

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Review

May 15, 2012

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday May 15, 2012. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Pearson, Walker, Jasparro, Jackson Sylvester, Burlingame and Richard. Commissioner Blackburn was absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard:

APPEAL #090186: Ms. Jane Yeoman, for the property located at 311 Stillwater Road, Smithfield. DSFM Eric Keirnan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Richard, to grant the requested variance for the headroom clearance in the cited basement area. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090097: Administrator Nicole Adams, for the property located at 118 High Street, Westerly. DSFM Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a

motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to reaffirm the previously granted variance for the chair lift in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090131: Mr. Richard Belford, for the property located at 50 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Steven Parent appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to affirm the determination that, based upon the limited and reduced occupancy of this facility, a sprinkler system is not required. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.

APPEAL #110230: Newport Public Schools, for the property located at 15 Wickham Road in Newport. ADSFM Chris Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance, prior to the commencement of the 2012-2013 academic year, to correct any outstanding deficiency listed on the Newport Fire Marshal's September 1, 2011 report. The Newport Fire Marshal is authorized to extend the above time for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120007: Ms. Margaret Mulholland, for the property located at 7 Dresser Street in Newport. ADSFM Chris Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the following relief.

The Applicant is granted a variance to maintain the cited vintage door, provided she replaces the current glass panes with fire glass or makes equivalent improvements to the door, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty (30) days to present a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies within this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan of action. The Newport Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend the above timeline for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.

APPEAL #120047: Ms. Robin Coggins, for the property located at 92 East Avenue in Pawtucket. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a variance to maintain the cited panic hardware at its current height. The motion passed over the opposition votes of Commissioners Dias, Filippi, Pearson, Burlingame and Jasparro.

APPEAL #120046: Ms. Cherri Pensak, for the property located at 195 Danielson Pike in Foster. Chief of Inspections Scott Caron and DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant's requested relief. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090172A, 090228A, 090294A: Mr. Robert Kielbasa, for the property located at 1272 West Main Road, Middletown. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to approve the Applicant's plan of action. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Marsella