

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: June 28, 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, June 28, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Davison and Walker.

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

Absent from today's hearing were Vice-chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Pearson, Richard, Filippi, Sylvester and Jackson.

Minutes: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to accept the June 21, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

BHDDH 09-03D: Heather Daglieri and Gail Theriault appeared for BHDDH. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the submitted progress report. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160070: Richard Hitt and Timothy Wensus appeared for the property located at 100 Glasgow Street, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for a the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system throughout this facility. The Board also granted the Applicant an additional eleven (11) months to implement that plan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160071: Ray Gomes appeared for the property located at 528 Thames Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davison, to grant the Applicant a variance due to structural hardship to allow the door swing direction to remain the same. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160074: Nancy Beye appeared for the property located at 87 North Road, Jamestown. DSFMs Michael DeRosa and Octavio

Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davison, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of CO detectors and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. This timeline gives the Applicant the opportunity to see if an updated fire code is adopted with an exception for CO detectors in day care centers that do not have fuel-burning appliances or attached garages. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

PROVIDENCE FIREHOUSES: The issues with the Providence firehouses have been temporarily resolved. Both have working fire alarms in use and the abatement order has been lifted.

NEW FIRE CODE: There are two bills to be signed and then a Public Law number will be assigned before the bill heads to the Office of Regulatory Reform and then a public hearing.

Open Forum / Public Comment:

FIRE CHIEF'S CLAMBAKE: Commissioner Filippi has invited all Fire Board members and their guests to the annual clambake sponsored by the RI Association of Fire Chiefs.

JULY 5TH FIRE SAFETY BOARD HEARING: There is no Fire Safety Board hearing scheduled for the week of July 5th due to the 4th of July holiday.

Adjournment: Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Hague