

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Preiss, Blackburn, Walker, Jasparro, Dias, Filippi and Richard. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #060142: Mr. Stephan Najmy, for the property located at 980 East Main Road, Portsmouth. ADSFM Phillip Simmons appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant a time variance until May 31, 2009, in which to have a compliant fire alarm installed in this facility. The Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office is authorized to extend the above time variance for good faith efforts shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080160: Hughes Associates, for the property located at 125 Quaker Hill Lane in Portsmouth. ADSFM Phillip Simmons appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to approve the area of refuge plan developed by Hughes Associates and supported by the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080161: Mr. Paul Dietel, for the property located at 60 George Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Preiss and Blackburn recused themselves from consideration of this case. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility, with the file to remain open for the duration of the project. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070260, 070261: Lincoln School, for the property located at 301 Butler Avenue, Providence. DSFM David Cionfalo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office and ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to allow the Applicant to conduct fire drills with a device other than the drill switch, such reasonable alternative to a drill switch to be implemented at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, confirming the State Fire Marshal's position that elevator recall is not required for this service elevator. The motion was unanimous. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, approving the plans for the covered egress from the Amy Leeds Fitness Center. The motion passed over the objection of Commissioner Dias. Finally, the Applicant will return on July 29, 2008, with his plan of action for the remainder of this project. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella

Deputy Director