

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

May 25, 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
Andy Rizzo
Jack Butkus

Also present: Lisa Humble, State Building Inspector
Barry Rickert, Deputy State Fire Marshal
Dan Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector
Bruce Spiewak, self and AIA Connecticut

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting were approved as noted with the following revision: Under 6. New Business, Item 6, change to "Delete exemption #2 of Section R602.3.1."

Minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting were approved.

4. Communications:

A number of communications were received and no action taken with regard to the communications.

5. Old Business

No action was taken with regard to old business.

6. New Business

Deputy State Fire Marshal Barry Rickert responded to the e-mail communication from the State Building Inspector regarding identification tracking system to be utilized on current and future submitted Connecticut Fire Safety Code change proposals. Mr. Rickert indicated to proceed with the current tracking and notification system in place being used by the Office of the State Building Inspector.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Barry Rickert informed the CAS committee that he has received more written communications from the various Connecticut Fire Marshal organizations on how they want to proceed with which family of codes for the next Connecticut Fire Safety Code. Copies of these communications will be forwarded to the CAS committee for their use.

CAS Chairman Louis Free reminded the CAS committee members, the Office of the State Building Inspector and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, as a courtesy to them, they do not have to submit code change proposals on the set form. Proposals can be submitted at CAS meetings as appropriate.

State Building Inspector Humble provided the timeline for the 2009 International Existing Building Code comparison information to be shared with the CAS committee by October 12, 2011.

CAS Chairman Louis Free requested Deputy State Fire Marshal Rickert to review and investigate the required timeline to complete his work on the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and report back to the Committee as soon as possible. Deputy State Fire Marshal Rickert stated that he may wait until he has time to discuss with the yet to be appointed Commissioner of the Department of Construction Services.

CAS Chairman Louis Free reported on the status of the IECC amendment, which was on the May 24, 2011 agenda of the legislative Regulation Review Committee and was postponed. A new date and time was not yet available.

Regulation Review Committee forwarded the Legislative Commissioner's Office review comments which recommended rejection without prejudice due to concerns regarding Section 102.1. State Building Inspector provided the CAS committee with a draft proposal to change Section 102.1 language to address these concerns. The proposed language was approved with a single revision. The approved language is as follows:

*(NEW) (Amd) 102.1.1 Above code programs. The **State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee** shall be permitted to deem a national, state or local energy efficiency program to exceed the energy efficiency required by this code. Such energy efficiency program may include, but not be limited to, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Rating system, the Green Globes USA design program, as established by the Green Building Initiative, the National Green Building Standard, as established by the National Association of Home Builders, or an equivalent rating system approved in accordance with section 29-256a of the Connecticut General Statutes.*

Buildings receiving written approval in accordance with such an energy efficiency program shall be considered in compliance with this code. In addition, the requirements identified as “mandatory” in Chapters 4 or 5 of this code, as applicable, shall be met.

Fire Marshal John Jackman gave an update of the activities of the Fire Prevention Code Advisory Meeting. His discussion addressed the need to get all the research work completed prior to the 1/1/2013 sunset of the current statutory regulations establishing the dates of the reference standards. The recent May 2011 memo from Deputy State Fire Marshal Rickert was distributed inviting code change proposals along with the specific form.

CAS Chairman Louis Free requested all committee members to provide some dates that we can invite the past proponents with 2009 IRC code change proposals to come to a CAS meeting to give a verbal presentation of their changes. Members will provide calendar dates for the next meeting.

The committee reviewed the comparison of the 2003 and 2009 IRC given by the State Building Inspector.

The committee acted with regard to specific recommendations for additions to the Connecticut Supplement as follows:

2009 IRC Chapter 1 (Continued from 5/25/2011 CAS Meeting)

1. Section 101.4.7 approved
2. Section 102.5 approved as amended to delete “Appendix L – Permit Fees”. :”Appendix F – Radon Control Methods” to be addressed at a later date.

3. Section 102.7 approved.
4. Deletion of Section R103 in its entirety and replace with new Section R103 approved.
5. Sections 104.1, 104.1.1, 104.6, 104.10, 104.10.1, 104.10.2, 104.10.3 and 104.11.2 are approved.
6. Section 105.1.1 on hold pending review by Janet Ainsworth regarding OSBI interpretation in 2007 and Granite-Tech Appeal in 2008.
7. Section 105.2 Approved in principal. New to add a definition for maintenance and repair related to 25% of roofing or siding materials in one calendar year. Electrical section coordination required with adopted NEC. Confirm "600 square foot" limitation, may need to be reduced back to 200 square feet in current CT Supplement.
8. Sections 105.3.1, 105.3.1.2 and 105.5 approved.
9. Section 106.2.1 approved.

At the next CAS meeting, review will begin with Section 106.3.1 – Approval of Construction Documents.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2011 in Room 348 after the conclusion of the Codes and Standards Committee monthly meeting.

Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY:

ICC	International Code Council
IBC	International Building Code
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IRC	International Residential Code
NEC	National Electrical Code
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association