

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, August 27, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Booth, Walker, Pearson, Thornton, Jackson, Blackburn and Burlingame. Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Richard and Sylvester were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130118: Coastal Housing Corporation, for the property located at 2243 West Main Road, Portsmouth. ADSFM Thomas Fagan appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code and an additional 150 days to implement that plan. The Board granted the Applicant's request for a variance which will allow the Applicant to separate the storage portion of the basement from the rest of the units and to install a domestic sprinkler head over the boiler. The motion was unanimous.

APEAL #130140: Carolyn's Sakonett Vineyard, for the property located at 162 West Main Road, Little Compton. ADSFM Randy Watt

appeared for the Little Compton Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Burlingame and Blackburn, to grant the Applicant's request for relief from the provisions of RIGL 23.28.19-4. The Applicant was granted a time variance from the Board which will allow the tent to remain up until October 31, 2013. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130152: Timothy Wensus, for the property located at 135 Weybosset Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to accept the proposed plan of action for the renovation of the Village Green Charter School. The Board granted several variances. The Board granted a time variance of four (4) months to upgrade the sprinkler system and fire alarm system in this facility, with a fire watch until the installation of the fire alarm is completed. The Board advised the Applicant and the Providence Fire Marshal's Office that this file will remain open to address any fire alarm issue if needed. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130133: Mr. Harry Andrews, for the property located at 10 Fir Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a

time variance of one (1) year for the installation of a new fire alarm system in this facility. The Board also granted the Applicant a variance to allow smoke detection in the hallway, instead of heat detection in each storage unit, with the condition that only employees will have access to the warehouse area of this facility. The motion passed with Commissioners Blackburn and Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130135: Ms. Betty Greenman, for the property located at 16 Brinley Street, Newport. ADSFM Wayne Clark appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Thornton and Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a full compliant fire alarm system and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the Newport Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the dwelling unit doors, basement doors and the first floor storage room doors to remain if the Applicant paints the doors with an approved flame-spread rated material to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners

Pearson and Thornton to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee to grant the Applicant an additional year from the original Decision to bring this facility into compliance for (APPEAL #09044B) William M. Davies High School, located at 50 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincoln. The motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office and return to the Board in October of 2013 to present the plan for the following properties located at:

APPEAL #130070: 44 Ochre Point Avenue, Newport, (The Breakers)

APPEAL #130071: 548 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, (Rose Cliff)

APPEAL #130063: 596 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, (Marble House)

The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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