

6. Committee Reports

7. Legislation

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Announcements

**648th
2010**

Meeting

1:00 p.m.

November 4,

1. Chairman Durand called the meeting of the Building Code Standards Committee called to order at 1:16 p.m.

2. Public Hearing: None at this time

3. Appeals: None at this time

4. A motion was made to pass the minutes from the October 14, 2010 meeting by Mr. Howe and seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Residential Sprinkler Sub-Committee – Committee met on Monday, November 1, 2010. At this time the Committee believes that we have done what we were asked to do from last spring. At this time the Committee has voted almost unanimously, to stay in place, work to remove barriers that we believe exists to install residential sprinklers in Rhode Island. One of the barriers is that water companies differ a

lot on requirements as to what they would service they would require with this could amount in a four (4) to five (5) thousand dollar disparity in installing in one town or another. Another was the labor laws in Rhode Island that only allow Pipe Fitters to install sprinklers as appose to Plumbers installing them. There are communities (Prince George County and Scottsdale Maryland) that have had the sprinklers in single family homes in effect for about twenty years. Statistics there have shown that there have been no fire deaths in sprinkler dwellings since this enactment. Rhode Island has the second lowest fire death in the nation only Hawaii has a lower fire death. Things that we looked at were both positive and negative, home builders have provided us with a map of the country and a break down of what all jurisdictions are doing and requiring, the trend on that is that they have not taken action, have taken action to appose it primarily than to adopt. We also looked to see if there was insurance saving and what we found out was the fire portion of insurance policies are very small and the maximum savings that you would get is 10% (at the high end). We looked at the cost to install in the home and depending on were you live, what water company you have, whether you need a tank because of low pressure or volume, the cost could be anywhere between \$8,000.00 to \$13,000.00 to install.

We looked at to see what the impact would be on the real-estate market and there are some mortgage calculations which talk about the increase down payment, increase monthly payments, increase down payment (do to the increase amount of the home) and right now we are not able to justify the cost especially right now. We would like

to have the entire Board to look at the State of New York and Factory Mutual who have both done extensive research. Other members of the Committee spoke and voiced the pros and cons of their concerns.

The Committee had taken a vote on November 1st meeting to have the sprinkler code remain as previously adopted and the committee stay in place to work to remove barriers to the residential sprinkler such as water company issues and labor laws prior to the next code cycle. This motion in committee passed five (5) in favor to one (1) against the motion.

Mr. Carlson made a motion to consider or have discussion on the recommendations of the Sprinkler Committee at the next regular meeting in January. Motion passed unanimously.

Blanket Variance BV-25 – Mr. Fink spoke about Blanket Variance 25 regarding the Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST). This has been an issue that the Fuel Gas and Electrical Sub-Committee have been working on giving that this is a Fuel Gas product, with the issue being primarily electrical in nature. Last month we had requested and additional month to work out some details of this proposed variance. We have been able to do this and have reached language that is agreeable to the Sub-Committee and the manufacturer. The effective date of this Blanket Variance will be January 1, 2011 and stay in effect until the next edition of codes. Mr. Fink put a motion to pass the Blanket Variance as written; Mr. DeBlois seconded the motion with modification to add 2411.1 International Residential Code and 310.1 Fuel Gas Code. Motion passed unanimously.

Electrical Sub-Committee - In the process of reviewing the Electrical Code and up to section 210. Next meeting will be in a couple of weeks.

Certification Sub-Committee – Would like to start meeting to start discussion and procedures on Code Enforcement.

7. LEGISLATION: None at this time

8. OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

9. NEW BUSINESS: Nomination Sub-Committee – Mr. DeBlois (Chair), Mr. Newman, Mr. Preiss, Mr. Newman. Normally the Vice Chair takes over for Chair the following year. After speaking with Mr. Davey he has stated that he would not be able to commit to Chair.

After some consideration Mr. Stillings has said he would stay on as Chairman Mr. Pagliaro would move to Vice Chair. The nomination committee must now nominate two people to the executive Board.

Nomination Committee would like to nominate the following. Mr. Stillings as Chair and Mr. Pagliaro as Vice Chair, the executive committee would be Mr. Nash, Mr. Bernard and Mr. Newman. Mr. Carlson seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010. Mr. Leyden asked that we please move this meeting to Thursday, December 16, 2010 due to a conflict. Request was granted.

New Material Request: Perma-Liner Industries, Inc. has requested approval from the State of Rhode Island. Stu Cowen, Building Code Commission Staff member has researched and is asking the Board today for approval of this product. A motion was made by Mr. Carlson to approve Perma-Liner Industries, Inc. and seconded by Mr. Newman. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: An Announcement was made that Mr. Leyden has been elected to the ICC (International Code Council) Board of Directors.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Building Code Standards Committee, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Pagliaro and seconded by Mr. Balemian. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John P. Leyden

Executive Secretary