

**The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in the Conference Room located at 55 Cedar Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 1:00 PM. Present were Chairman George Farrell and Commissioners Preiss, Newbrook, Coutu, Burlingame, O'Connell, Evans, Pearson and Filippi. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.**

**Appeal #030263: Mr. Jeff Morris (DiMeo Construction) for the property located at 370 Hartford Avenue, Providence. Marshal Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to accept the following plan of action addressing the situation of students tampering with the standpipe hose valve station in the stair enclosures at this facility. The first remedy would be to fuse the valve handle and use a chain with a frangible lock. If that proves unacceptable, the alternative would be to install a fabricated metal collar. These equivalent alternatives apply only to this situation at Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School, but will be available to all schools upon written approval from the AHJ. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040342: Ms. Nancy Binns for the property located at 474 Chapel Street in Harrisville. Marshal Joseph Barroso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office and Chief St. Pierre appeared for the Harrisville Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a**

**motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the following. The Applicant is granted a variance from the provisions of 13.2.5.5.2 for the clear width between the rows of seating. Prior to the commencement of the 2005/2006 academic year for the day care/pre school the following deficiencies must be corrected at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office: any penetrations in the furnace room must be repaired, the stove in the kitchen must be provided with a hood and duct system, the cited missing doors in the day care center must be re-installed, a drill switch must be installed, no-smoking signs must be installed and the cited walls need to be coated with a flame-spread finish. A variance was granted from the provisions of 7.2.5.3.2 for uneven landings from the door to the ramp, due to structural hardship. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #050136: Mr. Fred Tanner and Mr. Robert Orenstein, for the property located at 35 Peirce Street in East Greenwich. Marshal Susan Hawksley appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Vice Chairman Coutu, to grant the two requests for variance concerning the number of exits from the second story and the enclosure of the stairwell to that second floor. There was no objection from the East Greenwich Fire Marshal, and the motion passed over the opposition votes of Commissioners Burlingame, Coutu and Preiss.**

**Appeal #030204: Commander Connely of the Lefebvre Post 1271 for the property located at 416 Hunt Street in Central Falls. Inspector Dion appeared for the Central Falls Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days to correct any deficiencies noted in the Fire Marshal's report, with the exception of providing fire extinguishers where noted, which will be completed within fifteen (15) days. If necessary, the Applicant is to return to the Board in six (6) months to give a progress report on the installation of sprinklers in this facility. Commissioner Coutu recused himself from consideration of this case. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040251: Kitmor, LLC for the property located at 249-253 Main Street in Woonsocket. Lt. Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant a time variance of 120 days from the date of this decision in order to install a municipally connected fire alarm system, proper exit signage and a fire escape system containing a metal grate across the roof, all at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #040121: Mr. Anthony Albanese for the property located at 2190 Broad Street in Cranston. Lt. Timothy Hawthorne appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to grant the following**

relief. A variance is given in order to allow one-hour separation between the residential and mercantile occupancies of this facility, providing an NFPA 13 sprinkler system is installed in the cited portions of the first floor mercantile space. Secondly, the Board authorized the Cranston Fire Marshal's office to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility, once the second means of egress from the roof for the residential portions of this facility has been constructed, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

**Appeal #050137:** Mr. Davide Broccoli and Mr. Harry DiZoglio, for the property located at 2190 Broad Street in Cranston. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant a variance to allow the Applicant to not sprinkler the basement of this facility. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.

**Appeal #040229:** Mr. Almond Milazzo for the property located at 1828 Mineral Spring Avenue in North Providence. Martial Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office and Marshal David Vartian appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, that the Applicant should return at a later date with a comprehensive plan of action for the entire North Providence school system. The motion was unanimous and the hearing date is set for Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

**Under new business: The Board took no action on a request by the RI Hospitality and Tourism Association's request for a blanket variance giving the members of that industry additional time to come into compliance with the sprinkler requirements of the fire code. Instead, the Board has set a date of April 26, 2005 in which to hear testimony from representatives of both the hospitality and sprinkler industries as to the matter in question.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**