

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, May 12, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Called to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn, Commissioners Filippi, Jackson, Thornton, Walker, Booth, Sylvester, Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame, Esq., Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini, and Assistant Administrative Officer Kathy Hague.

Absent were and Commissioners Pearson and Richard.

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Sylvester and seconded by Commissioner Booth to accept the April 28, 2015, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150046: Rhode Island DEM, and Chief Pacquette of RI State Parks appeared for the property located at Harrison Avenue, Newport. Deputy State Fire Marshal Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire

Marshal's Office, ADSFM Kevin Garcia and ADSFM Wayne Clark for the Newport Fire Department. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to approve the plan of action as presented. After a discussion, the motion was withdrawn. A revised motion was made by Vice Chairman Blackburn and seconded by Commissioner Thornton to allow events to continue with the maximum occupant load of twenty-five hundred (2,500) people, providing that the building owner works in conjunction with the Newport Fire Marshal's Office and the State Fire Marshal's Office with the requirement that all parties return prior to the 2016 season with a more thorough plan of action that addresses all of these items on a long term basis. Motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #120127A: Dr. Reppa Cottrell and Mr. William Beattie, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for the property located at 619 West Greenville Road, North Scituate. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Karl Petsching appeared for the North Scituate Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the plan of action dated May 12, 2015 as written with a variance for the five doors.

APPEAL #150045: Mr. Rick Hall appeared for the property located at 272 Great Island Road, Galilee and Deputy State Fire Marshal Rob Couture appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant relief provided that the foyer is constructed in compliance with

the exit passageway provisions. Motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150044: Attorney Robert Levine and Attorney Andrew Teitz appeared for the property located at 542 Douglas Avenue, Providence, and Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Scott Derry for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to allow the condition illustrated in the drawing 1 of 1 dated April 1, 2015 provided that the first floor maintains a required exit directly to the outside without passage through the stairway. Motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150047: Mr. Keith Sullivan appeared for the property located at 564 Main Street, East Greenwich. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Steven Hughes appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the variance and referencing Life Safety Code 7.5.3.5, also given the fact that the building code needs to be complied with, and any variance sought through there is granted or formally waived. Motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150051: Mr. Sam Adams of URI Public Safety appeared for the property located at One Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston. Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal James Gumbley and Deputy State Fire Marshal Christopher Moore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Booth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the variance as written with the

Applicant to return on June 9, 2015 with a more permanent plan of action. Motion passed. Vice Chairman Blackburn recused himself, and Commissioner Thornton abstained from voting.

Old Business:

Rules & Regulations Subcommittee: Keith Burlingame stated that the subcommittee has completed the review of the final chapter of the Life Safety Code. The master document will be going out to the full Board for review. It will then go to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

Badge & ID: Commissioner Thornton's home was broken into and her Fire Board badge and ID were stolen. Desiree or Kathy will look into getting the badge and ID replaced.

Correspondences / Announcements: None

Open Forum / Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to adjourn. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.