

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

**Minutes: September 20, 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, September 20, 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 and Commissioners Pearson, Richard, Thornton, Booth, Sylvester and Davison.**

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

**Absent from today's hearing were Vice-chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Walker, Jackson and Filippi.**

## **Minutes:**

**Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davison, to accept the September 13, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **New Business:**

**APPEAL #150142B:** The Board received information from the Cumberland Fire Marshal's Office that all violations for this property have been corrected. This file is closed.

**APPEAL #160108:** Kenneth Hilton appeared for the property located at 1697 Main Road, Tiverton. ADSFM Thomas Mello appeared for the Tiverton Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant relief for the installation of a standpipe and sprinkler system with the a time variance of six (6) months to install a fire hydrant on the property and three (3) portable fire pumps on the pier. In addition, all flammable solvents must be secured in storage lockers, combustible materials removed from the building and "No Smoking" signs posted throughout by December 31, 2016. The Applicant was also granted a time variance of thirty (30) days to remove the rubbish throughout the property and to keep the access way clear for emergency vehicles; gas cylinders must be secured and kept in one central area; and the woodshop area must be cleaned and maintained. All welding and cutting torches are to be used outdoors only. Also, the Board granted the Applicant seven (7) days to move the dumpster away from the building and to provide documentation of fire extinguisher training for all personnel, or to provide fire extinguisher training within thirty (30) days.

**APPEAL #160089:** Kenneth Dooley appeared for the property located at 340 Evergreen Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Allen McVay appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plans to the fire marshal's office for the installation of a local fire alarm system and one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board also granted a time variance of thirty (30) days for the installation of a key access box. The Board authorized the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated in accordance with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations sections 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #160109:** Craig Sampson appeared for the property located at 525 Broadway, Newport. ADSFM Steven LaCroix appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of six (6) months for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system, emergency lighting and exit signs. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #160110:** Michael Manzi appeared for the property located at 2-4 Hill Street, Smithfield. ADSFM Eric Cote appeared for the Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a

**motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant six (6) months for the installation of approved solid-core doors and notification appliances in each of the apartments, and six (6) months to install A/C smoke alarms throughout the facility. The Board also granted a time variance of thirty (30) days to install A/C smoke and CO detectors in the #2 Hill St. second floor apartment, and seven (7) days to remove combustible materials from the rear egress stairwell. Due to structural hardship, the Board granted a variance to allow the third floor door used, as a second means of egress, to remain in use as is, provided “Caution - Low Headroom” signs are posted.**

**Old Business: None.**

**Open Forum / Public Comment:**

**Commissioner Sylvester introduced Chief Tim Walsh as his replacement at the Lime Rock Fire District. Best of luck to Chief Walsh.**

**The Board welcomed Desiree Campanini back from an extended absence.**

**Adjournment: Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Kathleen Hague**