

## C&S STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2024

The Chair called to order the regular meeting of the State Codes & Standards Committee at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held online using a Teams format.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

### In Attendance:

Anthony Bruno, Health  
John Butkus, AIA, Architect  
Johnny Carrier, P.E., **C&S Chair**  
Anthony Cinicola, Building Official  
Paul Costello, Labor Trades - **absent**  
Hank Cullinane, HVAC Member - **absent**  
Terry Deveney, Building / Non-Residential  
Thomas DiBlasi, P.E., Structural Engineer Member  
Donald Doeg, Esq, Public Member  
Keith Flood, Fire Marshal  
Louis Free, Architect, **CAS Chair**,  
Donald Harwood, Public Member - **absent**  
David McKinley, Advocacy  
Henry Miga, Building Official  
Tim Mikloiche, Electrical Contractor  
Mike Musco, P.E. Electrical Engineer  
Ilona Prosol, P.E., **C&S Vice Chair**, Fire Protection Engineer  
Mike Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal  
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor - **absent**  
Fred Wajcs, Jr., **C&S Secretary**, Public Member  
William Zoeller, Energy Efficiency

### Also Present:

Omarys Vasquez, AIA, NOMA, State Building Inspector - **Event**  
Anne Peterson, DAS/Legal  
Rebecca Tamborra, DAS/Legal  
William Abbott, State Fire Marshal – **NFPA**  
David Woods, OSFM-Fire & Life Safety Supervisor - **NFPA**  
Bethy Guiles, DAS/OSBI/C&S – Admin  
Joseph Duval, OSFM-Fire & Life Safety Specialist  
Kimberly Rogers-OSBI, Manager Technical Services - **Event**  
Michael Fuschi, OSBI, Supervisor

### PUBLIC:

Joel's AI Notetaker; Michael Barker, Shane Grant, NEEP

### 1) MINUTES

- a) A motion (MS) was made and seconded (LF) to accept the minutes of the **August 14, 2024**, meeting minutes. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

## 2) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) **A-24-16** Request for appeal received 8/17/24 from Ashley Dougherty RE: [51 Prospect Ridge #12, Ridgefield, CT 06877] appeal of Ridgefield Fire Marshal RE: Fire Safet Code 7.1.10.2.1 Furnishings and Decorations in Means of Egress. **Referred to OSFM.**

## 3) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free)** – We will hear presentation by the Residential Workgroup on the 2024 IRC Chapters 2-3 Dependencies Reference Standards. There's potential we will hear on the 2024 International Swimming Pool & Spa code. In addition to that, OSBI in addition to myself have now issued a revised schedule for the adoption of the new code now that the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code has officially been published...looking at the 18 months statutory requirement that we adopt the code from the publishing of that code was the last one to be published. We are looking to have a “draft” code for subcommittee review 1/22/25 and would be presented to the full C&S Committee at the 2/5/25 meeting for approval. We are looking to adopt the code no later than 2/14/26.
- b) **Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood)** – No report.

## 4) OLD BUSINESS

### **Complaint Process Abbreviations – be careful with use of terminology**

C&S: Codes & Standards Committee  
CAC: Complaint Assessment Committee  
CP: Compliance Panel  
HP: Hearing Panel

## 5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Report
  - i) **Omarys Vasquez, State Building Inspector** – no report
  - ii) **William Abbott, State Fire Marshal/David Woods** – no report
  - iii) **Anne Peterson/Rebecca Tamborra, Staff Counsel** – no report
- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli)** – In process of setting up a meeting.
- c) **Training Councils**
  - i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco)** – no report
  - ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood)** – no report
- d) **Report on Bills (Vasquez)** – No report

**6) APPEALS/COMPLAINTS**

- a) **C-22-02** Complaint regarding Town of Chester, Richard Leighton, Building Inspector & Fire Marshal. This is in reference to the building permits issued for buildings located RE: [189-191 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT] received 5/3/22 from Mr. Thomas A. Gribbin A.I.A Noyes Vogt Architects. Referred to OSBI for investigation; report submitted to Committee. Panel assigned (CP): Donald Harwood, Lou Free, Henry Miga. Admin received notarized complaint form on 10/12/23. Compliance conference held on 4/11/24 and recommendation sent to full Committee. Matter will proceed to formal hearing. **Hearing Panel assigned:** David McKinley, Don Doeg, Johnny Carrier, Jack Butkus, Alternate. Hearing scheduled: 10/3/24 – 9:00 a.m. **Hold on agenda.**
- b) **A-23-18** Request for Appeal received from Attorney Majorie Shansky 11/14/23 RE: [198 Commerce Street, East Haven, CT] of East Haven Fire Marshal, C.G.S. Section 29-309. Abatement Order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards – change of use. Refer to OSFM. Onsite inspection to be scheduled once Appellant receives report from hired code consultant. As of 5/9/24 OSFM received no response from Appellant. **Hold on agenda.**
- c) **A-23-20** Request for appeal received from Ike Uzoka on 12/16/23 RE: **[48 Kimball Drive, New Britain, CT]** Richardson Masson, Fire Inspector/New Britain Fire Marshal - Abatement Order of Fire/Life Safety Hazards. Referred to OSFM for investigation. OSFM report submitted to Committee on 4/3/24. **Panel assigned:** Mike Sinsigalli, Chair; Tim Mikloiche, Panel; Keith Flood, Panel; Hank Cullinane, Alternate. Confirmed hearing date: 5/1/24. Appellant requested hearing to be rescheduled. Re-scheduled hearing held (5/15/24). Appellant to submit brief by June 17, 2024, close of business. Brief received 6/10/24. Deliberations held: Monday, July 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Final decision to be mailed out in 90 days (10/1/24). Final decision was mailed out. **Remove from agenda.**
- d) **A-24-05** Request for appeal received 4/17/24 from James Casali, JNC Contracting Associates, LLC RE: [12 Keplers Way, New Fairfield, CT 06812] OSBI denial to allow the installation of a new furnace in a crawl space without providing access large enough for replacement within a newly construction single-family dwelling. **Panel assigned:** Terry Deveney, Chair; Timothy Mikloiche, Panel; Hank Cullinane, Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing held: May 30, 2024. Final decision will be mailed out in 90 days (8/30/24). **Hold on agenda.**
- e) **A-24-07** Request for appeal received 4/26/24 from Attorney Jeffrey Weisman (Chaim Kirshner-Appellant) Weisman Law Firm, LLC RE: [Woodtick Crossing LLC, Waterbury, CT] (multiple properties) CSFSC 2022 and CSFPC 2022 Violations (Brian Danby, Inspector). Referred to Office of State Fire Marshal and Staff Counsel (Ann Peterson). Referred to Office of State Fire Marshal and Staff Counsel (Ann Peterson). **Resolved. Remove from agenda.**
- f) **A-24-10** Request for Appeal received 5/23/24 from Steven Montgomery, Partner Lewis Brisbois RE: [422 Sport Hill Road, Easton, CT] appeal of a determination made by Peter Howard, the Town of Easton Building Inspector, to issue a Certificate of Occupancy for

an indoor equestrian riding arena. **Panel assigned:** Lou Free, Chair; Anthony Cinicola, Panel; Tim Mikloiche, Panel; Jack Butkus, Alternate. Admin to coordinate meeting with assigned panel members and OSBI for review. Meeting scheduled Thursday, 8/22/24 – 9am. Staff Counsel/OSBI will follow up with Appellant. **Hold on agenda.**

- g) **A-24-11** Request for appeal received 6/12/24 from Joan Krajewski, Owner RE: [310 Hart Road, Guilford, CT] appeal of determination made on 11/9/22 by Kimberly Norman-Rosedam, Guilford Building Official RE: 29-265 (C) and Public Act 17-176. Relief Appellant is requesting is a final inspection and a certificate of occupancy. Referred to OSBI for review. **Currently in review with OSBI. Hold on agenda.**
- h) **A-24-12** Request for appeal received 7/17/24 from Joseph P. Mortelliti, Esq., Cramer & Anderson LLP/Sean Gargamelli-McCreight, Amistad Catholic Workers, LLC RE: Amistad Catholic Workers LLC/Mark Colville RE: [203 Rosette Street, New Haven, CT] appeal determination made on 7/15/24 by Robert Dillon, Building Official. Panel Assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; David McKinley, Panel; William Zoeller, Panel; Donald Harwood, Alternate. **Hearing date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- i) **A-24-13** Request for appeal received 7/22/24 from Thomas Marron RE: [32 High Street, Middletown, CT] appeal of the State Fire Marshal decision Fire Safety Code Section(s): 2022 CSFSC, Part IV. Section 8.3.3.2.2 and Table 8.3.3.2.2. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Ilona Prosol, Panel; Donald Harwood, Panel; Mike Sinsigalli, Alternate. **Hearing date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**
- j) **A-24-14** Request for appeal received 7/31/24 from Steve Edelman RE: [50 Machine Shop Hill Road, South Windham, CT] “No decision or notice of failure from James Rivers/Board of Appeals. Relief requesting - void building official 8/7/23 Section 116 [sic] unsafe structure notice (purported) for due process deprivation resulting from municipal refusal to fill a vacant board of appeals despite having qualified candidates and for refusal to acknowledge failure to make such appointments. Referred to Staff Counsel Anne Peterson. **Panel assigned: Terry Deveney, Chair; Tim Mikloiche, Panel, Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Henry Miga (Alternate).** **Amin schedule hearing**
- k) **A-24-15** Request for appeal received 8/2/24 from Tommy Dowdle, ARCO/Murray RE: [400 Frontage Road, West Haven, CT] State Building Inspector’s denial to allow the visual notification appliances used for fire alarm signaling to be green instead of clear or normal white is based on the fact that no hardship has been demonstrated precluding code compliance, no equivalent method of compliance has been proposed and the requirements of the code have not been adjudged unwarranted. **Panel assigned:** Ilona Prosol, Chair; Lou Free, Panel; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Tim Mikloiche, Alternate. **Hearing date: Monday, September 30, 2024 – 11:00 a.m. Hold on agenda.**

7). **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The C&S Chair requested a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11/2021.

The next Codes and Standards Committee is set for **Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (online or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting (SEE TEAMS LINK ON NEXT PAGE FOR ENTERING MEETING).

8). **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion (LF) was made and seconded (MS) to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

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**Johnny Carrier, P.E., C&S Chair**  
**Connecticut State Codes & Standard Committee**  
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