

The Rhode Island 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, September 9, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.

Called To Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Jackson, Booth, Richard and Blackburn.

Absent were Commissioners Pearson, Walker, Thornton and Sylvester.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame, Esq. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Minutes:

Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn to approve the Fire Board minutes for August 19, 2014.

Old Business:

Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth to approve FI#14-05 (mixed occupancies and in particular, residential occupancies above business or mercantile occupancies).

New Business:

APPEAL #140089: Michael D. Crane, Esq., for the property located at 64 Nasonville Road, Burrillville. Chief Scott Caron, DSFM Octavio Vieira and DSFM Patrick Carney appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, granted the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship on the existing winders from the first floor to the third floor that does not meet the code requirements. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance until June 30, 2015 to bring this facility into fully compliant with the RI Fire Code. The Board granted this time variance with the stipulation that no new tenant can be move in this facility until it is fully compliant and the existing tenants will be allowed to remain in this facility. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140087: Access Point RI, for the property located at 665 Dyer Avenue, Cranston. DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard 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 State Fire Marshal's Office to add a second mean of egress for the 2nd floor Cafeteria by installing smoke barrier or recuse window at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office and an additional one hundred fifty (150) 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 shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant a variance on corridors which have wired glass and fire doors in the corridor with windows to remain in use, finding an equivalency of twenty (20) minute rating. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140088: Pastor Peter Latham, for the property located at 292 West Shore Road, Warwick. ADSFM Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard 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 Warwick Fire Marshal's Office to bring this facility into full compliance with the RI Fire Code and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan, with the Warwick Fire Marshal Office authorized to extend the above deadlines if a good faith effort is being shown. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL: #140078: Ocean State Reality, for the property located at 440 Wickenden Street, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Booth, to close the file based on deficiency being resolved by Blanket Variance #14-05. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140079: Mr. Everett Bianco, for the property located at 423 Atwells Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the

Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Jackson, to close the file based on deficiency being resolved by Blanket Variance #14-05. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140083: Nanci Sarganis, for the property located at 387 Wickenden Street, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, advised the Applicant the building can remain as is as long as the first floor is stay vacant. Once the first floor of this facility is occupied, the Applicant must bring facility into full compliance of the RI Fire Code. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office objected to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140083: Mr. George Goulart Jr., for the property located at 387 Wickenden Street, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan, with the Providence Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140099: Rockwood J. Edwards, for the property located at 257 Thayer Street, Providence. ADSFM Christopher Dillion and ADSFM Carmen Vita appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to deny the Applicant request for relief from NFPA 72. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Jackson abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #140104: Mill Creek Marine Development, for the property located at 81 Wescott Road, North Kingstown. Chief Scott Caron, Deputy Chief James Gumbley and Chief Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from installing a rack sprinkler system in this facility. The motion passed on (5) to (1) vote with Commissioner Blackburn opposing the vote.

Commissioner Booth made motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to approve Chairman Newbrook appointment of Commissioner Blackburn to Vice Chairman of the Fire Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondences / Announcements:

Vice Chairperson Marion Filippi has step down from her position as Vice Chairperson, but will remain on the Fire Board as a

Commissioner.

Open Forum / Public Comment:

The State Fire Marshal's Office advised us that their office is in the process of moving, hopefully will be in full operation on Friday.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi to adjourn meeting at 3:10 P.M.