

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 25, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Sylvester, Burlingame, Blackburn, Walker and Jackson. Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Pearson and Richard were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130074: Mr. Jim Abbott, for the property located at 241 Post Road, Westerly. Chief Michael Frink appeared for the Dunn's Corners Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship to maintain the existing internal steel door and existing internal stairway in its current configuration, with no objection from the Dunn's Corners Fire Marshal's Office. The Board was advised that the Applicant has a compliant local fire alarm system in this facility. The motion passed with Commissioner Jackson abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #130117: Pastor Steven P. Gomes, for the property located at 639 Cranston Street, Providence. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to

grant the Applicant a variance that allows the Applicant to remove the television room on the second floor and to add an additional space for four (4) beds for the women at The Providence Rescue Mission with the condition that the Providence Fire Marshal's Office will re-inspect this facility to see if it is in compliance with Chapter 28 Hotel/Motel/Dormitory. The Board will leave this file open if this facility is not in compliance to allow the Applicant and the Providence Fire Marshal's Office to return to the Board with a plan of action to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130117: Mr. Angelo Mone, for the property located at 336 Willett Avenue, East Providence. Wade Palazini, Chief of Plan Review and DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant several variances based on structural hardship. The Board advised the Applicant that prior to the re-occupancy of this facility the following issues will be brought into full compliance with the fire code; the residential sprinkler heads, suppression system over the commercial cooking appliances in the kitchen and the first floor of this facility will have a compliant smoke partition installed. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130114: Mr. Shahin Barzin, for the property located at 659 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared

for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for the renovation of the Belcourt Castle Mansion in Newport. The Applicant was also granted several structural and historical variances and further granted the new owner a one year time variance for the installation of the required sprinkler system. During this one year period, the owner would be allowed to maintain groups of less than 300 people. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130073: Mr. Alan Sepe, for the property located at 370 Hartford Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Richard Vespia appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a variance from installing a sprinkler head in the elevator shaft hoistway. The Applicant was granted a variance to allow the installation of a combination rate of rise/fixed temperature detector at the top of the elevator hoistway. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130075: Mr. Timothy Wensus of Hughes Associates, for the property located at 224-228 Angell Street, Providence. ADSFM Daniel Isles appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action. The Applicant was also granted several structural hardship variances for

the new attic stairway and permitted to keep the existing configuration of the stairway and balcony within the upper school art studio in its current configuration due to their architectural significance and limited use. The Applicant requested that a previous decision (File#900059) made by the Board be reaffirmed. The Board advised the Applicant and the Providence Fire Marshal's Office that this file will remain open, if either party needs to return to the Board for any reason. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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