

**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, January 14, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Jackson, Richard and Burlingame. Commissioners Sylvester, Walker, Blackburn and Pearson were absent. Also present were Peter Dennehy Esq., and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #130199: Mr. Jason Harris, for the property located at 833 Broadway, East Providence. DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to table this case until January 21, 2014 to allow an on-site inspection to be conducted at the above property. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #130202: Kellaway Realty Corp., for the property located at 24 Commerce Street, Pawtucket. Chairman Newbrook recused himself from consideration of this case. DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, 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 new exit stair in the common path of travel and an additional sixty (60) 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 made by the Applicant. The Board also granted the Applicant time variance of two (2) weeks to correct the exit sign leading to the exit on the kitchen side visible from any direction and the door from the office within the stairway enclosure needs a self-closer installed. The motion passed.**

**APPEAL #130206: Ms. Deborah Stebenne, for the property located at 10 St. John Street, West Warwick. ADSFM Matthew Manni appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system and the correction of any other outstanding deficiencies in this facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board grants the Applicant a time variance of two (2) weeks to install temporary smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in this facility and to have the fire extinguisher properly serviced and tagged. The Applicant was given two (2) days to remove the gasoline can stored in the basement of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of fourteen (14) days to remove the charcoal grill on the first floor rear porch and to remove any storage located under the first floor rear porch. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #130207: Mr. Robert Forrest, for the property located at 67 Johnson Road, Foster. DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a variance to limit the occupancy of this facility to 202 people. The Applicant must have the curtains in the banquet hall treated with flame spread retardant prior to this facility re-opening and the Applicant must provide the State Fire Marshal's Office with the documentation that the curtains have met the requirements of NFPA 701. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #130182: Rhode Island School of Design, for the property located at 224 Benefit Street, Providence. ADSFM Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action for the renovation of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance to allow the Applicant to set up timetables, prioritizing significant life-safety issues over the next nine (9) years. The Board also granted the Applicant several structural variances in this facility. The Applicant was granted thirty (30) days to clean up any storage in the means of egress throughout this facility. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #140002: Ms. Sheila Springer, for the property located at 66 Whitecap Drive, North Kingstown. Deputy Chief James Gumbley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairperson Filippi**

**made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to develop and implement a plan of action for replacing and maintaining the cited sprinkler head in the exterior entrance of vestibule. If the Applicant cannot comply in sixty days then she may return to the Board for further guidance. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Desiree Campanini**

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