

Code Conflict Council - Minutes 1/16/14

Attending:

John Chartier – State Fire Marshal – Co-Chair

Shawn Egan – Chief Elevator Inspector - DLT

John Sinnot – Gilbane – General Contractors

Roger Peters – Robinson & Cole – Attorney Bld. & Construction

Len Bradley – Deprite Eng. – Environmental Engineer

Frank Silvia - Capt. Fire Prevention Prov. – League of City & Town

**Derrick Pelletier – Dept. Regulatory Reform Nancy Sm. Buss.
Ombudsmen**

Bob Thurber – Capt. Fire Prevention - RI Firefighters Assoc.

Cyndi Gerlach – RGB – AIA RI

Steve Olsen - Olsen Eng. – Structural Eng. Assoc.

Wayne Pimental – Bldg Official town EG – League of City & Town

Eric Wishart – Structural Eng. – RI Builders Assoc.

Scott Bateson – Van Anthony – DLT

Not in Attendance

John Leyden – Building Code Commissioner – Co-Chair

Virginia Hess – RI Historical Commission

Open @ 1:05

Co- Chair Chartier – gave the members information about the purpose of the council – timeframes required by legislature – put forward to council how do they want to proceed.

Discussion by the group on the following

- **Timely consistent reviews, codes consistency through all the cities and towns to make it easier to do business in the state**

- **Use of rehab code more often**

- **Training for contractors, architects, ADSFM etc on a regular basis, there is a 21% fee charged that goes into the general fund of the state they would like these funds to be in a restricted receipt account so it can be used for training purposes.**

- **They would like to try to find one family of codes for building, fire, rehab, elevator, etc.**

- **It was agreed that it should be taken to the legislature that funding needs to be put in for Bldg, Fire, etc. to receive and put on training for architects, builders, etc.**

- **It was agreed by the group that it should be mandated that all cities and towns in the state should all be on the same e-permitting software to allow consistency, visibility and ease of doing business in**

the state.

- **Representative from General Contractors to bring back to next meeting with info as to what states they have worked in that the codes were not conflicting.**
- **Agreed to have legislature have environmental codes, CRMC, DEM, etc. to put in for timelines to be met for permits needed from these agencies to create ease of doing business in the state.**
- **Council to come back in your area of expertise to identify section of code you want to look at and pull out the conflicts you see, meet every 2 weeks and come with resolution. Co-Chair Chartier to put in final for March meeting to confirm with council and have proposal to legislature by March 31st telling them what we want them to do about them.**

Motion was made by co-chair to adjourn and at 2:10 all agreed as well as to meet again on 1/30/14 at the State Fire Marshal's Office at 1:00.