

**The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be
on
April 7, 2005 in Conference Room B
At the
Powers Administration Building
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

566th Meeting 1:00 p.m.. April 7, 2005

- 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: 05-05 RI E 9-1-1

1951 Smith Street

North Providence

565th Meeting March 17, 2005

- 1. Mr. Howe, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.**
- 2. Appeal 05-04, 35 Pierce Street, East Greenwich approved with conditions – see decision.**

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

a. Mr. DeDentro introduced Mr. Gil Moniz, NEMA Field Representative for National Electrical Manufacturers Association who worked with the subcommittee for the NEC 2005 review.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Committee Reports:

a. Ad hoc Committee for Fire Code and Building Code Coordination

Mr. Carlson made a motion to adopt the following and send a letter to the appropriate legislators requesting their support:

Business licenses be tied to appropriate certificate of occupancy and include certain specific occupancies.

Building Code Section 23-27.3-108.2 for surcharge for building permit applications revert back to training as it was originally intended.

Merge both Boards – so that there is one place for consistent variances.

Follow the national standards fire code adoption.

Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Turner suggested that this committee support the non-controversial issues. Mr. Howe said we have identified the issues and this committee should meet with Mr. Payne to discuss these issues with him further. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Ad hoc Committee for Universal Plan Reviews

Mr. DeDentro said the ad hoc Committee for Universal Plan Review Approval and Mr. Baldwin, RI Builders Association, met earlier today. There was also discussion of consideration of a universal smoke detector approval. Mr. DeDentro said Mr. Baldwin will coordinate a meeting with Mr. Owens, the State Fire Marshal, and Mr. DeDentro. Mr. DeDentro said that Mr. Baldwin and RI Builders will probably submit their own legislation.

c. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said the Certification Subcommittee did not meet but he has the following announcements:

Mr. Victor Caetano – He has requested to step down to Alternate Building Official for the Town of Johnston.

Mr. Roger Pierce – New Building Official for the Town of Johnston – there is no interview necessary.

Mr. Richard Case – He had been interviewed by Building Code Standards Committee as Certified Eligible Building Inspector in November 2002. He has been acting as Building Inspector in Cranston and has received an official letter of appointment.

6. Legislation:

Mr. DeDentro said he has submitted the following position papers for the following bills:

H6083 – Created a new category of building inspector called “Carpentry Inspector” – Strongly opposed.

H6010 – Created a new RIDLT licensing category called “Journeyman Carpenter” – No position.

S0752 – Companion Bill to H6010

H6142 – This bill amended the statutory responsibility of the Committee to put the International Residential Code SBC 2 to apply to three family dwellings as well as the one and two family “to be consistent with the Fire Safety Code” – Mr. DeDentro wrote a letter in

opposition.

S0496 – This bill would delete the restriction limiting the Contractors' Registration Board's oversight to apartment buildings of four units or less. – No position.

H6009 – Companion bill to S0496.

H5111 – This bill would exempt property owners of three family or less from compliance to the lead mitigation law. No position.

H5112 – This bill would exempt vacation property owners who rent their homes for fewer than 90 days per year from compliance with lead mitigation.

- No position.

H6215 – This bill attempts to force a local building official to issue a building permit within fifteen days of filing, or risk losing permit fee revenue as a penalty. Oppose.

H6147 – This bill would delete the requirements that a local fee be assessed for each permit issued that is currently transmitted to the state. No. position.

S0257 – This bill would shorten the allowable time to continue to make substantial improvements on structures located in the flood

plain zones of each community to six months from the current twelve-month period. Oppose. FEMA is not in favor of this.

7. Old Business:

a. Code Conflict Meeting

Mr. Turner reported that the big development in the Conflict Meeting was looking for more structural ways to reconcile the fire and building code and stay clear of the 200 differences on different levels and looking to build on success with the rehab code. There was discussion on possible changes which could be made to better coordinate codes. He said they are working through their differences and believes they are heading towards a positive direction. Mr. Turner suggested we contact both model code organizations regarding some issues.

8. New Business:

Mr. John Hoyle, East Greenwich Building Inspector, came before the Board with the following issues:

a. Regulation SBC-13 Standards for Existing Schools is not up to date on revisions and Mr. Hoyle needed some guidance on making school inspections. Mr. DeDentro said, that the regulations and form needs

to be revised. Mr. Pagliaro said his city uses the old form but he has modified it. Mr. Brown suggested that a visual inspection be made and enforcement be made in accordance to the Building Code.

b. Mr. Hoyle requested a definition of a “tent”. He said that waterfront facilities are assembling tent structures with portable bars, sides and air conditioning and are exempt from building codes. Mr. Pagliaro suggested that if they do not comply, the licensing board should deny their license at the time of application. This should be an issue with the licensing department.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Pagliaro, seconded by Mr. Preiss the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Board of Appeals

Members Present: R. Brown, J. Carlson, B. Davey, S. Turner, R. Stillings, D. Gagnon, W. Howe, G. Preiss, J. Pagliaro.

Members Absent: B. DeBlois, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, A. Durand, J. Gaskell, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, D. Newbrook, J. Maloney, D. Palmisciano, M. Stoeckel.

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

Staff Members Absent: None

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Staff Members Absent: None

The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday April 7, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.