

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

September 22, 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
John Butkus
Thomas DiBlasi
John Jackman
Henry Miga
Michael Musco
Andrew Rizzo
Frederick F. Wajcs

Also present:

Lisa Humble, State Building Inspector
Dan Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector
Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, DPS Legal Affairs
Brooks Campion, self, Robinson & Cole
Diane Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut
Joanne Rees, AIA Connecticut
Bruce Spiewak, self, AIA Connecticut
John Viola, American Fire Sprinkler Association

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the August 11, 2010 meeting were approved. (The August 25, 2010 meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.)

4. Technical Assistance and Comment Re International Residential Code (IRC) R313, Residential Sprinklers:

Position statements were accepted.

5. Communications:

Communications were accepted.

6. Old Business

There was no action with regard to old business.

7. New Business

- a. The chairman and staff attorney discussed the need to modify the IECC draft to incorporate more language from Public Act 09-192. The governor's office legal staff has advised that this change be made at this time. The change will be incorporated without going back to the full committee for a vote, unless there is a request to do so. (This has been the practice in the past.) The new language will be added to IECC § 102.1.1, Above code programs.

Attorney Ainsworth also reported that the appeals decision regarding entrapment protection in pools remains pending. A number of code proposals will remain on hold until there is a final decision in the matter.

- b. The State Building Inspector presented her position on § R313 of the 2009 IRC, which requires residential sprinklers in one- and two-family homes and townhouses. The State Building Inspector recommends as option 5 that the issue be studied by a committee formed for that purpose. In the meantime, § R313.2 would be deleted from the 2009 IRC amendment to the 2005 State Building Code, and NFPA 13D added to the Appendix for use by those who wish to install residential sprinklers voluntarily.
- c. An extensive discussion followed the State Building Inspector's presentation. The committee and the State Building Inspector voted to remove options 1 and 4 from consideration. They are: 1) Adopt the language of § R313 without change; and 4) delete the section without substitution. A motion to adopt option 3 (add construction requirements, while providing sprinklers as an option or alternative compliance) and option 5 was withdrawn by its proponent. The State Building Inspector indicated that she did not support any of the four options the subcommittee presented. The subcommittee will vote on the remaining options at the next meeting.
- d. The subcommittee will review research assignments at the next meeting and draft language incorporating certain PA 09-192 requirements into the 2009 IECC. It will also address residential sprinklers, including the review of draft language.

8. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2010 in Room 348, beginning at the earlier of 1:30 p.m. or the close of the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Codes and Standards Committee.

Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

KEY: **IECC** **International Energy Conservation Code**
 IRC **International Residential Code**
 NFPA **National Fire Protection Association**

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