

The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on

March 2, 2006

At the

William Powers Building

Conference Room B

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

586th

Meeting 1:00 p.m.

March 2, 2006

1. Call to order.

2. Appeals:

06-02 56 Water Street

East Greenwich

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.

4. Correspondence.

5. Committee Reports

a. Carpentry Inspector certifications

6. Legislation

a. Separation of Powers/quorum legislation

7. Old Business.

a. Meeting survey

8. New Business.

9. Adjourn

585th Meeting February 16, 2006

- 1. Mr. Howe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.**
- 2. There were no appeals at this meeting.**

Mr. DeDentro said he received a letter from Attorney Zangari to withdraw appeal for Table 28 in East Greenwich. The appellant has worked out a settlement with the Town of East Greenwich.

Mr. DeDentro also said that Appeal 03-05 will return to this Board of Appeals on March 16, 2006. Copies of the original application, transcripts of the meetings, the Board's decision and the judge's remand were distributed to Board members.

- 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 to the Department of Energy

Mr. DeDentro said he sent a response letter to the Department of

Energy indicating that the Building Code Standards Committee would make the required code changes at the next code adoption cycle and wanted to make sure that there were no objections. He also included comments about using RES Check.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Minimum Housing Subcommittee

Mr. Gagnon said he is working with Warren Ducharme on the Minimum Housing Code and should have a draft available in a couple of weeks.

6. Legislation:

a. Separation of Powers Bill

Mr. DeDentro said the revised Separation of Powers Bill, which will affect the Building Code Standards Committee, to include required training courses for Committee members and a quorum of 12 members for Board meetings has passed in the House and is now in the Senate. A major concern of the Committee members was the quorum of 12 members. After discussion, Mr. Carlson motioned that the Board send a letter to the appropriate committee at the Senate office, advising them of the situation concerning this Committee and

make a recommendation that the quorum be 8. Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Coffey also suggested that we contact Mr. Ken Payne at the Senate Policy Office and see if he can help resolve this.

There was also discussion on continued absenteeism of Committee members. Mr. Palmisciano suggested having board members sign a resignation letter that if they are absent an excessive amount of meetings that the member would voluntarily resign. Mr. DeDentro said he will prepare a sample resignation form and present it at the next meeting.

b. Telecommunications Bill S 2647

Mr. DeDentro said with his concurrence this bill would remove him as a representative for the telecommunications authority and substitute another government appointee.

c. Bill H7171 – Carpentry Inspectors

Mr. DeDentro said a bill has been introduced to allow the appointment of a carpentry inspector in a municipality. Mr. Palmisciano said that this appointment would be made at the discretion of the city or town and he said this is a companion bill to another bill for licensing carpenters which was introduced last year. There was discussion as to why a carpentry inspector was needed. Mr. Palmisciano said he

will forward the companion bills to Mr. DeDentro and those will be mailed to the Board members. Mr. Turner said that if this is created, the Certification Subcommittee needs clear guidelines on qualifications required. Mr. DeDentro said that a Certification Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss this issue and make full recommendations to the Committee.

d. Contractors' Registration Board

Mr. DeDentro said that as part of original FY 07 budget preparations, the Governor proposed de-funding the Contractors' Registration Board. Mr. Whalen has met with the Speaker of the House and if necessary will resolve this through the General Assembly. Mr. Whalen reported that the Speaker is not in favor of a restricted receipt account. Mr. Carlson said the state doesn't properly fund policing licensing fees, the license fees fund every other state program.

7. Old Business:

a. Parking

Mr. DeDentro said the Department of Administration is willing to give parking garage passes to Board members if we agree to change our meeting time to 3:00 p.m. The reason being for this is that the garage is not as crowded at that time. Mr. DeDentro said he will distribute a

survey form to Board members and will tally results.

8. New Business: None

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Gagnon the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Standards Committee

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

Members Absent: R. Collins, G. Chabot, B. Davey, A. Durand, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, J. Maloney.

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

Absent: None

**The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2006
at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room B at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.**