

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: January 26, 2016

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, January 26, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Called to Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

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

Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Sylvester, Richard and Jackson.

Minutes: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Blackburn, to accept the January 12, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL 150127: Skip Learned (Barrington Public Schools), appeared for the property located at 261 Middle Highway (Barrington Middle School), in Barrington. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Edward Owens and Chief Gerald Bessette appeared for the Barrington Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance until December 31, 2020 allowing the existing corridor doors throughout this facility to remain in use as an existing condition. The Applicant was granted a time variance of thirty (30) days from the date of this hearing, to correct any outstanding deficiencies cited in the January 25, 2016 inspection report, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Barrington Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL 150129: Rev. David Green, Anthony M. Prattico and Sean Brennan appeared for the property located at 2529 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Robert Letourneau appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant's request for relief to allow the proposed used of the basement level of this facility for bingo events without requiring automatic sprinkler coverage. The Board directs the Applicant to limit the occupant load of the basement level to two hundred sixteen (216) persons during all bingo events. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL 150084A: Vince Watchorn, Ramzi Loqa and Brian Poor appeared for the property located at 660 Waterman Avenue (Lund Hall), in East Providence. ADSFM Kenneth Botelho appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance until August 1, 2017, to develop and implement a proposed plan of action for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system throughout this facility. The Applicant was granted the same time variance as above to providing an approved secondary means of egress from the second floor classrooms in accordance with the submitted plan of action, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL 150131: Barry's Auto Group did not appear for January 26, 2016 hearing, for the property located at 166 Connell Highway, Newport. The Newport Fire Marshal's Office was not in attendance. The Applicant advised the Board that they intended to comply and install a municipal connection for emergency force notification in compliance with Rhode Life Safety Code 9.6.4.2. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi to grant the Applicant's request to close this file. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150134: Lamphone Voracongsa appeared for the property

located at 574 Grove Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Degrange and ADSFM Gary Harnois appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of six (6) months for the installation of an approved smoke and carbon monoxide alarms throughout this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The Board directs the Applicant to maintain all temporary battery-operated devices in working condition, until the new system is fully operational, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame advised the Fire Board Members that our office was in contact with the Governor's Office regarding the open Public seat on the Fire Board. Director Burlingame reminded the Board members to advise any public person that is qualified to fill the seat for the Fire Board Public position.

• **Open Forum / Public Comment: None:**

Adjournment:

Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 P.M.