

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, December 4, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Dias, Walker, Pearson, Jasparro, Jackson, Sylvester, Burlingame, Blackburn and Richard. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

As the first item of business, the Board voted on the proposed regulations that had been the subject of a public hearing held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to accept those proposed regulations. The motion was unanimous.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #120129: Mr. Raymond E.J. Hutnak, for the property located at One Office Parkway, East Providence. ADSFM James Bellamy and ADSFM Robert Powers appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow a domestically supplied sprinkler head in the front and rear exit stairwells. The Applicant has submitted a plan of action to the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the replacement of

the local fire alarm system with a new municipally connected fire alarm system. The Board granted the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office the authority to establish a timetable to bring this facility into compliance. The motion passed.

APPEAL #120144: Mr. Gerald Lesperance, for the property located at 64 Harrison Avenue, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Degrange appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional (150) days to implement that plan. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of ten (10) days to install fire extinguishers in the apartment of this facility. The Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office was granted the authority to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #120142: Premier Property Management, for the property located at 1520 Capella Goat Island South, Newport (Capella Building). ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional

(150) days to implement that plan. The motion passed. The Board denied the Applicant's request for a variance to allow gas grills on the balconies of this facility.

APPEAL #120143: Premier Property Management, for the property located on Defender's Row, Goat Island, Newport (America Building). ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame to deny the Applicant's variance request for the installation of gas grills on the balconies of this facility. The motion passed.

APPEAL #120141: Mr. Steven Laurin, for the property located at 10 Redwood Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from installing a sprinkler system in this facility. The Board was advised that the Applicant has installed a fully compliant municipally connected fire alarm system in this facility. The motion passed.

APPEAL #120124: Epoch Senior Living, for the property located at 353 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the

Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the State Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100028: Mr. Pasco Raminondo, for the property located at 596 Tiogue Avenue, Coventry. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. DSFM David Godin appeared for the Central Coventry Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame to grant the applicant a time variance which will be established by the State Fire Marshal's Office to have this facility reviewed under new NFPA 2012 edition of the fire code to bring this facility into full compliance. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120269A: Micozzi Management Inc., for the property located at 1276 Bald Hill Road, Warwick. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant's request for an additional time variance until January 1, 2013 to provide heat detection above the suspended ceiling in this facility that is currently unprotected. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm

system and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the State Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extended the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

The Board's Director read the December 4, 2012 responses to the questions submitted by Mr. Paul Jansson of the Warwick School Department, Mr. Daniel Baudouin of the Providence Foundation, and Mr. Mark Matrone regarding issues brought forth during the proposed rules and regulation public hearing held on November 27. 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Desiree Campanini