

**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, June 11, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Sylvester, Burlingame, Blackburn, Jackson, Thornton and Booth. Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Pearson, Walker and Richard were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #110014A, 110015A, 110016A: Mr. Merrit Meyer, for the property located at 500 Wood Street, Bristol. Chief Scott Caron, DSFM Octavio Vieira and DSFM Patrick Carney appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Frank Sousa appeared for the Bristol Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. The Board hereby extends the time variance previously granted to the Applicant for an additional year from the date of the June 11, 2013 hearing in order to allow the Applicant to continue along with the plan of action, at the direction of the state and local fire marshals' offices. Finally, the Board directs the parties to return to the Board during June of 2014 for a further progress report. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth to grant the Applicant this time variance. The motion passed with Commissioner Jackson abstaining from vote.**

**APPEAL #1001108: Mr. Mark A. Demers, for the property located at 33 Factory Street, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola and ADSFM Albert Zinno appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Sylvester, to postpone any action in this case. The Board scheduled on-site inspection of this property for June 25, 2013 at 10:00A.M. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #130020: Mr. Daniel Farrara, for the property located at 225 Hopkins Hill Road, Coventry. ADSFM Mark Vincent appeared for the Hopkins Hill Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a variance to maintain the floor in the repair shop garage area in its current configuration. As a condition of this variance, the Applicant was granted a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of the seal-tight covering on the floor in the garage repair shop area and an additional 150 days to implement that plan at direction and to the satisfaction of the Hopkins Hill Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #120110B: Mr. Steven Meresi, for the property located at 506 Broadway, Providence. Chief Scott Caron and DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to**

**correct any deficiencies shown in the pictures submitted to the Board at the hearing on 6-11-13 by DSFM Michael Macaruso of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the upgrade of the sprinkler system and the fire alarm system in the facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the Providence Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the timelines for the upgrades of the fire alarm and sprinkler system, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant a variance on the one-hour separation from the four (4) apartment units and mercantile occupancy, due to the upgrades being made to the fire alarm system and the sprinkler system in this facility. The motion passed with Commissioners Burlingame and Blackburn opposing the vote.**

**APPEAL #120113: Mr. Fernando Ronci, for the property located at 61 Reservoir Road, North Smithfield, (horse stable). ADSFM Brain Gartland appeared for the North Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to direct the Applicant to install a smoke detector in the tack room of this facility and exit signage at the main excess doors of the horse stable, at the direction of the North Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #120114: Mr. Fernando Ronci, for the property located at 61 Reservoir Road, North Smithfield, (riding arena). ADSFM Brain**

**Gartland appeared for the North Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a variance on the dimensions of the headroom on the exit door of the shed that does not meet the fire code requirements. The Board directs the Applicant to install exit signage at the main excess doors of the riding arena. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #130054: Mr. Steven Oats, for the property located at 491-493 Thames Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a variance from suitable separation between the garage and furnace room, due to the Applicant having a local fire alarm system installed in this facility. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to install fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors in the mercantile units of this facility. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #130055: Mr. Jeff McCooey, for the property located at 76 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship on the existing stairs in the means of egress that do not have the required guard due to the historic integrity of the building. The Board granted the**

**Applicant a variance based on structural hardship to allow the Applicant to maintain the second to third floor egress stairs open to the main foyer, due to this facility having a full operational fire alarm system and sprinkler system. The Applicant advised the Board that all the emergency lighting in this building will be corrected to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant requested a variance based on structural hardship which will allow the Applicant to use the original doors of this building due to its historic integrity. The Board advised the Applicant that if the original doors are installed they must remain open during business hours. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted**

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