

# **Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Minutes: August 18, 2015**

**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, August 18, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.**

## **Call to Order:**

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

## **Roll Call:**

**Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Jackson, Pearson and Richard.**

**Absent were Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Filippi, Sylvester and Walker.**

**Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Richard to accept the August 4, 2015, minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **New Business:**

**APPEAL #150074: Attorney Donald Maroney, Phil Bergeron and Gary Tedeschi appeared for the property located at 80 Boston Neck Road,**

**North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Thornton and Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to correct the following deficiencies: by installing approved illumination of means of egress throughout**

**this facility, providing this facility with approved emergency lighting, repairing the front entrance door to ensure adequate exit width, replacing heat detector in the conference room hallway by providing this facility with approved smoke detectors, properly enclosing all unprotected vertical openings within this facility, properly maintaining basement aisle width, also providing fire alarm notification appliances in the basement, ensuring that all wiring is installed in accordance with NFPA 70, and provide all open electrical junction boxes with approved covers. The Board granted the Applicant a variance by allowing the existing manual fire alarm boxes to remain in use. The Applicant was granted a variance based on structural hardship to allow the conference room door to remain in use, the existing Tax Assessor and Finance office doors to remain in use, and the existing basement door to remain in use. In granting this relief the basement door must remain secure and in the closed position with access only by authorized personnel. The Board granted the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship to allow the existing basement stairs to remain in use along with the existing fire escape to be used as a seconded means of egress from the seconded floor. The Board directs the Applicant to have the fire**

escape inspected, repaired and certified that the fire escape is structurally sound within sixty (60) days and to provide the inspection testing documentation of the fire escape to the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Finally, the Board granted the Applicant six (6) months to remove or treat the wood paneling throughout the facility with a flame retardant material. The Board also granted the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadline two (2) times, in accordance with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations, amended section 6-2-22, if the Applicant shows a good faith effort. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #150073:** Ms. Ellen Puccetti appeared for the property located at 229 Woonsocket Hill Road, North Smithfield. ADSFM Brayton Round appeared for the North Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow part of the fire department access road to be twelve (12) feet wide and marked with paint. The Applicant must maintain this part of the road at twelve (12) feet at all times. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #150079:** Mr. Michael A. Voccola appeared for the property located at 111 Fountain Street, Providence. ADSFM Christopher Dillon and John Delvin appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of three

**(3) months for the installation of line-type heat detection within the stairwells and garage area. The Board granted the Applicant sixty (60) days to correct the following deficiencies 9.6.9.9 (Breaker lock is lacking on the A/C feed for the FACP), 9.6.8.1 (FACP lacks required 24 hour emergency contact information), and 9.6.7.2.1 (Fire alarm system site map is lacking). The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150078: Mr. Ken Ventura did not attend the scheduled hearing for the property located at 9 Winona Street, North Providence. Deputy Chief James Gumbley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Mark Rizzo appear for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to close this file and turn this file over to the State Fire Marshal's Office for further review. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150081: Mr. Ken Ventura did not attend the scheduled hearing for the property located at 25 Rosedale Street, North Providence. Deputy Chief James Gumbley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Mark Rizzo appear for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to close this file and turn this file over to the State Fire Marshal's Office for further review. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150088: Nicole Bucu appeared for the property located**

**2080 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence. DSFM David Cionfolo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the business on the second floor to remain, as long as the Applicant limits the day care occupancy to the first floor of this facility and provides a one (1) hour fire rating in the interior stairway and to provide egress windows. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business: None**

**Correspondences / Announcements: None**

**Open Forum / Public Comment: Commissioner Filippi has invited the Fire Safety Code Board to Ballard's on Block Island for the Annual Fire Chief's meeting on August 28, 2015.**

**Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.**