

**The next Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on
October 21, 2004 in Conference Room B
at the
Powers Administration Building,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

556th Meeting 1:00 p.m. October 21, 2004

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Appeals**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**
- 4. Correspondence.**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Legislation**
- 7. Old Business.**
- 8. New Business.**
- 9. Adjourn**

New Appeals: None

555th Meeting October 7, 2004

1. Mr. Carlson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. There were no appeals heard at this meeting.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Gagnon. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence:

a. Waiver of Permit Fees for Fort Adams

Upon further discussion with the applicant, the applicant has chosen to withdraw this request for a permit fee waiver.

b. Letter Regarding Code Coordination

Mr. Carlson said he received the October 1, 2004 report from Mr. Coffey, Executive Secretary of the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Building and Structures Board regarding Building Code and Fire Code coordination. Copies of the letter are enclosed along with the Minutes. The letter included recommendations of overall goals and Mr. Carlson read them into the record. Mr. Carlson complimented the Board on a good job in identifying problems. Mr. Carlson said he would like to identify the means and methods of getting to a resolution and the subcommittees should be involved in this effort.

There were recommendations on possible action items that may require full Committee action or coordinated subcommittee action. Mr. Coffey said there are 4 national codes now—2 fire codes and 2 building codes but would like to change that and use only 2 codes utilizing the blanket variance process. Mr. Carlson suggested we act on a blanket variance at the next meeting. Mr. DeDentro will prepare a draft for the November 4th meeting.

Mr. Carlson suggested that Subcommittee Chairs go through both codes and review the concepts of differences. Mr. DeDentro said he will do the cross-references on the ICC basis and go to the individual chapter chairman and let them know what has changed in their chapter. Mr. Coffey said that he has two documents showing the differences; one document he received from Mr. Hawthorne and another document which was discussed by the Connecticut Building Official. It was suggested that we get a copy of the Connecticut document. Mr. Turner suggested the idea of a consolidated description of the building code and a road map for how to use the codes.

Mr. Carlson said the only item not discussed in the Rehab letter is the RI Fire Alarm Code which is not a national standard. Mr. Coffey said he is having a meeting next week to discuss this standard and will give his draft proposals to Mr. Carlson.

Mr. Carlson said he would talk to Mr. Farrell as to whether or not

committees should be brought together in a joint meeting. There was also discussion on making recommendations for education for building officials. There was a question if we should change the State Law regarding qualifications for building officials. Mr. Carlson said Rep. Trillo has called another meeting of the legislators on October 21, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Coffey suggested we file joint legislation on January or February on the restructure of qualifications of building officials. Mr. Carlson will talk to Rep. Trillo and to see if we can get on the agenda for the October 21st meeting and some committee members could testify. Mr. Carlson requested that there be good attendance at our next Committee meeting on October 21st, especially attendance of the Committee Chairs.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. Maloney said the Certification Subcommittee met and interviewed one person and certified 2 building officials as certified eligible.

Mr. Ducharme - Certified Eligible Building Official – He is employed by the state at the Building Code Commission, was previously certified as Building Code Official and wishes to maintain that status.

Mr. Saccoccio – Certified Eligible Building Official – He is employed by the state at the Contractors' Registration Board, was previously

certified as a Building Code Official and wishes to maintain that status.

Mr. Ricci – Certified Eligible Building Official – He is employed by the state at the Contractors' Registration Board, was previously certified and wishes to remain in the program.

Mr. Maloney said that the following people met the qualifications for electrical inspectors:

Mr. Lewis – appointed as Electrical Inspector, part time in E. Providence

Mr. Michalski – appointed as Electrical Inspector in E. Providence

Mr. Maloney motioned to approve the above recommendations. Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the appointments.

Mr. DeDentro also informed the Committee that Mr. DiFusco had previously received status for Certified Eligible Building Official and the Board granted it to him. He was offered a position with the Contractors' Registration Board and is presently working and is an active state employee. This requires no action from the Committee.

Mr. DeDentro said several meetings ago a certification issue needed

clarification. At the direction of the Committee he wrote a memo to all certified eligible code officials who participate in the continuing education program. The memo states that once you are deemed Certified Eligible as either a building official or in any of the inspection categories, you are entered into the Continuing Education Program, and if you fail to meet your designated hourly requirements of your cycle, you are removed from the list of Certified Eligible and must retake the Certification Course and be re-interviewed. An individual may contest this and come before the Appeal Board. Mr. Coffey suggested that this should be incorporated into memo.

b. Nominating Committee

Mr. Carlson said he will appoint a Nominating Committee and report back at the next Board meeting.

c. Update on Ad hoc Committees

Mr. DeDentro said on January 16th he sent a memo on behalf of Chairman Carlson who created six ad hoc committees: Minimum Housing – Mr. Gagnon Chairs this committee and this is a legislative mandate; LNG Committee – Mr. Wahlberg has been following the progress of the LNG facility; Special Inspection Implementation – Mr. Davey and others are working on this; Building Code/Fire Code Coordination – this is on-going; Elevator Code Coordination and By Law Review – has been started but nothing has been done with this

as of this date. Mr. DeBlois said he will begin meetings to reactivate By Law review.

d. Conflict with Building Codes and Health Dept. Codes

Mr. DeDentro said he has found a conflict of DOH licensing regarding fencing surrounding swimming pools. The Building Code requires a 4' fence and the Health Department requires a 6' fence. He said there are other agencies which are in conflict with Building Codes and he will talk to them regarding coordination.

6. Legislation:

a. Mr. DeDentro said changes to Article 1 will have to be done this year. He said Chapter 1 should begin work soon and hopes within the next two months committee work will be active. Mr. DeDentro said the 2005 NEC is available in print and he will call Mr. Gaskell to get the Committee back together. He explained that our Electrical Inspector went to a seminar in New York and acquired changes on PowerPoint. Mr. Raimbeault, our Electrical Inspector, will be at the subcommittee meeting. Mr. DeDentro said there is an expected adoption date of July 1, 2005. He also said there are other subcommittees which should begin review, such as inspection of schools and manufactured home tie downs.

7. Old Business:

a. Expires Variances

Mr. Carlson asked Mr. DeDentro if there were any pending variances. Mr. DeDentro said there is only one on-going at Kent County Courthouse with an issue about concrete. He said we will also look into a time variance at the Johnston Computer Center.

b. Errata

Mr. DeDentro said Mr. Ducharme is reviewing errata. There are no substantial changes on any I Codes which we have adopted. The National Electric Code is still under review. Mr. Ducharme will meet with the various Committee Chairmen and show them where the changes exist.

8. New Business:

a. Annual Meeting

Mr. Carlson said that the annual meeting is on November 18, 2004 at Chelo's in Warwick at 12:00 noon.

b. Association General Contractors

Mr. Turner said that he heard from Mr. Anderson from the Association

of General Contractors, that their meeting agenda is to streamline building regulatory process. He wanted to know if the Committee should do anything.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Standards Committee

Members Present: J. Carlson, B. Davey, S. Turner, R. DeBlois, D. Gagnon, D. Newbrook, G. Preiss, J. Maloney, J. Pagliaro, M. Stoeckel.

Staff Members Present: D. DeDentro, E. Gordon, T. Coffey, W. Ducharme

Members Absent: R. Brown, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, A. Durand, J.

Gaskell, W. Howe, R. Stillings, P. DePace, L. Gemma, F. Montanaro, M. Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, R. Wahlberg.

Staff Members Absent: None

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