

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: March 01, 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, March 01, 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 and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Jackson, Richard and Filippi.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

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

Minutes: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Filippi, to accept the February 23, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160013: Ellen Sauco and Jessica Alexander appeared for the property located at 19 Clark Street, Westerly. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Blackburn, 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 fully compliant fire alarm systems, and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan, 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 the Board Rules and Regulations sections 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160014: Michael Santos and David Bartolini appeared for the property located at 6105 Post Road, North Kingstown. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ASDFM) Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to table this case until April 12, 2016. The Board advised the Applicant and North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office work-out a proposed plan of action for installation of sprinkler system in the outside bar area of this facility. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160009: Joseph Iacofano did not appear for the property located at 1 Snake Hill Road, Glocester. The Board received a letter

dated March 1, 2016, from the Harmony Fire Marshal Richard Waterman stating this facility has come into compliance with the RI Fire Code and RI Life Safety Code. At this time no motion taken by the Board and the file was closed.

APPEAL #160011: Joseph Kfoury appeared for the property located at 91 Crandall Street, Tiverton. ADSFM Thomas Mello appeared for the Tiverton Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days for the installation of an approved key access box, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Tiverton Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant relief to maintain the use of this facility as an assembly occupancy without requiring sprinkler coverage. In granting the above relief the Applicant must ensure the occupancy load of this facility does not exceed its posted occupant load, and the total occupancy load of the entire facility does not exceed two hundred ninety-nine (299) persons. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

None

Open Forum / Public Comment:

None

Adjournment: Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Desiree Campanini