

**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, November 9, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman George Farrell.**

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

**The following appeals were heard:**

**Appeal #040332: Superintendent Robert O'Brien for the Winsor School located at 562 Putnam Pike in Smithfield. Lt. Scott Caron appeared for the Smithfield School Department. A subcommittee of the Board had toured this facility earlier in the day, and a motion was made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to accept the subcommittee's recommendations which follow. As this facility is scheduled to be vacated, the Board has granted a temporary variance until that time from the requirements of 15.3.5.1. Any deficiencies deemed in need of correction should be so corrected within 120 days of the date of this decision. As the library on the basement level has a limited occupancy, this facility is not considered to be of mixed use, rendering deficiency #2 moot.**

**Appeal #040126: Mr. Christopher Colardo for the property located at**

**845 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston. Lt. Timothy Hawthorne appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. It was determined that since the Applicant has agreed to limit the occupancy in the Karate Studio, this facility will be classified as business, and therefore sprinklers will not be required throughout this facility. However, on a motion by Commissioner Burlingame, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, the Applicant will be required to install a sprinkler head off the domestic feed in the electrical room under the non-enclosed stairs. All other deficiencies will be corrected at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040127: Mr. Steven Renshaw for the property located at 15 Point Road in Portsmouth. Marshal Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to grant the Applicant relief from the provisions of section 39.2.4.3 provided that he installs a sprinkler head off the domestic feed in the exit from the basement to protect that exit. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040288: Jeffrey Machado, John Fenner and Michael Bass for the property located at 100 Houghton Street, Providence. Marshal Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the Applicant a technical variance stating that this facility is considered one of non-separated mixed use**

containing a full sprinkler system throughout. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #040246:** Mr. Randy Bottella and Tammy Bottella, Esq. for the property located at 24 Begonia Street in West Warwick. Chief Dennis Larocque appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the following relief. As a condition of the variances granted herein, the Board directed the Applicant that only one-gallon cans of paint will be permitted in the mixing room. The provisions of NFPA 33 will be applied to this portion of the facility. Based on the exiting construction and due to structural hardship, a variance was given from the provisions of 5.8.4. The Applicant was directed to replace a gasket in the door near the exhaust ducts and correct any other deficiencies noted by the Marshal within 120 days of the date of this decision. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #010277:** Mr. David Alencar for the property located at 261-263 Elm Street, Woonsocket. Captain David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. In a motion made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, the following plan of action was approved. The Applicant is instructed to upgrade the fire alarm system, install a sprinkler system in the egress passageways and install CO detectors within 120 days of the date of

**this hearing. The Applicant is also instructed to provide a fire alarm contract within 30 days to the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office and the Applicant will return in 60 days from the date of this hearing to provide a progress report to the Board. The motion was unanimous.**

**Under old business Chief Bessette of the Barrington Fire Marshal's office appeared to give testimony to the issue raised in formal interpretation 04-13(3). After some discussion by the members of the Board, it was decided to ask for input from members of the Fire Marshal's Association, the Fire Chiefs' Association and other public and private officials. No determination will be made until more testimony is taken.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**