

Fire Safety Code

Board of Appeal & Review

Minutes of 10-05-04 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, October 5, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Chairman George Farrell.

Commissioners present were Farrell, Coutu, Newbrook, Pearson, Filippi and Preiss. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Esq., Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella and Administrative Aide Desiree Campanini.

The following appeals were heard:

Appeal #030173: Mr. William Connerton for the property located at 81 Sprague Street, Portsmouth. Marshal Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to allow the Applicant 120 days in which to install a municipally connected fire alarm system. Once that fire alarm system has been properly installed at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office, the capacity of this facility shall be

posted at 175 persons. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040274: Mr. Kurt Edenbach for the property located at 55 West Main Road in Portsmouth. Marshal Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Coutu and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to grant the Applicant the following: 1). As a condition of the variances granted, a radio box shall be installed at this facility on or before July of 2005. 2). The Applicant must immediately repair or replace any exit signs cited by the Portsmouth Fire Marshal and install an exterior fire escape servicing both of the third floor apartments within 120 days of the date of this decision. 3). Any other items that require replacement or repair shall be completed by July of 2005. These variances are predicated on the fact stated by the Applicant that this facility will be fully sprinklered within 120 days of the date of this decision. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040319: Ms. Gloria Ribeiro for the property located at 1192 Broad Street in Central Falls. Inspector Cournoyer appeared for the Central Falls Fire Department. Commissioner Coutu recused himself from consideration of this case. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to reinstate all variances previously granted in 1998. This is a fully sprinklered and alarmed building with a compliant suppression system in the kitchen. Inspector Cournoyer had no objection to reinstating the previously granted variances. The motion was

unanimous.

Old Business: Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to accept the subcommittee's recommendations for the property located at 804 Dyer Avenue in Cranston, for Appeal #040344. The motion was unanimous.

A discussion was held regarding the allowed percentages of combustible artwork and teaching materials in educational occupancies. The recommendations were taken under advisement.

Also heard under old business was a request from architect Steven Kile of the Edward Rowse Architects firm to reconsider the decision rendered in Interpretation 04-10. This matter was held over.

Marshal Jeffrey Lynch appeared to request clarification from the Board regarding solid propellant rocket motors in primary and secondary schools in Rhode Island. It was determined by the Board in a motion made by Commissioner Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, that: 1). Each teacher needs a permit by the local fire department to handle and store solid propellant model rocket motors. And 2). Children age 14 and above may handle and launch solid propellant model rocket motors under the supervision of a teacher providing that they have written parental permission. Children under the age of 14 may not handle and launch solid propellant model rocket motors even under the supervision of a

teacher. The motion was unanimous.

Correspondence was read by Chairman Farrell from infection control consultant Janet Robinson regarding alcohol based hand rub solution in healthcare facilities, specifically those solution containers located in corridors. A motion was made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to accept the temporary interim amendment of the NFPA as it relates to alcohol based hand rub solutions. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella