

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday September 14, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Acting Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Preiss, Richard, Blackburn, Walker and Dias. Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Pearson, Jackson, Fillippi and Jasparro were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #100198: Mr. Skip Learned, for the property located at 261 Middle Highway, Barrington. Chief Gerald Bessette appeared for the Barrington Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) months on all the classroom doors and any doors that open into the path of egress such as stairway doors, corridor doors, etc. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance in order for the Applicant to provide all the doors with self-closing devices by the commencement of classes in September of 2011. The Barrington Fire Marshal's Office had no objection to the above time variances. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100153: Westwood Associates, for the property located at Westwood Manor Drive, Providence (Building A). ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant

the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the fire alarm and sprinkler systems of this facility to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office and an additional (150) days to complete the plan of action. The Board granted the Providence Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above timelines, if the Applicant is showing a good faith effort. The vote passed with Commissioner Preiss recusing.

Westwood Associates, for the following properties in the town of Johnston:

APPEAL #100154: Westwood Manor Drive, Johnston (Bldg#B)

APPEAL #100155: Westwood Manor Drive, Johnston (Bldg#C)

APPEAL #100156: Westwood Manor Drive, Johnston (Bldg#D)

APPEAL #100157: Westwood Manor Drive, Johnston (Bldg#E)

APPEAL #100158: Westwood Manor Drive, Johnston (Bldg#F)

Chief Andrew Baynes appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the fire alarm and sprinkler systems of this facility to the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office and an additional (150) days to complete the plan of action. The Board granted the Johnston Fire Marshal's the authority to extend the above timelines, if the Applicant is showing a good faith effort. The vote passed with Commissioner Preiss recusing.

APPEAL #100030: Mr. Anthony Perrotti, for the property located at 41 Illinois Avenue, Warwick. ADSFM Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias. to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of a fully compliant sprinkler system and also a key access box in this facility and an additional (150) days to complete the plan of action. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to maintain a path of egress that travels through a storage room to exit the building. The Board granted the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above timelines, if the applicant is showing a good faith effort. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100196: Ms. Gloria Manzotti, for the property located at 1277 Post Road, Warwick. ADSFM Matthew O'Donnell appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a local fire alarm system in this facility and an additional (150) days to complete the plan of action. The Board granted the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above time line, if the applicant is showing a good faith effort. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100194: Mr. William Mackin, for the property located at 412

Bellevue Avenue (Bldg. #1), Newport. ADSFM Raymond Gomes appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow him to paint all the doors with a Class A finish to achieve a (20) minute rating and to install spring-loaded hinges on all the doors, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional (150) days to complete the plan of action. The Board granted the Newport Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadlines, if the applicant is showing a good faith effort. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100195: Mr. William Mackin, for the property located at 412 Bellevue Avenue (Bldg. #2), Newport. ADSFM Raymond Gomes appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow him to paint all the doors with a Class A finish to achieve a (20) minute rating and to install spring-loaded hinges on all the doors, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional (150) days to complete the plan of action. The Board granted the Newport Fire Marshal's Office

the authority to extend the above deadlines, if the applicant is showing a good faith effort. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100116: Mr. Eric Hanson, for the property located at 231 South Main Street, Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal did not appear for this hearing, however, a letter was submitted to the Board on behalf of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office, which had no objection to the variances being sought by the applicant. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant a variance from the provisions of the Life Safety Code section 7.1.5.1 on the basis of structural hardship to allow the applicant to continue the use of the sub-basement with headroom less than required by the fire code. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100117: Mr. Eric Hanson, for the property located at 55 Angell Street, Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal did not appear for this hearing, however, a letter was submitted to the Board on the behalf of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office, which had no objection to the variance being sought by the applicant. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship in order to allow him to maintain the existing metal door frame, provided the stairway doors are replaced and equipped with fire exit hardware and self-closing devices. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL: #100197: Mr. Robert Garon, for the property located at 569 Park Avenue, Woonsocket. ADSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant a variance in order to allow the bulkhead to serve as the second means of egress from the basement of this facility. The Board granted a variance, based on structural hardship, in order to allow the Applicant to maintain the cited winders and interior stairway in their current configuration. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to bring the front interior stairway headroom clearance into compliance and an additional 150 days to complete the plan of action. If the Applicant and the State Fire Marshal's Office cannot agree on a solution to bring the headroom issue into compliance the Applicant and the State Fire Marshal's Office may return to the Board to address the headroom issue. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090241: Mr. John Pesce, for the property located at 68 Cumberland Street, Woonsocket. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of fire alarm and sprinkler systems for this facility to the State Fire Marshal's Office and an additional (120) days to implement that plan of action. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance

of thirty (30) days to provide the State Fire Marshal's Office with routine service maintenance records and service maintenance tags for the standpipe hose connection within this building. The motion was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to accept the recommendations for the property located at 299 Walcott Street in Pawtucket, which included the Applicant's plan of action to move the wood material storage ten (10) feet back from the property boundary lines. This case was heard on September 7, 2010 by a subcommittee of the Board. There being no objection by the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office, the motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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