STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)
Agenda, Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 1:00 p.m. (Teams-online)
[Instructions for attending the meeting can be found as an attachment of the agenda]

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) ATTENDANCE

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE December 11, 2024, MEETING

4) COMMUNICATIONS:

SUBJECT & DATE RECEIVED	FROM	DESCRIPTION
a. Correspondence received 12/16/24	**David Dutton**	**C-24-01 - Complaint against Al Torromeo (City of Hartford Building Official)**

5) <u>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS</u>
a) Codes Amendment Subcommittee – (L. Free)
b) Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee – (D. Harwood)

6) <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>
None

7) <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>
a) Staff Report
i) Omarys Vasquez, State Building Inspector
ii) Lauri Volkert, State Fire Marshal
iii) Anne Peterson/Rebecca Tamborra, Staff Counsel

b) Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee – (D. Harwood & M. Sinsigalli)
c) Training Councils:
i) Building Code Training Council – (M. Musco)
ii) Fire Marshal Training Council – (D. Harwood)

d) Report on Bills – (O. Vasquez)

8) <u>APPEALS/COMPLAINTS</u>
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. Compliance Panel assigned: Donald Harwood, Lou Free, Henry Miga. Notarized complaint form received 10/12/23. Compliance conference held 4/11/24. Recommendation sent to full Committee. Matter to proceed with formal hearing. Hearing Panel assigned: David McKinley, Don Doeg, Johnny Carrier, Jack Butkus, Alternate. Hearing held 10/3/24. Briefs due October 18, 2024, by 12pm noon. Deliberations held October 24, 2024. **Decision to be sent within 90 days. 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. **Status letter sent to all parties on 10/31/24 and on 12/26/2024. .**

c) **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. Staff Counsel/OSBI will follow up with Appellant. OSBI ongoing investigation. **Hearing scheduled 1/7/25.**

d) **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. **Hearing notice to be sent.**

e) **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 held Sept. 24, 2024. Briefs due Oct. 22, 2024. Deliberations held Oct. 23, 2024. **Decision to be sent within 90 days. Hold on Agenda.**

f) **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 held October 8, 2024. **Decision to be sent within 90 days. Hold on Agenda.**

g) **A-24-14** Request for appeal received 7/31/24 from Steve Edelman RE: [50 Machine Shop Hill

Road, South Windham, CT] Appealing municipal failure to fill board of appeals. "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. Panel assigned: Terry Deveney, Chair; Tim Mikloiche, Panel, Fred Wajcs, Jr., Panel; Henry Miga (Alternate). **Hearing notice to be sent.**

h) **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 held: September 30, 2024. **Decision to be sent within 90 days.**

i) **A-24-18** Request for appeal received from Hanna Szarwacki RE: [39 Middle Ave. Shelton, CT] Appeal of the decision of the Seymour Building Official James Baldwin. Relief requested – certificate of occupancy; third party inspection to determine if property is habitable; change of use and building code violations review. Referred to OSBI for review. **Hearing notice to be sent.**

j) **A 24-19** Request for appeal received from Paul Bourque RE: [117 Bridge Street, Willimantic, CT 06226] determination made by David Woods, SFM on 08-27-24. **Panel assigned: Mike Sinsigalli (Chair), Terry Deveney, Fred Wajcs and Alternate: Paul Costello. Admin. to coordinate meeting with assigned panel members.**

k) **A-24-20** Request for appeal received from Thomas Cronin RE: [824 Marshall Phelps Road, Windsor, CT 06095] Request for Appeal received 11-20-24 RE: determination made by Jeffrey Kertanis, SBI **Panel assigned: Keith Flood (Chair), Mike Sinsigalli, Donald Harwood, Timothy Mikloiche (alternate).**

9) <u>GOOD OF THE ORDER</u>

Appointments/Elections began on January 1, 2025. Request was made for members for 2025. Meeting format (online or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting (SEE TEAMS LINK ON NEXT PAGE FOR ENTERING MEETING).

The next Codes and Standards Committee Meeting is set for **Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 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).

10) <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Codes and Standards Committee
January 2025 - December 2025

OVERVIEW

The regularly scheduled meetings of the Codes and Standards Committee and the Codes Amendment Subcommittee will be held online using Microsoft Teams.

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