

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 30, 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 Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Jackson and Sylvester.

Absent were Commissioners Filippi, Pearson, Richard and Walker.

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

Approvals of minutes of the previous:

Minutes of September 30, 2014 Fire Board Minutes

New Business:

The following case was heard in subcommittee:

APPEAL #140106: RI Veterans Home, for the property located at 480 Metacom Avenue, Bristol. Chief Scott Caron and DSFM Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner

Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to correct the following issues: the installation of a required fire and smoke barriers in the basement hallway to the Activities Department that is posted as a “Workshop (Temporary) Storage Area”, the N3 dayroom old smoke detectors need to be remove, the emergency lighting in room N3 emergency button on the power pack need fixed or replaced.

The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of one (1) year to relocate pump house and appurtenance to be installed. The motion was (4) to (0) the motion did not pass due to Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioner Thornton recusing themselves from the consideration of this case. At this time the Subcommittee recommendation will be scheduled for the next full Fire Board hearing set for October 7, 2014 for a vote.

APPEAL #140102: Mountain or Fire and Miracles Ministries, for the property located at 745 North Broadway, East Providence. ADSFM James Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal’s Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the East Providence Fire Marshal’s Office for installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system and any other deficiencies deemed necessary and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan, the East Providence Fire Marshal Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted

the Applicant fifteen (15) days from the day of this hearing for installation of portable fire extinguishers. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140124: East Providence School Department, for the property located at 101 Legion Way, East Providence. ADSFM James Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance to install a wheel chair lift in an existing stair that provides seconded means of egress from the second wing to the foyer. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140108: Church of St. John the Evangelist, for the property located at 61 Washington 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 request for relief from installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system and emergency lighting, request was denied. The motion was four (4) to two (2) with Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioner Sylvester opposing the vote. At this time the Board directed the Applicant to bring this facility into full compliance with the RI Fire Safety Code by December 31, 2014.

APPEAL #140105: Mr. Yanet Suero, for the property located at 292 Pocasset Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Susan Hawksley appeared for

the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Sylvester and Booth, to grant the Applicant a variance to leave the roll down security gate at the main entrance glass door open when someone is inside the facility, in granting this variance the Applicant must remove the back kitchen roll down gate covering the back door. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to approve the Fire Board hearing minutes from September 23, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondences / Announcements:

The Executive Director Burlingame announced that the Fire Board shirt order has been picked up and will be ready for the Board to pick-up their orders when the bill has been sent to our office.

Open Forum / Public Comment:

Executive Director Burlingame advised the Board, that owner of the property located at 595 Tiogue, Avenue, Coventry (100028A) is appealing his decision at the Sixth District Court.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to adjourn meeting at 2:15 P.M.