

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Minutes: October 27, 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 27, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

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

Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Walker, Pearson and Richard.

Minutes: Amendment to Appeal #150084 for the property located at 660 Waterman Avenue (Lund Hall), East Providence, by Commissioner Thornton to grant the Applicant a limited time variance of three (3) months and to return to the Board with a plan of action. Commissioner Sylvester made motion, seconded by Commissioner

Jackson to approval of the amended to October 20, 2015, Fire Board minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150106: Ray Gomes appeared for the property located at 118-122 Spring Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of interconnected smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout this facility and correct any other outstanding deficiencies deem necessary by the Newport Fire Marshal's Office, with an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of four (4) days from the date of this hearing for the installation of fire extinguishers in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the use of a gas grill located within ten (10) feet of the structure, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the existing winding stairs to remain in use based upon structural hardship. Finally, the Board hereby authorizes the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules and Regulations,

section 6-2-22.1. The motion passed on (4) to (2) vote with Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioner Booth opposing the vote.

APPEAL #150108: At this time, Executive Director Burlingame, advised the Board that the correct address for File #150108 is 5310 Post Road, Charlestown, not 5311 Post Road, as listed on the application.

TR Electric Inc., appeared for the property located at 5310 Post Road, Charlestown. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, and granted the Applicant a time variance of one hundred and fifty (150) days for the installation of fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board hereby grants the Applicant a variance from installation of manual fire alarm boxes at each exit opening. In granting this relief, the Board directs the Applicant to install a manual fire alarm box at each end of the stairs and at the center of both levels of this facility. State Fire Marshal's Office

DSFM Michael Macaruso

DOA-Ground Floor

APPEAL #150103: At this time, Executive Director Burlingame, advised the Board that the correct address for File #150103 is 231 MacNaught Street, North Kingstown (Bldg.#536) not 181 MacNaught Street (Bldg.#536), as listed on the application.

Mr. Dan Careb, Bruce Snow and Fire Chief Michael Beaver, appeared for the property located at 231 MacNaught Street, North Kingstown (Bldg. #536). DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth to grant the Applicant a time variance until July of 2017 for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Finally, the Board hereby authorizes the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules and Regulations, section 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #1500104: Mr. Dan Careb, Bruce Snow, Fire Chief Michael Beaver, appeared for the property located at 165 Dillabur Avenue, North Kingstown (Bldg. #537). DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance until July of 2017 for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Finally, the Board hereby authorizes the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules and Regulations, section 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150105: At this time, Executive Director Burlingame, advised the Board that the correct address for File #150105 is 181 MacNaught Street, North Kingstown (Bldg. #2003), not 44 Conway Avenue (Bldg. #2003), as listed on the application.

Mr. Dan Careb, Bruce Snow and Fire Chief Michael Beaver, appeared for the property located at 181 MacNaught Street, North Kingstown (Bldg. #2003). DSFM Michael Macaruso and Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance until May 1, 2016 to update the existing fire alarm system to a fully compliant fire alarm system throughout the main building and annex of this facility. The Board further grants the Applicant a time variance until December 31, 2019, for providing fire alarm detection in the mezzanine area (also known as "condo's") noting that at that time these structures will soon be vacated and demolished. Finally, the Board hereby authorizes the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules and Regulations, section 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business: None**

- **Open Forum / Public Comment:** Executive Director Burlingame advised the Board that the 2016 calendar has been approved for the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review and the Joint Committee

on the Rehabilitation Code for Existing Building and Structures will be posted to our website for review.

- **Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 2:26P.M.**