

Building Code Board of Appeals

Legislative Authority:

State: CGS 29-266.

Other Bylaws and/or Rules of Procedure: State Building Code.

Type: Statutory and permanent.

Geographic Responsibility: Town but not City (City has own Building Code Board of Appeals).

History:**Powers and Duties:**

General: The owner of a building may appeal in writing the decision of the building official concerning the manner of construction, the materials to be used, or whether the code applies. (CGS 29-266)

Specific: The appeal shall be heard by a panel appointed by the Chairman within 5 days upon receipt, and the panel shall render a decision not later than 5 days following the hearing. (CGS 29-266)

Appointing Authority: Town Manager (CGS 29-266: "...appointed by each municipality." This has been interpreted by the Town Attorney to mean the Town Manager; see TA Opinion letter 12/23/91.)

Term of Office: Five (5) years, staggered.

Membership:

Number: Five (5) members. (CGS 29-266)

Requirements: Qualifications as set forth in State Building Code. Each member, other than one member appointed from the general public, shall have at least five years experience in either building design or construction or supervision of construction (Sec. 121.2.1).

Meeting Schedule and Location:

Appeal must be heard within 5 days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the receipt of such written appeal by the Chairman.

Location to be determined.

Staff: Building Official.

Records:

Located in the Office of Planning and Development Services.

Agendas and minutes also filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Further information:

Further appeals may be taken from the Board of Appeals, to the State's Codes and Standards Committee, and from there to the Superior Court.

Office of Planning & Development Services/Inspection Services: 446-5982.