

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **CASES HEARD ON MARCH 22, 2011**

**This matter was originally scheduled to be heard by the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building # 46, Cranston, R.I. However, at that time, the Board lacked a quorum and the cases were heard by a Subcommittee consisting of Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Preiss, Walker and Dias.**

**The recommendations of the Subcommittee are as follows:**

**APPEAL # 080316 780 Tiogue Ave, Coventry. On January 19, 2011, the Parties were directed to develop a plan of action and return to the Board. The plan of action, calling for the construction of an emergency fire escape was presented to the Board. ADSFM Mark Vincent appeared for the Hopkins Hill Fire Marshal's Office and had no objection to the plan. Accordingly, the Subcommittee recommends a variance in order to allow this limited occupancy facility to maintain the open stairway between levels with the proposed new fire escape. The subcommittee recommends a second variance for the existing headroom on the stairway with a low clearance sign. No objection based on structural hardship and existing conditions. (Commissioners Walker / Preiss)**

**APPEAL # 110024 608 Broadway, Pawtucket. This building houses**

**the Mercantile portion of Broadway Tire in Pawtucket. This building is sprinkled. However, ADSFM Parent of the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office has advised that the building needs a local fire alarm system, exit signs, emergency lighting, a key access box and further advises that the sprinkler FDC be replaced with a Stortz connection. The Applicant advised of economic hardship which was noted by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee recommends a time variance of 30 and 150 days to complete the work. The Subcommittee noted that if the code was modified to eliminate the fire alarm requirement, the Applicant could return at that time and seek an amendment of the Decision. (Commissioners Dias /Preiss)**

**APPEAL # 110025 87 Gooding Street, Pawtucket. This building houses the warehouse / storage portion of Broadway Tire in Pawtucket. This building is not sprinkled. ADSFM Parent of the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office has advised that the building needs a local fire alarm system, exit signs, emergency lighting and a key access box. The Applicant again advised of economic hardship which was again noted by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee recommends a time variance of 30 and 150 days to complete the work. The Subcommittee noted that if the code was modified to eliminate the fire alarm requirement, the Applicant could return at that time and seek an amendment of the Decision. (Commissioners Dias / Preiss)**

**APPEAL # 080081 1108 Main Street, West Warwick. This is a four**

**unit, two story, townhouse style condominium. the State and West Warwick Fire marshal's Offices represented the fire service. The Subcommittee recommends a time variance to correct the and remaining deficiencies outlined in the March 11, 2011 inspection report. The Subcommittee further notes that since the building was reviewed under the 15 point plan, items 12 through 16 are Moot. (Commissioners Preiss / Walker)**

**APPEAL # 080208 29-35 Central Street, West Warwick. This is a two (2) story, four (4) unit condominium style residential occupancy. The only outstanding issue is the fire alarm system. The Board was advised that there may be approved separation between certain units which could cause the occupancy to be reclassified. Accordingly, the Subcommittee recommends a time variance of 30 days to either confirm the suspected separation for the fire marshal or present fire alarm plans to the fire marshal. If the separation is not confirmed, the Subcommittee recommends an additional 120 days to complete installation of the fire alarm system. (Commissioners Walker / Dias)**

**APPEAL # 100330 7 River Street, West Warwick. This is an existing 6 unit apartment building with an alarm system that had the panel replaced due to flooding but needs additional upgrades. The Applicant has requested time to upgrade the alarm and install smoke and CO detectors, compliant emergency lighting, exit signs, class A rating on the wainscoting and portable fire extinguishers.**

**Subcommittee recommends 30 and 150 days. (Commissioners Walker / Dias)**

**APPEAL # 080022 1959 Warwick Ave, Warwick. This is a service station that had no monitoring of the suppression system covering the gasoline pumps. The Subcommittee recommends 30 and 120 days with the Warwick Fire Marshal having the authority to extend these deadlines. (Commissioners Dias / Walker)**

**APPEAL # 080044 61 Dewey Avenue, Warwick. Mixed (Business / Industrial / Storage) occupancy with a local fire alarm system. Warwick Fire Marshal has determined that the system needs to be upgraded to a municipally-connected system. The Subcommittee recommends 30 and 120 days with the Warwick Fire Marshal having the authority to extend these deadlines up to one year. (Commissioners Dias / Walker)**

**APPEAL # 110051 857 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick. Subcommittee Recommendation to put case over for to June 21, 2011 to develop a plan of action with the Warwick Fire marshal's Office. (Commissioners Preiss / Walker)**

**APPEAL # 110054 751 West Shore Road, Warwick. This is a mixed (Business / Mercantile) occupancy that currently requires a local fire alarm system. Subcommittee recommends 30 and 150 days with the Warwick Fire Marshal having the authority to extend these deadlines.**

**(Commissioners Dias / Preiss)**

**APPEAL # 110056 1080 Warwick Avenue, Warwick. This is a smaller building that is currently operating as two (2) mercantile occupancies. It was originally classified as a single industrial occupancy. There is a local fire alarm system that has not been maintained. There is partial separation between the two (2) units. Subcommittee recommends a time variance of 30 and 150 days with the Warwick Fire Marshal having the authority to extend these deadlines. The Applicant shall have the option of either completing the approved separation between the units to the satisfaction of the Warwick Fire marshal's Office or upgrading and maintaining the current fire alarm system.**

**(Commissioners Walker / Preiss)**