

The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on

March 16, 2006

At the

William Powers Building

Conference Room B

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

587th

Meeting 1:00 p.m.

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1. Call to order.

2. Appeals:

03-05 219 Main Street (Continued)

East Greenwich

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.

4. Correspondence.

5. Committee Reports

6. Legislation

7. Old Business.

8. New Business.

9. Adjourn

586th Meeting March 2, 2006

1. Mr. Howe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Appeal 06-02, 56 Water Street, East Greenwich. Appeal was approved with the condition that this Board's decision be recorded on the local evidence records.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved with a noted change by Mr. Turner. under Correspondence - Letter to the Department of Energy he requests that instead of reading "required code changes at the next public hearing" wording be changed to "required code changes at the next code adoption cycle". Mr. Newbrook motioned approval with noted change and Mr. DeBlois seconded the motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Committee Reports:

a. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. Brown said the Certification Subcommittee met and discussed the Carpentry Inspector bill. Mr. Brown said it was the unanimous decision of the Certification Subcommittee to request that the full committee reject the proposal to create a Carpentry Inspector. After discussion, Mr. Brown motioned to oppose bill H 7171 and companion bill S 2641 which would create a category of "carpentry inspector" under the State Building Code because it is redundant and already covered by other inspectors. Mr. DeBlois seconded the

motion. All were in favor. Mr. Palmisciano abstained. Mr. DeDentro said he will notify the sponsors and testify as necessary.

Mr. Palmisciano requested that the Board send a letter in support of two other bills to expand the registration of contractors to include more than four units and carpentry licensing. Mr. Gagnon motioned in support of his request and Mr. Palmisciano seconded motion. Mr. Brown opposed the motion suggesting that this issue first go before the study committee set up by the House. Some board members questioned if it was this Board's function to make this determination. Mr. DeDentro read from the law the duties of the Committee. After discussion, Mr. Gagnon withdrew his motion and Mr. Palmisciano withdrew his second and they were in favor of waiting until committee has an opportunity to review.

Mr. Brown said the Certification Subcommittee received a report from the Building Commissioner regarding re-certification of Building Officials, Alternate Building Officials, Plumbing Inspectors, Electrical Inspectors and Mechanical Inspectors. The Subcommittee recommended that applicants be given 90 days from April 1st until June 30th to obtain necessary hours for re-certification. The Building Code Commission has generated a list of ICC courses officials can attend to gain certification. He said if officials do not receive the necessary credits, letters will be sent to the inspectors telling them they must appear before this Board to give reasons why their certification should not be withdrawn. Mr. DeBlois motioned to

accept the above recommendation. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the motion. Mr. DeDentro will solicit final comments on the proposed letter prior to meeting.

6. Legislation:

a. Separation of Powers Bill

Mr. DeDentro said our effort to oppose the portion of the bill requiring a quorum of 12 for Board meetings was too late. The bill has been reported out of both the House and Senate and is awaiting transmission to the Governor.

Ms. Stoeckel said that since this Board is not mandated to meet twice a month, we can meet anywhere and any time. She suggested meeting once a month.

Mr. Coffey suggested that subcommittees meet as required and hold the Building Code meetings once a month. Appeals could be done in subcommittee similar to the Fire Code Board of Appeals method.

b. Update of other bills submitted

1. Mr. DeDentro said he testified on the deletion of ADA continuing education fees. The bill was designed to create attention to the fact

that a lot of money is being collected and put into the General Fund. Mr. DeDentro said that House Corporation Chair Rep. Brian Kennedy offered to consider increasing annual appropriation. Mr. DeDentro said that the Attorney General's Office has put in a bill to establish a Guaranty Fund and excess funds could be dedicated to this purpose.

2. Mr. DeDentro said there is a bill which would require the building official to refund up to 50% of the permit fee if it was issued after five days and if issued after 25 days the permit fee would be waived. He testified against this bill.

3. Mr. DeDentro said there is a bill to create a certification process for plan reviewers to approve repetitive designs for one and two family dwellings only. This would be for approval of wood frame construction only, everything else would be approved by the local. This bill was recommended by this Committee in 2005 and he testified in favor of this.

4. Mr. DeDentro said another bill created the category of field inspector whereby the building official may waive field inspection if a qualified private sector inspector certifies that construction work is in accordance to documents for one and two family dwellings. The committee had also endorsed this bill in 2005 and Mr. DeDentro testified in favor of passage.

7. Old Business:

a. Permit Fees

There was discussion on permit fees. Mr. DeDentro said that the SBC-11 Subcommittee will be called upon to discuss whether to keep the blanket variance for permit fees in effect, allow it to expire, or change the fee schedule at the next public hearing as part of the proposed 2007 code updates.

b. East Greenwich Appeal 03-05

Mr. Coffey requested that the Committee review the transcripts of the past meetings for Appeal 03-05 which were sent a couple of weeks ago. He said the Board will address the statutory references and return our findings to the court. Mr. Coffey reminded the Committee members that we need a quorum of five.

c. Garage Survey

Mr. DeDentro said he has received some responses to the garage survey and will announce the results when he has received all ballots.

d. Letter regarding Attendance

Mr. DeDentro said he had sent a draft letter to all Board members regarding committee absenteeism. Mr. DeDentro recommended that

we postpone sending the letter until we get new appointments to the Committee and also wait until the bill for a quorum is acted upon.

e. Photo Identification Badge for the DOA Building

Ms. Gordon said that anyone who does not have a photo identification badge and wishes to obtain one should contact her and she will make arrangements for a photo session.

8. New Business:

a. George Farrell's Appointment

Mr. Coffey said that Mr. George Farrell, Chairman of the Rehab and Fire Code Board of Appeals, has been appointed as the Director of the City of Providence Department of Building and Standards. Mr. George Calise has been appointed as the Acting City Fire Marshal.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Gagnon the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary

Building Code Board of Appeals

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

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

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

Absent: None

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