

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: February 02, 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, February 2, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

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 Jackson, Walker and Sylvester.

Minutes: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the January 26, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150132: Antonio Aguiar and Mark Iacono appeared for the property located at 43 Shippee Avenue, West Warwick. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) James Bobola appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to accept the existing windows as equivalent to the window requirements with the condition that the fire marshal verify that the upper sashes can be removed without tools. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150133: Attorney Michael Voccola appeared for the property located at 113 Ocean Road, Narragansett. ADSFM David Arnold appeared for the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to have the following issues corrected: repairing the kitchen's west egress door, providing the kitchen with automatic fire-extinguishing system, the restaurant restrooms must be provided with fire alarm visible notification appliances, sleeping rooms of this facility must have approved heat detection, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Narragansett Fire Marshal's Office, and the Applicant is to return to the Board on March 8, 2016, with a plan of action for installation of an approved sprinkler system. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150136: Thomas Hazard appeared for the property located

at 230 Tiogue Avenue, Coventry. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Robert Letourneau appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of an automatic fire suppression system for the spray booth and mixing room of this facility. The Board further grants the Applicant an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan of action, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Finally, the Board authorized the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timelines for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated with the provisions of Board Rules and Regulations section 6-2-22.1.

APPEAL 150138: Ray Gomes and Jason Grover appeared for the property located at 360 Taunton Avenue, East Providence. ADSFMs Kenneth Botelho and James Bellamy appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Blackburn, to deny the Applicant's request for relief. The motion passed on a (6) to (1) vote with Commissioner Thornton opposing the vote.

APPEAL 160005: Damien Carini, Daniel Johnson, Adam Rankin and Mike Morgan appeared for the property located at 75 Chestnut Street, Providence. ADSFMs Timothy Lutz and Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-Chairman Blackburn made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, for the Applicant to temporarily install a wireless fire alarm system to monitor the heating system in lieu of 24/7 security personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL 160008: Matthew McGeorge, Sam Bradner and Scott Lawrence appeared for the property located at 20 Commercial Wharf, Newport. ADSFM Wayne Clark appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the two variances requested by the Applicant provided the roof occupancy remains at 49 or less, and the existing local fire alarm system must be maintained. The motion passed unanimously.

FI # 16-01: Fire Alarm Requirements for Lodging or Rooming Houses: The code refers to a section that no longer exists. The purpose is to eliminate the old language and make it into compliant language that references the current code. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to accept the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

Open Forum / Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Desiree Campanini and Kathy Hague