

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Minutes: August 25, 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 25, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Absent were Commissioners Sylvester and Walker.

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioners Richard and Booth to accept the August 18, 2015, minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150050: Mr. John T. Knight and Eric Wishart, P.E., appeared for the property located at 225 Cowesette Avenue, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola appeared for the West Warwick Fire

Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant a variance to allow the Applicant to provide separation between the occupancies and configuring the spaces in this facility to where a sprinkler system and fire alarm system would not be required by code, with no objection from the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed on a (5) to (3) vote with Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Richard and Booth opposing the vote.

APPEAL #150016A: Eric Barclay DeTolly and Raymond Gomes, appeared for the property located at 10 Broadway, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant an additional time variance of thirty (30) days for the installation of heat detection in lieu of sprinkler protection in the two concealed spaces within this facility. At this time the Board also reinstated the previously granted time relief of one (1) year for replacing or repair stairs of this facility at direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150077: Stu Upson, Raymond Gomes and Dan Paquette, appeared for the property located at 11 Memorial Boulevard, Newport.

ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded

by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a variance to limit the occupancy load of this facility to forty- nine (49) people, with no objection from the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150080: Mr. Paul Balay, appeared for the property located at 476 Thames Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant at time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of a Knox Box, approved fire extinguishers and limiting the size of flammable liquid containers, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Board further grants the Applicant one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan of action. The Board also granted the Newport Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadline three (3) 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.

Old Business: None

Correspondences / Announcements: Executive Director Burlingame will be meeting with DOA Director and the Governor's Office to talk about filling the public seat on the Fire Safety Code Board and

introducing legislation for next legislative cycle.

**Open Forum / Public Comment: Assistant Administrative Officer
Kathy Hague announced that**

**a new air condition unit has been installed on the wall of our
conference room and hopefully it will be up and running by the next
hearing.**

**Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by
Commissioner Richard, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 P.M. Motion
passed unanimously.**