



The *SPEX*pert

The Newsletter by and for the Members of the Housatonic Chapter of The Construction Specifications Institute

June 2022
President's Night
Tuesday, June 21
@ 6 PM

The Housatonic Chapter was incorporated in 1969. The chapter has an active membership which meets the third Tuesday of the month September through June.

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Specifiers Had More to Say

April 19th resurrected the roundtable of specifiers to field the questions that the moderator, Ross Spiegel, authored. A chance for industry members from the Housatonic and Hartford Chapters to gather since the pandemic. Both architectural and engineering professionals had a chance to interact with product representatives.

President's and Awards Night

On Tuesday, June 21, we will gather together at Portofino's in New Haven for a social evening and recognize chapter members who have contributed to the Chapter over the last year. Please join us for a relaxed and enjoyable evening with friends and colleagues.

Cost for dinner is \$40 per person. Dinner for past (and present) Chapter Presidents are no charge.

Social gathering shall commence at 6:00, dinner orders off the menu by 6:15 and festivities for the evening until....

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Fishing Boat or Shopping at Macy's

The Lost Boys of Montauk by Amanda Fairbanks follows the lives of four commercial fishermen who lost their lives in a storm off Montauk, New York in 1984. A fascinating read delving into the lives of commercial fishermen who risk their lives in one of the most hazardous professions.

Chapter 15 *Selling a Dream* explores the housing options for moving out of 'the city' to the suburbs on Long Island. This is not Levittown which was constructed 1947 to 1951. In the 1960's you could shop at Macy's ninth floor to purchase a *Leisurama* home in Montauk's Culloden Shores subdivision. The New York World's Fair of 1964 displayed this ranch home with all the modern appliances, sofa beds and drop-leaf tables. These homes when purchased came fully furnished. Think back 60 years to all the new and innovative products that you could have added to your affordable second home!

Chapter Good and Welfare

The SPEXpert is awarded the 2022 Colosano Newsletter Award from the Northeast Region. Thank you George Rosamond for your contributions.

Attention Chapter Members and Friends

The SPEXpert will be accepting advertising for upcoming issues. Your contact information will be included in the remaining FY2022 issues of this publication through June at no up front cost. Inclusion rates for FY 2023: \$35 for business size card yearly fee, \$35 for ½ page, single issue, \$70 for full page, single issue.

Forward jpeg of contact information to weselski@snet.net

In an effort to encourage specification writing expertise, here are a few statements to test your knowledge submitted by George Rosamond. Reminder that the questions on CSI certification examinations are based on CSI references and may differ from your office procedures.

CDT Certification Exam Sample Questions

Select the statements with proper terms, capitalization, symbols used in the Construction Documents.

- Four methods of specifying:
 - Performance, descriptive, propriety and alternate.
 - Descriptive, performance, proprietary and reference standard.
 - Open, closed, performance and performance.
 - Tentative, standard, descriptive and performance.
- Addenda are used to accomplish all of the following except:
 - To increase the scope of work.
 - To change the quality of work.
 - To additional qualified products or approved substitution to the specifications.
 - To correct unforeseen field conditions in the work.
- Addenda are written or graphic instruments used to clarify, revise, add to or delete information in the:
 - Invitation to Bidders or Bid Form.
 - Original bidding documents or previous addenda.
 - Contract documents or original bidding documents.
 - Previous addenda or specifications.
- All of the following are basic elements of an Addendum except:
 - Architect/Engineer's signature and date of submittal.
 - Project identification.
 - Opening remarks and Notice to Bidders.
 - Changes to Agreement and other contract forms.
- All of the following are included in the Bidding Documents except:
 - Bidding Requirements.
 - Contract Modifications
 - Project Manual.
 - Drawings.
 - Addendum.



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