

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

May 13, 2009

The acting co-chairmen called to order the special 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: Donald Harwood, Acting Co-chair
Henry Miga, Acting Co-chair
John Butkus
Thomas DiBlasi
Robert Hanbury
Andrew Rizzo

Also present: Lisa Humble, OSBI
Janet K. Ainsworth, Esq., DPS Legal Affairs
John Blaschik, Jr., OSFM
Joseph Kingston, OSFM
Jamie Howland, Environment Northeast
David Maiden, Town of North Haven
Bruce Spiewak, Bruce J. Spiewak AIA Consulting
Architect LLC
Frederick Wajcs, CL&P, C&LM

The subcommittee voted to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting. The subcommittee will consider the minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting at the May 27, 2009 meeting.

The subcommittee began work on the development of a one-page document that will describe the approach to be taken to comply with the requirements of section 29-256a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The document may or may not be identified as a position statement.

As was agreed at the April 22, 2009 meeting, the code developed to meet the requirements of the statute should concentrate on energy efficiency. Consequently, it was the consensus of those present that a second amendment

to the 2005 State Building Code will be drafted to adopt the 2009 International Energy Efficiency Code and ASHRAE 90.1 – 2007. Other International Code Council (ICC) codes, such as the mechanical and plumbing codes, will be amended as necessary to avoid conflicts. Deputy State Fire Marshal John Blaschik, Jr. stated that he was opposed to adoption of the “family” of ICC codes without Connecticut amendments because of the impact on the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code (CSFSC). (The CSFSC incorporates the International Fire Code and mirrors many provisions of the International Building Code.)

Recommendations from participants that references to ratings systems should be removed from the document and that California law should be added to a comparison with New England states were accepted. The separate position statements reviewed at this meeting will be distilled into a single document for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 27, 2009 in Room 348 between 2 and 4 p.m.

/s/

Donald Harwood, Acting Co-Chair
Henry Miga, Acting Co-Chair
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