

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: December 1, 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, December 1, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the November 3, 2015, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150099: Janice Matthews and Attorney Shekarci appeared for the property located at 950 North Quidnessett Road, North

Kingstown. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant six (6) months developing and implementing a plan of action for the inspection repair of the facility automatic dry sprinkler system, at the direction and satisfaction of the North Kingstown's Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150110: Timothy Wensus, Belinda Kracunas and Bill Wilk appeared for the property located at 55 Purgatory Road, Middletown. ADSFM Robert McCall appeared for the Middletown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the use of the second floor as an Assembly Occupancy with a maximum occupancy load five hundred (500) persons. The Board directs the Applicant to maintain the occupant load of the second floor at or below three hundred (300) persons until construction of the new exterior has been complete. The Applicant was directed by the Board that there will be no occupancy of the second floor during the time period when the existing exterior stair is be demolished and the new exterior stairs complete. The Board grants the Applicant a variance to allow the continued use of the existing interior stair as currently configured. The motion passed with a 7 to 0 vote, with Vice Chairman Blackburn recusing himself from consideration of this case.

APPEAL #150114: Sandra Colafrancesco, appeared for the property located at 69 West Street, West Warwick. ADSFM Matthew Manni appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the following issues; installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system throughout this facility, providing approved exit signage, emergency lighting, installation of code-complaint second mean of egress and providing this facility with an approved key access box at the direction and to the satisfaction of the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office and additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. Finally, the Board hereby authorizes the West Warwick 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 #150119: Richard DiMeo and Jesse Silva appeared for the property located at 192-198 Newport Avenue, East Providence. ADSFM Kenneth Botelho appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a variance which will allow the unprotected vertical opening created by the proposed interior stair. The Applicant must supply domestically supplied sprinkler protection within the stairs of this facility. The Applicant must have the water flow alarm switch interfaced with the building fire alarm system, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the East

**Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.
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CHRISTMAS TREES AND FRESH CUT GREENS: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to approve former Formal Interpretation (FI 15-03) concerning Chapter 10.15 (Combustible Vegetation) the use of freshly cut Christmas trees along with the appropriate safeguards. The motion passed unanimously.

• Old Business: None

• Open Forum / Public Comment: None

• Adjournment: Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 P.M.