

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE - RESIDENTIAL CODE**

Minutes of the Tuesday, October 30, 2012 meeting of the Technical Subcommittee reviewing the 2009 and 2012 *International Residential Codes* for adoption by New York State, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Albany office of Department of State and by teleconferencing.

PRESENT:

Julie Nemeth-Weisser (Chair)
Nicholas Carparelli
Kevin Ezell
John Hofelich
William Knickerbocker
Miriam McGiver (DOS)
Gil Moniz
W. Roy Scott

ABSENT: Erika Krieger (DOS)

Acronyms: Following is a list of Acronyms that attenders used during the meeting, and which are in these minutes.

CC Codes Council of NYS (which votes to implement NYS building codes)
DCEA Division of Code Enforcement and Administration
ICC International Code Council
IRC International Residential Code
RC Residential Code of New York State – proposed 2014 unless otherwise stated
Uniform Codes New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code

MEETING MINUTES:

1. The chair opened the meeting at 10 a.m. The other members listed were present by teleconference link.
2. The chair asked for discussion of the last meeting, October 23, 2012. Subcommittee members requested several corrections. Corrected minutes will be distributed.
3. The chair asked for any general comments. Kevin Ezell asked that the subcommittee consider the objective of making a few modifications to the RCNYS as possible to keep the document close to the. The need to limit differences, while allowing modifications relevant to NYS conditions, was discussed.
4. The chair presented a proposal from the New York State Department of Health to make Appendix F, Radon Control Methods, mandatory. During the lengthy discussion, a member of the subcommittee interjected that at the recent ICC hearings, the ICC membership had chosen not to make radon provisions mandatory in the IBC, and that in the interest of consistency, NYS should do the same. The subcommittee's vote to disapprove making Appendix F, Radon Control Methods, mandatory was unanimous.
5. The subcommittee returned to items that had been tabled.
 - a. Item 2-53 was tabled at the last meeting for more information. Upon discussion of the map, the subcommittee concurred by consent to accept the IRC change.
 - b. Item 4-5 had been tabled until Nicholas Carparelli could be present to discuss the ramifications of prohibiting anchorage in solid CMU. The subcommittee agreed by consent to maintain existing language, as a NYS modification. Nick volunteered that he would suggest that NYSCMA submit a proposal to ICC to improve the language for foundation anchorage to allow use of solid CMU while prohibiting anchorage in grouted joints.
 - c. Item 3-62 had been tabled to get new information on labeling of wood-plastic construction material. The subcommittee approved the IRC modification by consent.

6. Item 4-14. The subcommittee discussed modifying the language in several paragraphs regarding design professionals. The subcommittee voted to continue to use IRC language.
7. Item 4-16 through item 4-30. The subcommittee voted unanimously to keep the existing RCNYS language rather than accepting the language of the IRC, which changed through the 2009/2012 editions. Several subcommittee members were concerned that the provisions in IRC Section R404.1 add cost without addressing a known problem or safety concern.
8. Item 4-31 through item 4-33 were approved by consent of the subcommittee.
9. Item 4-34. The subcommittee agreed to keep the existing language as a NYS modification due to concern that this change does not address known soil characteristics.
10. John Hofelich noted that National Association of Home Builders would suggest the use of Schedule 40 plastic pipe for dryer vents, as it is safer than the corrugated material used now. The chair referred him to the Mechanical Code Technical Subcommittee, which reviews the mechanical chapters in the RCNYS.
11. OPEN BUSINESS: There were no public visitors or additional documents to consider.
12. The subcommittee adjourned at 12:00 p.m. This is the last scheduled meeting of the subcommittee. The chair asked that members be available for inquiries and possible email votes to address items the subcommittee did not discuss.