

**STATE FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of the technical subcommittee reviewing the **2006 International Existing Building Code and the 2007 Existing Building Code of New York State** held via conference call originating from 41 State Street, Albany on September 20, 2007.

**PRESENT:** Raymond Andrews (Chair)  
Joseph McGrath  
Cathy Karp  
Linda Volpe  
Marilyn Kaplan  
John Hofelich  
James Brzezinski  
Eric Di Sarro  
John Bonafide  
Steve McDaniel  
Robert Drexler  
Wheldon Abt

**ABSENT:** Eric Bradshaw

**MEETING MINUTES**

Welcome by Ray Andrews

Roll call

Meeting minutes – Jim Brzezinski asked for a change to be made on item 1 at top of second page: “1. Needs to establish which NY modifications **in the 2006 IEBC . . .**” to “1. Needs to establish which NY modifications made **to the 2003 IEBC . . .**” After this change, John Hofelich moved to approve minutes, seconded by Eric DiSarro, approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Referenced Standards**

Because there were problems obtaining the needed referenced standards in order to file the 2007 New York codes in a timely manner, Ray Andrews wanted the selection of referenced standards for this code edition to take place as soon as possible. He wanted the subcommittee’s input on this issue, including the

decision to incorporate specific standards into the code. The 2006 IEBC standards need to be compared to the 2007 EBCNY.

The following standards were discussed:

ASME 17.3 – there is a question as to whether this standard needs to be incorporated into the code. DOS staff will give input before the next meeting.

ASCE 7-05 according to Jim Brzezinski was worth retaining.

FEMA Pub 356 is listed as is ASCE 31-03. Steve McDaniel will speak to the ICC and ask why the ICC did not adopt the newer standard, ASCE 41-06, and the difference between FEMA Pub 356 and the ASCE standards.

ICC A117.1 – Linda Volpe will find out when the 2008 edition will be available.

NFPA 101 – 03, 06 or 07?

NFPA 70 (National Electric Code) -05 or 08? (Electrical inspectors use the latest version).

In Chapter 10 of the 2007 EBCNY there are two standards mentioned – NFPA 914 (Code for Fire Protection in Historic Structures) and NFPA 101A (Alternative Approaches to Life Safety) -- that are not in the Reference Standards chapter. If they are to be retained in the next edition they must also be placed in the RS chapter.

The subcommittee voted unanimously to adopt the following referenced standards:

ASCE 7—05

ASHRAE 62-04

ASME A17.1 – 2004

ASME A17.1a – 2005

ASME A17.1s –2005

ASME A18.1 –2003

FEMA Pub 356

BCNYS – next edition

EECNYS – next edition

FCNYS – next edition

FGCNYS – next edition

MCNYS – next edition

PCNYS – next edition

PMCNYS– next edition

RCNYS – next edition

NFPA 13R –02

NFPA 72 –02

NFPA 99 –02

The following will be voted on at the next meeting:

ASCE 31-03/ ASCE 41-06

ASME A17.3 –02 or 05

ICC A117.1 – 03 or 08

NFPA 101 – 06

NFPA 101A –04

NFPA 70 – 05 or 08

NFPA 914—01

Also at the next meeting, subcommittee members will look more closely at specific editions of the referenced standards and will vote on what specific standards should be incorporated.

### **Retention of New York Specific modifications**

The EBCNYS includes margin bars and deletion symbols which relate to the coordinating ICC document. Ray made a motion to have staff add all NY modifications to E-Solutions base EBCNYS except the seismic requirements and take a vote at the next meeting as to which modifications to retain. Seconded by John Hofelich, vote to accept unanimous.

To either add or remove text from the 2007 EBCNYS for the next edition requires SAPA documentation. For example, if the group decided to remove NFPA 914 from the code book, it would have to go through the SAPA justification process.

### **Seismic Update**

Ray asked Jim Brzezinski if he could do the research necessary on seismic code requirements to report to the Subcommittee at the next meeting. Jim said he could. Ray mentioned that he had heard criticism from design professionals that the 2007 EBCNYS does not have sufficient seismic requirements for existing buildings.

### **Chart with Items in Bolded Font**

The items bolded on the chart e-mailed to the subcommittee members are those deemed significant and thus worthy of the members time and effort. The subcommittee members need to go over bolded items one by one and will vote to retain and or change the text of these items. The subcommittee was also encouraged to check for any items that may have been missed and/or add items of their own for subcommittee review.

It was decided that discussion on the bolded items on the chart would occur at the next meeting.

Section 104.2 regarding preliminary meetings was brought up. Staff will get back to members regarding requirements in Part 1203 regarding preliminary meetings (Part 1204 for state agencies).

## **Comments**

Ray encouraged subcommittee members to begin looking at the 2006 IEBC code text on E-Solutions and to make comments (annotations) within the 2006 IEBC on E-Solutions regarding the bolded issues on the chart, so opinions can be read by subcommittee members before the next meeting. Others outside the subcommittee can also comment.

It was mentioned that it is time-consuming to use E-Solutions and discussion during teleconferences would take much less time. Ray responded that it is a problem if issues are brought up for the first time during teleconference meetings, so annotating is much more useful way of communicating. Ray suggested checking E-Solutions for several days before the next meeting to check on comments made.

Eric DiSarro had a question regarding Section 1510 in the Building Code vs., the re-roofing section in the Existing Building Code. It was not clear when one requirement was to be used vs. the other. There was also discussion of when to use Chapter 34 in the Building Code vs. using the Existing Building Code. It may be a matter of different scoping requirements. Eric DiSarro was encouraged to look into this and make contact with the Building Code subcommittee through E-Solutions.

Marilyn Kaplan sent a document she wrote for the National Trust for Historic Preservation to Ray to distribute to the group for discussion. The Codes Division will send this out to all subcommittee members.

Status of new code: documents filed last week. Expect a notice in the Oct.3, 2007 State Register. On that day the transition period will begin and either the existing codes or the new codes can be used (except the Energy Conservation Construction Code). As of January 1, 2008 only the 2007 codes can be used.

## **Adjournment**

At 2:21 Eric DiSarro moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hofelich, vote unanimous to approve.

## **Next meeting**

October 24, 2007 teleconference from 1 – 3 pm. A meeting reminder will be sent out the day before.

