

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: October 6, 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, October 6, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent were Commissioners Walker and Sylvester.

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Filippi to accept the September 29, 2015, minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150093: Ryan Pullano and Joseph Tudino, Esq. appeared for the property located at 1900 Mineral Spring Avenue, North

Providence. Chief of Inspections Octavio Vieira and DSFM Robert Letourneau appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days from the date of the hearing to have the fire alarm drill switch moved so it's accessible to the occupant, have the fire marshal verify that all combustible materials are removed from the stairwell, and give the Applicant thirty (30) days from the date of the decision to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system, with an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board granted the State 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.

APPEAL #150100: Wendy Davis and Rev. John Codega appeared for the property located at 55 Turner Avenue, Riverside. ADSFM James Bellamy and ADSFM Kenneth Botelho appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant sixty (60) days to return to the Board with a plan of action and to clarify that the property is no longer used as a school. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150099: Janet Mathews, Joseph Shekarchi, Esq. and

Joseph Brennan, Esq. appeared for the property located at 950 North Quidnessett Road, North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of forty (40) days to submit a plan of action to the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office in order to bring the dry sprinkler system into full compliance and must notify the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office of any events occurring during that forty-day period. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150095: Frank Karpowicz, Karen Windsor, and Danika Oriol-Morway appeared for the property located at 87A Woodville Alton Road, Ashaway. ADSFM John Woodward appeared for the Ashaway Fire Marshal's Office. After a discussion, it was noted that the cited code does not apply to animal facilities and therefore, the Applicant is in compliance.

APPEAL #150094: Robert Childress and Stephen Burke, Esq. appeared for the property located 650 East Greenwich Avenue, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office and Chief Deputy James Gumbley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. After discussion with the Board, the Applicant withdrew his application.

At this time, Vice-Chairman Blackburn and Commissioner Thornton

left the hearing due to prior commitments.

APPEAL #110014D, 110015D and 110016D: Merritt Meyer and Diana Campbell appeared for the property located at 500 Wood Street, Bristol (Building Groups 1, 2 & 3). Chief of Inspections Octavio Vieira and DSFM Patrick Carney appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the plan of action and the associated timetables submitted by the Applicant dated 09/30/15; the approval of requested Variances #1, 2 and 4 with the addition of fully compliant heat detectors; and mandatory 6-month reviews by the State Fire Marshal's Office with the first review to occur six (6) months from the date of the decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

Correspondences / Announcements: Executive Director Burlingame reminded everyone that it's National Fire Prevention Week. "Hear the beep where you sleep."

Open Forum / Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.