

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at 260 West Exchange Street in Conference Room 109, Providence, RI on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 1:00 PM. Present were Chairman George Farrell, Vice Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Blackburn, Preiss, Burlingame, Pearson, Richard and O'Connell. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey, Jr., Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following were considered.

Appeal #050002: Mr. Paul Pasch, for the property located at 150 Dartmouth Street in Pawtucket. DSFM Joseph Spizzirri and William Howe, Chief of Inspections appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to allow the installation of sprinklers in the six group home units located within this facility to be deferred until the sprinkler systems are installed in all of the units per the code for residential units, but within 180 days from the date of the decision in this case. Smoke detectors in these six units shall be remounted per code concurrently. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050013: The Jewish Community Center, for the property located at 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. Inspector Vernon Dunlop and Lt. Richard Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office and DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the following relief. For phase I of the plan of action, the Applicant is granted a time variance of 120

days to correct all deficiencies, including but not limited to the sprinkler system on the first floor and the suppression system on the second floor. For good cause shown, the AHJ may extend the time variance sixty days. The Applicant will return to the Board on March 14, 2006 to present the time frame and plan of action for the second and third floors of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050010: Richard Perry, for the property located at 296-302 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket. Lt. Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Coutu, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days in which to install a compliant fire alarm and sprinkler system in this facility. The AHJ can extend the time for good cause shown. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050509: Christine Wilson, for the property located at 128 Singleton Street in Woonsocket. Lt. Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the requested variance to allow the cited stairs to remain at 30", provided that a bollard is installed at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050939: Mr. Jim Fenton, for the property located at 199 Amaral Street in East Providence. ADSFM Curtis Wise appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson

made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to approve the Applicant's request for a variance. There was no objection from the East Providence Fire Marshal's office and the motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050916: Cheryl Helms for the property located at 50 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Kirwin appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Coutu, to accept the Applicant's plan of action and to grant the Newport Fire Marshal's office the authority to grant a temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Under old business:

Chief Frederick Stanley and Chief of Inspections William Howe continued to address the Board on the issue of distance of travel to an exit from a pupil occupied area.

Carol Nelson, Director of Facilities for the Diocese of Providence, came before the Board to request an extension of time until June 1, 2006 for the variance granted by the Board at its September 8, 2004 meeting.. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the extension. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella