

The Rhode Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Blackburn, Thornton, Booth, Richard, Jackson and Burlingame. Commissioners Pearson, Walker and Sylvester were absent. Also present were Peter Dennehy, Esq., and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #140043: Alexander G. Walsh, Esq., for the property located at 36 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner 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 fire alarm system in this facility and to correct any other outstanding deficiencies deemed necessary by the Newport Fire Marshal's Office 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 based on structural hardship to allow the existing winders to remain, and a variance to allow the Applicant to install one compliant handrail on all the stairs in this facility. The Applicant was granted a variance which

allowed him to maintain the existing basement door, provided that sprinkler heads are installed over the boiler and the basement door is be painted with flame retardant paint of twenty minute rating. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140026: Mr. Steven Campo, for the property located at 501 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston. ASDFM Charles Camara appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Cranston Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant municipally connected fire alarm system and for the correction of any deficiencies outlined by the Cranston Fire Marshal's Office and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the Cranston 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 based on structural hardship to allow the existing basement egress to remain in use. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140036: Mr. Chris Crawley, for the property located at 833 Armistice Boulevard, Pawtucket. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to approve the Applicant's plan of action and grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit fire alarm plans to the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office, and an additional 150 days to implement that plan,

with the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Applicant advised the Board that the key access box will be installed within thirty (30) days. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the Applicant not to install panic hardware on the exit doors. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140037: Mr. Jay Colgan, for the property located at 370 George Washington Highway, Smithfield. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Thornton, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance requiring two (2) system designs for the dry-pipe sprinkler system in the attic. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL 140035: Mr. Kevin Muoio, for the property located at 59 Main Street, East Greenwich. ADSFM Steven Hughes appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a variance on a trial basis to allow him to utilize the facility as a movie theater with a limited occupancy of 200 people and not to show more than ten (10) movies a year, with crowd management training and a fire detail if needed. The motion passed with Commissioner Booth abstaining and Commissioners Blackburn and Burlingame opposing the vote.

APPEAL #130142A: Director Joseph Costanzo, for the property located at 735 New London Avenue, Cranston. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from installing a sprinkler system above the ceiling space in residential wings of the facility. The Board advised the Applicant he must install heat detection in the areas where the sprinkler system was omitted. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn recusing himself from consideration of this case.

APPEAL #130142A: Mr. Mario Mancebo, for the property located at 938-940 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to re-affirm the Board's original decision, which granted the Applicant's request for relief from installing emergency forces notification, with the Applicant maintaining the existing fire alarm in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080103A: University of RI, for the property located at 9 Greenhouse Road, Kingston. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairperson Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to re-affirm the Board's decision to modify phase two which will provide modification of the existing vertical opening. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance

until December 31, 2015 to complete phase two. The Board granted the State Fire Marshal's Office authority to extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn recusing himself from consideration of this case.

Respectfully submitted

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