

## **Fire Safety Code**

### **Board of Appeal & Review**

#### **Minutes of 9-28-04 meeting**

**The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room C in the William Powers Administration Building at One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI on Tuesday, September 28, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm by Acting Chairman Rene Coutu. Chairman Farrell presided after the first appeal was heard.**

**Commissioners present were Farrell, Coutu, Newbrook, Burlingame, Pearson, O'Connell and Preiss. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella.**

**The following appeals were heard:**

**Appeal #030065: Mr. John Bovi for the property located at 287 Taunton Avenue, East Providence. (Bovi's Tavern) Marshal Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to allow the Applicant to disconnect the gas valve to the stove until the kitchen comes into full compliance. Also, no public access is allowed in the back yard of this facility. The motion passed**

**over the opposition vote of Commissioner Preiss.**

**Appeal #040285: Mr. Walter Sterling for the property located at Center of New England and New London Turnpike in Coventry. Marshal Mark Vincent appeared for the Coventry Fire Marshal's office.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to grant relief from the provisions of NFPA 13-15.2.3 and RIGL 23-28.25-1. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040318: Mr. Brian Steverman for the property located at 95 Johnson Boulevard in Coventry. (Hopkins Hill Elementary School) Marshal Mark Vincent appeared for the Coventry Fire Marshal's office.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant 120 days in which to bring the facility into compliance. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040329: Mr. E. Burman for the property located at 1 Sabin Street, Providence, Deputy State Fire Marshal Richard James appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to grant the Applicant relief from the provisions of section 7.10.1.9. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040038: Mr. Stephen Doyle for the property located at 197-198 Wickenden Street, Providence. Inspector Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. A motion was**

made by Commissioner Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to have the Applicant return before the Board in thirty (30) days to update the Commissioners on his progress in bringing this facility into compliance. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #040320:** Mr. Robert Gaulin for the property located at 413 Central Avenue, Pawtucket. Marshal Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to give the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for the first floor only of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #040015:** Mr. Andrew Gates and Mr. John Ryan for the property located at 100 Main Street in Pawtucket. Chief of Inspections William Howe appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office and Marshal Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to extend the temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility until such time as plans for the build-out can be reviewed. The motion was unanimous.

Under old business, Mr. Jason Del Tore appeared on behalf of the Haunted Labyrinth in Cranston. Lt. Timothy Hawthorne appeared on behalf of the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to

**grant the Applicant the requested relief. The motion was unanimous.**

**Acting on the request by Mr. Kevin Culley of the University of Rhode Island for an interpretation of the proposed sprinkler plans for the Ryan Center, Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, that the arena area (seats as well as the bowl) of the Center must be fully sprinklered in order for the Center to be used as an exhibition facility. The motion was unanimous.**

**Warwick Fire Chief John Chartier and Washington/Tiogue Fire District Chief Brian Hoxie testified on the issue of zones from fire alarm control panels. A large contingent of fire chiefs from around the state also appeared in support of the issue. Acting on the request by members of the fire service and the alarm industry, a motion was made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, authorizing the Board to enact changes in the rules and regulations to allow multi-zone trip capabilities to remain in place. The motion was unanimous.**

**Acting on a request by Deputy State Fire Marshal Pat Cull, the Board will review in subcommittee his request to revisit the issue of mini horn requirements in small residential group homes. Marshal Cull asked that the discussion of fire-stopping methods in the RI Bridge Building project be held until a date as yet unspecified. Commissioner Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to accept the new Uniform Test Report for fire alarm**

**systems as designed by the State Fire Marshal's office.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**