

State Codes and Standards Committee  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee  
Minutes

October 13, 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  
Thomas DiBlasi  
Robert Hanbury  
Donald Harwood  
John Jackman  
Henry Miga  
Michael Musco  
Andrew Rizzo  
Frederick F. Wajcs  
William Zoeller

**Also present:** Robert Ross, Director, Division of Fire, Emergency & Building Services  
Lisa Humble, State Building Inspector  
Dan Veronick, Office of State Building Inspector  
Atty. Janet K. Ainsworth, Legal Affairs  
Brooks Campion, self, Robinson & Cole  
Diane Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut  
Bruce Spiewak, self, AIA Connecticut  
John Viola, American Fire Sprinkler Association

- 3. Minutes:**

Minutes of the September 22, 2010 meeting were approved.

- 4. Communications:**

Communications were accepted.

## 5. Old Business

There was no action with regard to old business.

## 6. New Business

- a. The subcommittee voted to accept additional language to be incorporated into the IECC draft regarding the requirements of Public Act 09-192. The draft will be revised to reference energy efficiency programs/ratings systems in Section 102.1.1, *Above code programs*.
- b. The subcommittee voted<sup>1</sup> to accept Option # 5 offered by the State Building Inspector regarding residential sprinklers in one and two-family homes and townhouses. The proposal provided that the subcommittee would create a separate committee charged with researching the various issues associated with mandating residential sprinklers in these occupancies. In the meantime, 2009 IRC § R313 will be deleted from what will be an amendment to the 2005 State Building Code, and NFPA 13D will be added to the appendix of that amendment. (By adding it to the appendix, the standard will be applicable to voluntary installations.) After completion of its review of the remainder of the 2009 ICC family of codes, the subcommittee may then revisit the sprinkler issue and incorporate it into the building code during the next code cycle.<sup>2</sup>

Director Ross offered to coordinate membership and chair a study group to serve as the committee recommended by the State Building Inspector. The chairman accepted this offer, as the subcommittee is busy developing two amendments to the 2005 State Building Code, followed by review of the 2009 family of ICC codes, development of a Connecticut Amendment to the entire family of ICC codes and the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code, all in the next 18 months to two years. At the next meeting, Director Ross will submit a proposed list of organizations to participate in the study.

- c. Review of research assignments comparing the 2003 IRC to the 2009 IRC will begin at the next meeting with chapters 1 and 2.

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<sup>1</sup> The vote was 8-2 in favor. Members Jackman and Sinsigalli, fire marshal representatives, voted in opposition.

<sup>2</sup> Subcommittee member Harwood opined that it might be two code cycles before the issue is fully explored.

**6. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2010 in Room 348, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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Louis Free, Chair  
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

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

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