

**The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be  
on  
August 18, 2005 in Conference Room B  
At the  
Powers Administration Building  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

**574th Meeting 1:00 p.m.. August 18, 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.**

**a. New Material and Method (Techno Metal Post)**

**9. Adjourn**

**New Appeals: 05-13 CCRI – Newport County Campus**

**1 John H. Chafee Boulevard**

**Newport**

**573rd Meeting August 4, 2005**

**1. Mr. DeBlois, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.**

**There were no appeals at this meeting.**

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

were unanimously approved.

**4. Correspondence: None**

**5. Committee Reports:**

**a. Certification Subcommittee**

**Mr. Maloney said that the Certification Subcommittee met and approved Mr. Christopher Costa as Building Inspector for the Town of Middletown. Mr. Gagnon motioned that the full Committee approve Mr. Costa as Building Inspector and Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**b. Article 1 Subcommittee**

**Mr. DeDentro said that there is a developing shortage of building officials and inspectors throughout the state. There are pending vacancies in Middletown, Johnston, Cumberland, Newport and East Providence. It is difficult to get qualified candidates for the salaries being offered and many cities and towns are not using the fees collected to increase salaries and make positions more attractive. Mr. Brown said that the laws should be changed that would state that the building official cannot be discharged without any just cause. He also suggested a creation of a pool of inspectors and if a city or town is overloaded with work, hire from this pool until the full time staff**

can accommodate the workload. Mr. DeDentro suggested getting support from the league of cities and towns. Mr. Gagnon said that adjustments should be made to follow a national standard for new construction. There was discussion on use of fees and costs of operating a building inspection department and funding continuing education. Mr. Turner believes this issue is one of the biggest issues this Board faces. Mr. DeDentro suggested that the Article 1 subcommittee meet and formulate a plan of action to put to the General Assembly next year. He suggested this subcommittee meet to review ICC assessment.

## **6. Legislation:**

Mr. DeDentro said the bill for Separation of Powers failed but could come back in August or September. He said we are now operating on a 23-member board.

## **7. Old Business:**

### **a. Public/Private Water Supply**

Mr. DeDentro said that a group met regarding public/private water supply and Mr. Amaral from the Department of Health made a presentation. Mr. DeDentro said he received an interpretation from the ICC and he is in agreement with them. ICC said that in their opinion, a public water supply is one that has treatment facilities. Ms.

**Stoeckel said that the decision should be left with the building inspector as to interpreting a stringent water supply as opposed to interpretation of the rules. There was considerable discussion on this issue and it was suggested that possibly Mr. DeDentro and Ms. June Swallow meet. Mr. DeDentro said that the Department of Health could raise this issue with the Attorney General's Office and come back with their opinion.**

#### **b. Public Hearing**

**Mr. DeDentro reminded the Board members that a Public Hearing would be held on August 18, 2005 for the adoption of 3 codes directed to the National Electrical Codes and the SBC-17, which is an update of referenced standards. He requested that all board members make every effort to attend the public hearing, as we will need a quorum. Responding to a question regarding potentially controversial items, Mr. DeDentro cited grounding-wiring requirements which could complicate the foundation layout, definition of "qualified personnel" and personnel protection. Mr. DeDentro said he may do a tech note regarding this grounding device in the foundation.**

### **8. New Business:**

#### **a. New Material (Techno Metal Post)**

**Mr. DeDentro said that this New Material and Method application has been postponed until the August 18, 2005 meeting at staff's request.**

**9. Adjourn:**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Maloney the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Daniel R. DeDentro  
Executive Secretary**

**Building Code Board of Appeals**

**Members Present: R. Brown, J. Carlson, S. Turner, R. DeBlois, D. Gagnon, R. Stillings, J. Gaskell, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, J. Maloney, M. Stoeckel, J. Pagliaro.**

**Members Absent: R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, B. Davey, A. Durand, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, G. Preiss, D. Palmisciano.**

**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 August 18, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.**