

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

April 28, 2010

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
Thomas DiBlasi
Don Harwood
Henry Miga
Andrew Rizzo
Frederick F. Wajcs

Also present: Lisa Humble, SBI
Daniel Veronick, OSBI
Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, DPS Legal Affairs
Joanne Rees, AIA CT
Bruce Spiewak, AIA CT
Jamie Howland, ENE
Patrice Gillespie, Sierra Club, Wilton Energy Comm.

3. **Minutes:** Minutes were approved for the following meetings: March 24, 2010 (as revised) and April 14, 2010.

4. **Draft Connecticut Amendments to the 2009 IECC**

This item will be taken up during the first half of the May 12, 2010 meeting.

5. **Communications**

Items (a) through (e) were noted and will be moved to old business.

6. **Old Business**

The subcommittee and the State Building Inspector voted as follows:

- a. 2 IRC: Rejected. (28 IRC) R202. Proposal would define bedroom. Designation of sleeping rooms is the prerogative of the property owner.
- b. 3 IRC: Rejected. R302.3. Requirement cannot be met with conventional framing methods.
- c. 4 IRC: Tabled. R302.5.1. Henry Miga will contact ICC to determine whether there have been any code change proposals with respect to this item.
- d. 5 IRC: Tabled. R302.14. Need Office of State Fire Marshal review; input from fire marshal members.
- e. 6 IRC: Rejected. R310.1.5. Creates more problems than solves. Could prohibit use of window air conditioners.
- f. 7 IRC: Rejected. R313.2. Would create subcategories of buildings treated differently for sprinkler requirement purposes.
- g. 8-IRC: Rejected. R612.2. Unduly restrictive of design choices.
- h. 9 IRC: Rejected. General text. Not a code issue.
- i. 10 IRC: Tabled. (24 & 25 IRC) AG 102, 106, 108. Per request of State Building Inspector during pendency of A-2-10 (A-E); substantial back-up information to be reviewed.
- j. 11 IRC: Rejected. Appendix F. Radon control. Health Department issue.
- k. 12 IRC: Accepted in concept. R313.1 (R315.1 is correct section) Will craft revised language to require CO detectors outside sleeping rooms and on each level of a dwelling with certain exceptions.
- l. 13 IRC: Rejected. R802.3.1. Problem identified was corrected in the 09 IRC.
- m. 14 IRC: Tabled. R313. Will be discussed when sprinkler discussion occurs.
- n. 15 IRC/2-IECC: Tabled. IECC 403.1. Don Harwood will research. The State Building Inspector believes should be addressed at the national level and in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy.

- o. 16 IRC/3 IECC: Tabled. IECC 403.1. Don Harwood will research. The State Building Inspector believes that should be handled the same as the previous item's recommendation.
- p. 17 IRC/6 IECC: Tabled. IECC 202, 404.2. Fred Wajcs and Don Harwood will research. The State Building Inspector believes that should be handled the same as the previous two items' recommendations.
- q. 18 IRC/7 IECC: Tabled. IECC 403.1 (irrigation controls) Atty. Janet Ainsworth to review propriety of incorporating language of CGS § 29-265b.
- r. 19 IRC/9 IECC: Tabled. IECC Tables 402.1.1 and 402.1.3. Don Harwood will research pricing. Henry Miga and William Zoeller will look at proposals to change the R-value in the building envelope. The State Building Inspector believes that this should be handled in the same way as was recommended for items n., o. and p.
- s. 20 IRC: Tabled. IECC Tables 402.1.1 and 402.1.3. Henry Miga and William Zoeller will research whether insulation requirements should be increased. The State Building Inspector believes that this should be handled in the same way as was recommended for items n., o., p. and r. Also, the present Connecticut supplement has a greater R value for a crawl space wall than this proposal.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2010 in Room 348, beginning at 1:30 p.m.¹ It will begin with the review of items IRC 21 through 28, followed by tabled items.

Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY: IECC International Energy Conservation Code
IRC International Residential Code

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¹ Meeting will start at the conclusion of the regular meeting of the Codes and Standards Committee.