

**The Building Code Standards Committee Annual meeting will be on  
November 18, 2004  
at  
Chelo's Restaurant in Warwick**

**558th Meeting 12:00 noon. November 18, 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**

**557th Meeting November 4, 2004**

- 1. Mr. Carlson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.**
- 2. Appeal #04-22 1480 South County Trail, East Greenwich, was withdrawn without prejudice.**

**Appeal #04-23 1670 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, has been postponed until December 2nd meeting at the request of the appellant.**

**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. Letter from Earth Friendly Homes**

**Mr. DeDentro said he received a letter from a builder, Mr. Chew from Earth Friendly Homes, requesting that changes be made to the Rhode Island One & Two Family Dwelling Code regarding isolated solar sunspace. It was recommended that this communication be referred to the Energy Code Committee. Mr. Brown motioned that the communication be sent to all Board members. Mr. Newbrook seconded motion. All were in favor.**

**b. Arc-Fault Protection/Smoke Alarms Memo**

**Mr. DeDentro answered a memo sent to Mr. Coffey from Mr. Burlingame who is the committee chairman on fire alarms. The issue is an omission or conflict between NFPA 72 and NFPA 70. It deals with smoke detectors on AFCI protected circuits. Mr. DeDentro said he has asked his electrical inspector to contact NFPA to see if the omission was intentional and if they will issue a TIA. He said he forwarded the request to NFPA to see what their position is before either board proposes any amendments.**

#### **c. Blanket Variance 04-23**

**Mr. DeDentro said he received a copy of a Fire Code Board of Appeals blanket variance, 04-23. Blanket Variance 04-23 eliminates reference to the NFPA 5000, and Mr. Coffey explained their reason for doing this blanket variance. There was recommendation that the Building Code Standards Committee also adopt a blanket variance similar to that issued by the Fire Board. Mr. Newbrook motioned that we adopt the same blanket variance as the Fire Board with changes as appropriate for the Building Code Standards Committee. Mr. Pagliaro seconded motion. Under discussion, Mr. Coffey suggested that we address this by the next code cycle. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Turner motioned in the upcoming code revision cycle of the I codes that they be reviewed by reference to the IFC and wherever possible**

**the specific reference in the RI Fire codes be provided in a blue page. Mr. Newbrook seconded motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **d. Rehab Code Committee**

**Mr. Carlson said that Mr. Farrell has appointed three members to the Rehab Code Committee for the coordination of code changes. Mr. Carlson will appoint three members. He said that a 4th member, acceptable to both parties, will also be appointed. The Subcommittee will select a chairman.**

### **5. Committee Reports:**

#### **a. Certification Subcommittee**

**The Certification Subcommittee met to review three applicants' request for certification. Mr. Maloney motioned to approve two state employees of the State Building Code Commission requesting to be certified as Certified Eligible Building Officials. They are: Mr. Alfred Cocce and Mr. Joseph Lewis. He also motioned to approve Mr. John "Jack" Leyden as Building Official for the town of North Kingstown. Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

#### **b. Nomination Committee**

**Mr. Gagnon said the Nominating Committee met and elected the following officers:**

**Mr. Robert DeBlois, Chairman**

**Mr. William Howe, Vice Chairman**

**Executive Officers**

**Mr. Dana Newbrook**

**Mr. John Maloney**

**Mr. Stephen Turner**

#### **c. Mechanical Committee**

**Mr. Turner said the Mechanical Committee met and made recommendations for approval for a new material for a product called FlameBar which is a fire-rated duct for HVAC systems. Mr. Turner commended Mr. Cowen, Building Commission staff employee, for a job well done. Mr. Turner said he has prepared a draft to staff, and the Approval Report will be submitted at the next meeting.**

#### **d. Property Maintenance Code**

**Mr. Gagnon said he is working on coordinating the existing**

**Occupancy Code with the International Property Maintenance Code. He said he will contact the Committee members and have a meeting by the end of this month. He has contacted Mr. Tebbets and requested a CD and a copy of the 2003 Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Gagnon said there are also some issues regarding lead which are of particular interest to Ms. Stoeckel.**

**6. Legislation: None**

**7. Old Business:**

**a. Tech Note**

**Mr. Newbrook said copies of Tech Note 81-01 (2001-01) were distributed with the Minutes. The Committee discussed the content of the Tech Note. All were in agreement that it should be rewritten to make it more simplified. Mr. Turner suggested clarification of sub-specialties.**

**b. Annual Meeting**

**Mr. Carlson reminded the Board members that the annual meeting will be on November 18, 2004 at Chelo's Restaurant in Warwick at 12:00 noon.**

**8. New Business: None**

## **9. Adjourn:**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Turner the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Daniel R. DeDentro  
Executive Secretary**

### **Building Code Board of Appeals**

**Members Present: R. Brown, J. Carlson, S. Turner, R. Stillings, D. Gagnon, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, G. Preiss, J. Maloney, J. Pagliaro.**

**Members Absent: B. Davey, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, A. Durand, R. DeBlois, J. Gaskell, P. DePace, L. Gemma, F. Montanaro, M. Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, M. Stoeckel, R. Wahlberg.**

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

**Staff Members Absent: None**

### **Building Code Standards Committee**

**Members Present: R. Brown, J. Carlson, S. Turner, R. Stillings, D.**

**Gagnon, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, G. Preiss, J. Maloney, J. Pagliaro.**  
**Members Absent: B. Davey, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, A. Durand, R.**  
**DeBlois, J. Gaskell, P. DePace, L. Gemma, F. Montanaro, M.**  
**Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, M. Stoeckel, R. Wahlberg.**

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

**Staff Members Absent: None**

**The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday November 18,**  
**2004 at 12 noon at Chelo's Restaurant, Warwick, RI.**