

**The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on
December 15, 2005**

At the

William Powers Building

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

581st

Meeting 1:00 p.m.

December 15, 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: 05-19 Goosewing Farm (Previously Tabled)

540 Long Highway

Little Compton, RI

05-20 Harbourside Lobstermania

38 Water Street

East Greenwich, RI

580th Meeting December 1, 2005

1. Mr. Howe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Appeal 05-19 This appeal was not heard today. The appellant submitted a written request to postpone this appeal until the next scheduled Building Code Standards Committee meeting.

3. Mr. Howe noted one change on the minutes—meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. and not 2:23 p.m. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved with noted change upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Brown.

4. Correspondence:

a. Letter to from Economic Development Corporation

Mr. DeDentro said he received a letter from Mr. Louis Soares, Economic Development Corp., dealing with the issue of promulgating regulations and they have prepared principles to consider before adopting regulations. After discussion Mr. Coffey said he will review the language in RIGL 42-35-3.3 with Mr. DeDentro and will address this if it concerns our Committee.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. Maloney said the Certification Subcommittee met and interviewed Mr. Gary Gonsalves as Building Inspector in the Town of Portsmouth.

He said that Mr. Gonsalves meets the minimum qualifications and motioned that he be approved by the full committee. Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Maloney said that the Certification Subcommittee also met to discuss the issue of building inspectors and officials who have not met the continuing education requirements within the three-year cycle which ends December 31, 2005. Mr. DeDentro said he will write a letter to all those individuals deficient in credits explaining that the deadline is December 31st. He said they are considering extending the deadline for three months. After that three months' time, a letter will be sent to the Chief Administrator, Mayor or Town Manager notifying them that the inspector/official has been de-certified and does not have the authority to deal with code issues.

b. Mechanical Subcommittee

Mr. Turner said the Mechanical Subcommittee met and did not receive calculations from the hotel group who came before the Board at the last Committee meeting. He suggested a follow-up call. He said the Subcommittee also worked on the section of the mechanical and building codes which require smoke dampers and certain penetrations. He said the Subcommittee may use a four-tiered

approach.

6. Legislation: None

7. Old Business:

Mr. DeDentro said he and his staff are working on the formatting of four regulations (SBC-1, SBC-2, SBC-5 and SBC-17) to file with the Secretary of State's office. The deadline is December 10, 2005 in order to take effect on January 1, 2006.

He said he has received the 2005 National Electrical Codes and will have a few extra copies for distribution to Committee members. Anyone who needs a copy may contact him after mandatory distribution has been made.

Mr. DeDentro has committed to bring NFPA instructors for the National Electrical Code to the State of Rhode Island. Hopefully Mr. Jeff Sargent from New Hampshire will come to Rhode Island at no cost to the State. Mr. DeDentro said he will have staff notify all Committee members of upcoming courses.

8. New Business:

a. Subcommittee Appointments

Mr. Howe will prepare new appointments for the subcommittees.

b. ICC Codes

Mr. DeDentro said the 2006 Editions of the ICC Codes will be published some time in January. He has requested codes from Mr. Mark Tebbetts.

c. ANSI 2004

Mr. DeDentro said they will wait to adopt the 2004 editions of ANSI A117.1 until the next cycle. There was discussion that there has been no activity with the subcommittee. Mr. DeDentro said that Mr. DePace will not seek reappointment to the board and has not yet recommended a replacement.

d. Rehab Code

Mr. Turner said he has started to review the International Existing Building Code that is at odds with the Fire Safety Act. He said he would go through the IEBC to try to identify relief that they gave in the Rehab Code previously which might not be embedded in IBC. He said the Rehab Board does not have the resources to review all blue

pages. This Committee will have to address some of the coordination issues. Mr. DeDentro said one problem is that the formatting of existing Building Code is not the same as the existing Rehab Code. He said the 25/50 rule no longer applies to the One & Two Family Code. This Committee should try to address this also.

Mr. DeDentro said that he attended a meeting on Save the Bay. Insurance people and planners were concerned with building and flood elevations. Rehab allows old mills in flood plains to be converted to housing. They intend to pursue these issues with legislators.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Gagnon the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Standards Committee

Members Present: R. Brown, S. Turner, A. Durand, D. Gagnon, J. Gaskell, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, J. Maloney, G. Preiss, M. Stoeckel, J. Pagliaro

Members Absent: R. Collins, G. Chabot, B. Davey, J. Carlson, R. DeBlois, R. Stillings, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, .

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

Staff Members Absent: None

The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday December 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.