

## **Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review**

**Minutes: March 15, 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 15, 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, Sylvester, Walker, Pearson.**

**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 Filippi, Jackson, and Richard.**

**Minutes: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the March 08, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **New Business:**

**APPEAL #160023: Shawn Harrington for the property located at 334 Branch Avenue, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Keith Maine was unable to attend today's hearing and requested to postpone the hearing to a later date when he or someone from the Providence Fire Marshal's Office would be able to attend the hearing. No motion was taken at this time.**

**APPEAL #160022: Shawn Harrington for the property located at 884 Branch Avenue, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Keith Maine was unable to attend today's hearing and requested to postpone the hearing to a later date when he or someone from the Providence Fire Marshal's Office would be able to attend the hearing. No motion was taken at this time.**

**APPEAL #160017: Robert Marino appeared for the property located at 67 Gaulin Avenue, Woonsocket. ADSFM Gary Harnois appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system and provide and maintain battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on a temporary basis throughout this facility until the fire alarm is in full compliance with the fire code, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Finally, the Board authorized the**

**Woonsocket 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, section 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160018: Robert Mariano appeared for the property located at 57-59 Gaulin Avenue, Woonsocket. ADSFM Gary Harnois appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn 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 Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility. The Applicant must provide and maintain smoke / carbon monoxide alarms on a temporary basis and the installation of a "Knox box" in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. Finally, the Board authorized the Woonsocket 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, section 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #160041: Richard Miganelli and Matthew McGeorge appeared for the property located at 3347 South County Trail, East Greenwich. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Steven**

**Hughes appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to table this case until April 5, 2016. The Board advised the Applicant to work out a proposed plan of action with the fire marshal and to present the proposed plan to the Board. The motion passed on (6) to (0) vote with Commissioner Booth recusing himself from consideration of this case.**

**APPEAL 150074A: Attorney Donald Maroney appeared for the property located at 80 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown. Chief Deputy James Gumbley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action to address the State Fire Marshal's abatement order. The Applicant requested a time variance of seven to ten (7-10) days to immediately remove all combustible storage from the basement to address environmental health concerns. The Board granted a limited occupancy load of thirty five (35) persons, with no public waiting area on the first floor of this facility, during municipal court sessions. The Applicant requested a time variance of two (2) weeks to vacate the second floor of this facility. The Board directs the Applicant to provide a firefighter detail during all hours that this facility is in operation. The Applicant stated the building will be vacated by September 30, 2016. There was no objection from the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Open Forum / Public Comment:**

**Executive Director Burlingame announced that Bill S-2758 legislation has been released from the Governor's Office and submitted to the Senate.**

**The vacant seat on the Fire Board is in the process of being filled. The Governor's Office has submitted a nomination to the Senate. We are waiting for Senate approval.**

**Discussion and possible vote on Formal Interpretation #16-03 (FI#16-03) for Existing Assembly Occupancies - Sprinkler Requirements at the next Fire Safety Board meeting.**

**Discussion and possible vote on Formal Interpretation #16-02 (FI#16-02) for Apartment Buildings - Elderly & Disabled Housing at the April 5, 2016 Fire Safety Board meeting.**

**Adjournment: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Desiree Campanini**