

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

May 11, 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
Thomas DiBlasi
Louis Free
Robert Hanbury
Donald Harwood
John Jackman
Henry Miga
Michael Musco
Michael Sinsigalli
Frederick F. Wajcs

Also present: Lisa Humble, State Building Inspector
Dan Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector
Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, Legal Affairs
Bruce Spiewak, self and AIA Connecticut

3. **Minutes:**

Minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting will be taken up at the next meeting.

4. **Communications:**

A determination was made that no action will be taken with regard to 33-IRC as it was untimely filed.

5. **Old Business**

No action was taken with regard to old business.

6. New Business

Attorney Janet Ainsworth of Legal Affairs reported on the status of the IECC amendment, which is on the May 24, 2011 agenda of the legislative Regulation Review Committee.

Joseph Kingston of the Office of State Fire Marshal noted that there is a bill pending that would require an amendment to the fire code to mandate CO detection in schools. The bill is S.B. 5326.

William Zoeller will report on research he is conducting on R612 at the next meeting.

A draft proposal regarding 12-IRC, incorporating the language of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code with regard to carbon monoxide detection, was approved as amended. It provides for detection in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms and on each other habitable level of the dwelling unit. When this revised language is added to the fire code, the term "habitable" must be defined.

State Building Inspector Lisa R. Humble discussed a code enforcement bulletin distributed to local building officials this year regarding minimum requirements of 2006 IECC section 402.2.10, use of REScheck software to demonstrate compliance, and compliance with control provisions of Section 505 of the IECC. A particular edition of the Rescheck software is required for use with this edition.

Daniel Veronick discussed research he conducted into the apparent lack of a fenestration limitation in Chapter 4 of the IECC. The omission is deliberate so as not to prohibit glass houses. Written information from ICC staff will be shared once it becomes available.

The committee reviewed the comparison of the 2003 and 2009 IRC prepared by Mr. Veronick.

The committee acted with regard to specific recommendations for additions to the Connecticut Supplement as follows: Sections 101.1, 101.2 as amended to change "in height" to "above grade plane", 101.4.5 as amended to add "and Connecticut Fire Prevention Code"¹ and 101.4.6, pending coordination with the edition of the NEC finally selected for adoption.

¹ Mr. Kingston discussed proposed changes to the Fire Prevention Code. Coordination between the building, fire and fire prevention codes will be required.

At the next meeting, review will begin with 101.4.7.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on May 25, 2011 in Room 348 at 1:00 p.m.

Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY: **ICC** **International Code Council**
 IBC **International Building Code**
 IEBC **International Existing Building Code**
 IRC **International Residential Code**
 NEC **National Electrical Code**
 NFPA **National Fire Protection Association**

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