

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review

Minutes: March 22, 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 22, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the March 15, 2016, minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160021: Jim Benson appeared for the property located at 70 Metcalf Avenue, North Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals (ASDFMs) John Horan and Marc Rizzo appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the upgrade of a fully compliant fire alarm system throughout this facility. The Board granted an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. Finally, the Board authorizes the North Providence 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 Board further granted the Applicant one (1) week to provide approved fire extinguishers and emergency instructions for the occupants. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160026: Ted Wetherill and Chris Blessen appeared for the property located at 281 County Road, Barrington. ADSFM Gerald Bessette appeared for the Barrington Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant relief to allow the existing main entry stair to stay as constructed with additional egress signage added to the other three stairs, and enlarging the doors that serve stairway #4, to the satisfaction of the Barrington Fire Marshal. The motion passed

unanimously.

APPEAL #160045: Ruthann Crompton appeared for the property located at 402 Washington Street, Coventry. Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFMs) Robert Letourneau and James Gumbley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, 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 a fully compliant fire alarm system with emergency forces notification, in lieu of sprinkler requirements. The Board granted an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160025: William Lippe appeared for the property located at 75 Brenton Road, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant time to comply with the installation of magnetic hold-open doors in the teacher's lounge, resource room and gym/cafeteria by the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, and to install a self-closing device on the basement door. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160019: Antonio DiMarco and Marco Tommasini appeared for the property located at 165 Shore Road, Westerly. ADSFM Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. After a discussion, the Board recommended that the Applicant return to the

Board on April 19, 2016, with floor plans so the Board will have a better understanding of the layout of this property.

APPEAL #160020: Antonio DiMarco and Marco Tommasini appeared for the property located at 169 Shore Road, Westerly. ADSFM Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Jackson and Richard, to grant relief to allow the egress from the penthouse rooms to be considered compliant, as long as the fire alarm devices are completed to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal. The motion passed unanimously.

FI #16-03 Existing Assembly Occupancies – Sprinkler Requirements: After a discussion, Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to ratify and support the interpretation. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

None

Open Forum / Public Comment:

- Executive Director Burlingame announced that Bill H-7947 is before the House and S-2758 is before Senate, but there is a snag in the House, so it's being reviewed by the Speaker's Office and the**

Governor's Office.

- **The Governor's Office has submitted a nomination to the Senate to fill the vacant seat on the Board. We are just waiting for approval.**
- **Executive Director Burlingame will be sending out another request for interpretation regarding the equivalent to the 15-point plan for bed and breakfast homes.**

Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen Hague