

**The Building Code Standards Committee  
will meet on  
June 19, 2008 At  
One Capitol Hill, Conference Room C  
Providence, RI**

**620th Meeting**

**1:30 p.m.**

**June 19, 2008**

**Call to order.**

**2. Appeals: None**

**3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**

**4. Correspondence.**

**5. Committee Reports**

**6. Legislation**

**7. Old Business.**

**8. New Business.**

**9. Announcements**

## **10. Adjourn**

**619th Meeting**

**May 8, 2008**

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

**2. Appeals: None**

**3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Motion was unanimously approved. New Committee member Doris Aschman, Public Health Representative, was introduced.**

**4. Correspondence:**

**Mr. Leyden said he met with Patrick Kraft from the Department of Health regarding water quality and Mr. Kraft questioned why the 2002 blue page 2905.3, Private Water Supply, was deleted in the 2004 code.**

**Basically this blue page indicated that when a public water supply is not available a well can be drilled; even if there is public water available. Board members voiced their reasons as to why this was deleted. Mr. Gagnon said that the Health Department was not in favor of the blue page. Ms. Aschman said Mr. Kraft has been hired to write and implement regulations to establish new private well and well testing for real estate transactions. She indicated that the Department of Health would probably like to revisit this issue and she believes that this should be in the code. This will be discussed at the next meeting.**

## **5. Committee Reports:**

### **a. Energy Code Subcommittee**

**Copies of the draft Energy Code were distributed to Board members.**

**Mr. Turner said that the SBC-8 Subcommittee agreed to three steps:**

- 1. To simplify existing energy code implementation.**
- 2. Implement education.**
- 3. Review requirements and make them more stringent for commercial buildings.**

**Mr. Turner said that the blue page will have two compliance paths. The prescriptive compliance method which starts on page 8 Chapter 5 of the IECC. The performance compliance path is to use the performance method in the ASHRAE 90.1.**

**Mr. Turner said that the Committee took the language of the Massachusetts document regarding air barrier requirement and added that to the RI Code.**

**There was discussion on the pros and cons of adopting the air barrier requirement. Board members were particularly concerned with training inspectors, builders and design professionals. Mr. Gagnon suggested doing a phase-in to get the industry geared up and have time to train and adapt to changes. Mr. DePace suggested asking National Grid to participate in training and Mr. Carlson suggested that the manufacturers get involved in training. Mr. Leyden said he will contact Massachusetts to see what they did regarding the education process. All agreed that the process to adopt the air barrier requirement would take time. Therefore, Mr. DePace motioned that the adoption date of the Energy Conservation Code be on January 1, 2009. Mr. Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **b. Electrical Code Subcommittee**

**Mr. Fink said that the Electrical Code Subcommittee completed their**

2008 review and no blue pages are needed, the publication will be ready for August 1, 2008 adoption. Mr. Bernard commended the following people in helping with him with the review: Gil Moniz, Joe Walsh, Bob Raimbeault, Warren Ducharme, Gary Hebert, Al Duane. Mr. Carlson motioned that we proceed with the adoption of the SBC-5 Electrical Code as presented by the Subcommittee. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**c. Property Maintenance Code Subcommittee:**

Mr. Leyden said that he met with Mr. Coffey regarding the Property Maintenance Code and Mr. Coffey said that this Code will have to be adopted by law so this will have to wait until the fall of this year. Mr. Leyden said he, Mr. Ducharme and Mr. Coffey will write up the legislation for the rules and regulations and should be ready for adoption on January 1, 2009. He also said copies of the Property Maintenance Code will be sent to the local communities for their input.

**6. Legislation: None**

**7. Old Business:**

**a. Time Variances**

Mr. Leyden said he has reviewed past variances which had time

expiration dates and found one regarding the high speed ferry in North Kingstown which is about to expire on June 1st. Board members also questioned a trailer which is at the State Computer Center on Route 6 in Johnston which has been there for 7 or 8 years. Mr. Leyden will review and report back to the Board. Mr. Leyden said we will keep a record of all future variances with expiration dates.

#### **b. Permit Waivers**

There was discussion of criteria for future permit fee waivers granted by this Board. Mr. Howe made a motion that Mr. Turner draft a letter to the Director of the Department of Administration saying that we are contemplating the following regarding future permit fee waiver requests: 1.) we must first receive a letter from the Director of the Department of Administration 2) we streamline the process of evaluating the permit fee waiver with a clear cut procedure to be done at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Also, that the Director, or his representative, come before the Board for discussion of abovementioned. Mr. Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

#### **a. New Material Approval 08-226 VuSafe Storm Protection Panels**

Two representatives from Shade and Shutter Systems Inc. came

before the Board with a new material called VuSafe Storm Protection Panel System. The applicant submitted the application, manufacturer's literature package, samples, authorized testing laboratory report from ETC, which conducted tests on samples 3' wide and 120" in height. The product has a minimum 10 year full exposure warranty and has been used for 20+ years in other states. The applicants gave a demonstration of the how the product functions. Mr. Carlson motioned approval with the noted requirements that Mr. Ducharme outlined. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Announcements: None**

**10. Adjourn:**

**Mr. Gagnon motioned to adjourn. Mr. Howe seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**John P. Leyden, CBO  
Executive Secretary**

**Building Code Standards Committee**

**Members Present:** J. Carlson, S. Turner, R. DeBlois, J. Fink, S. Turner, R. Stillings, B. Bernard, D. Gagnon, D. Aschman, W. Howe, P. DePace, W. Nash, M. Newman, G. Preiss.

**Staff Members Present:** J. Leyden, E. Gordon

**Members Absent:** R. Brown, B. Davey, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, A. Durand, D. Newbrook, D. Palmisciano, J. Pagliaro,

**Staff Members Absent:** T. Coffey

**The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the William Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Conference Room C, Providence, RI**