

Fire Safety Code

Board of Appeal & Review

Minutes of 1-04-05 meeting

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room C, William Powers Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 1:00 PM. Present were Chairman George Farrell and Commissioners Preiss, Newbrook, Burlingame, Pearson, Evans and Coutu. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.

Appeal No.: 040065: Mr. Anthony Soriani for the property located at 85-87 Blackstone Street, Woonsocket. Lt. Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion seconded by Commissioner Burlingame to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the swing of the main entry egress doors to remain as is, and to have all necessary work on this facility completed within sixty (60) days, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal No.: 040139: Mr. Mark Carlson for the property located at 118, 120 and 122 Manton Avenue, Providence. Inspector Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office.

Commissioner Pearson made a motion seconded by commissioner Newbrook to grant the following. On item #1, a variance was granted on the issue of handrails. There was no objection by the Providence Fire Marshal's office. On item #6, a variance was granted on the issue of tenant egress doors opening against the direction of egress. There was no objection by the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Illuminated exit signs will be installed at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. As to item 37, the Applicant was given 120 days from the date of this decision in order to allow the Applicant to install 37 solid core doors maintaining an approximate fire rating of twenty (20) minutes. Finally, as to item #8, the Applicant was given a variance to install fire extinguishers into the tenant spaces within 30 days from the date of this decision. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal No.: 040161: Inspector Dan Isles appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office regarding the property located at 336 Atwells Avenue in Providence. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook to grant the following. A variance was granted to provide a metal grate fire escape across a combustible roof. A variance was also granted to allow ductwork from the kitchen to remain in its current location. A variance was granted to allow the Applicant to provide a one-hour rated ceiling assembly due to structural hardship. All other deficiencies shall be corrected within 120 days of the date of this decision at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire

Marshal's office. The Providence Fire Marshal's office was granted the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal No.: 040171: Mr. Joseph Paolino for the property located at 551 Thames Street, Newport. Lt. Michael Leber appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to allow the Applicant a time variance until May 30, 2005 to correct all of the deficiencies listed in the Fire Marshal's report, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal. If it appears that there are any issues that cannot be resolved within that time frame, the Applicant must return to the Board with those issues by April 1, 2005 at which time the Board will make a determination on those items only. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal No.: 040297: Mr. Stuart Meyerson, Mr. Jeff Caplin and Mr. Dominick Fanalli for the property located at One Goat Island, Newport. Lt. Michael Leber appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. On a motion by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, the Board approved the submitted plan of action for additional exits and a rated corridor, and granted the Applicant 120 days to institute the submitted plan. All work is to be performed at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella