructed before December 31, 2005: CSFSC Part IV – Existing Buildings / Occupancies

## 7. Adjournment

The next meeting of the CAS will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 in Room G38, 165 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut starting at 1:30 PM.

  
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Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY: CSFPC Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code  
CSFSC Connecticut State Fire Safety Code  
ICC International Code Council  
IBC International Building Code  
IEBC International Existing Building Code  
IECC International Energy Conservation Code  
IRC International Residential Code  
NEC National Electrical Code  
NFPA National Fire Protection Association

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