

SUFFIELD BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS
YEARLY MEETING - JANUARY 16, 2020 - 7:00 PM
WEST SUFFIELD FIRE STATION, 9 RATLEY ROAD, SUFFIELD, CT

Roll Call

Glenn Neilson, Chairman
Joe Sangiovanni, Member
Bill Gozzo, Member
Cathy Ellithorpe, Member
Kevin Goff, Member
Marty Page, Alternate

Call to Order

Chairman Neilson called the meeting of the Suffield Building Code Board Of Appeals to order on January 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment - None

Correspondence - None

Amendments to Connecticut State Building Codes and Associated Codes

Chairman Neilson addressed the Board advising that the new edition of the IBC Code Book was similar to the previous edition. There were a few noteworthy changes that would impact future construction which included:

Parking Garages - The interior stairs would now require handrails that will be continuous from the top of the stairs to the bottom. This is viewed as a safety precaution.

Governor Lamont has recommended 20% of parking garage spaces need to be fitted with electrical charging stations to address the needs of the large number of electric cars anticipated in the future.

Roofing - Re-roofing of commercial buildings and educational facilities would require an Engineer to complete a structural analysis.

High Rise Buildings - There was a language change regarding positioning high rise buildings next to existing smaller buildings to address the wind load issue. Further, it is the responsibility of the high rise building owner to complete an analysis of the high rise building roof to determine the capability of withstanding snow drift.

A question was raised what height constituted a high rise, and Chairman Neilson responded 75 feet and higher.

Business Work Areas - There is a new resolution stating that the minimum business space work area will increase from 100 sq. ft. to 150 sq. ft.

There were a number of residential changes. The change regarding whether taping a shingled roof would be required was discussed. This would be an insurance recommended code compromise and still remains unresolved.

Fire Marshals - Currently using NFPA 101 as a working tool. One change determines vented range hoods would be the responsibility of the Fire Marshal.

The adoption of the new code is being delayed awaiting the completion of the Fire Code.

Chairman Neilson completed his review and informed the Commission that effective July, 2020 there will be no State elevator inspectors. Elevator inspections will be privatized.

Election of Chairperson

There was a motion by Mr. Goff to nominate Glenn Neilson for Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ellithorpe and unanimously approved.

Other Business - None

Adjourn

Mr. Page motioned to the adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Gozzo and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen O'Hurley