

**The Joint Committee on the Rhode Island Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code met in the conference room located at 55 Cedar Street in Providence, RI on Tuesday March 8, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Acting Chairman Rene Coutu.**

**Present at the meeting were Commissioners Coutu, Preiss, Newbrook Gagnon, Turner and Burlingame. Also in attendance were Executive Secretary Thomas B. Coffey, Jr., Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella.**

**The following appeals were heard:**

**APPEAL #R050002: Mr. Ernest J. Nadeau, for the property located at 828 Park Avenue in Woonsocket. Captain David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office and Mr. Christopher Chienese appeared for the Woonsocket Building Official's office. Commissioner Gagnon recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant relief from the provisions of 602.1.24, and allow the historic stair to remain, provided that it is enclosed in a fire-rated assembly. The motion was unanimous. The two remaining variance requests were deemed moot and not heard by the Board.**

**APPEAL #R050003: Mr. Joseph A. Cirillo, for the property located at 3400 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence. Captain Curtis Wise**

**appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's office, and Mr. Al Quattrucci appeared for the East Providence Building Official's office.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Burlingame, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to grant the Applicant's request for relief from the provisions of NFPA 13 in order to allow the air conditioning units installed in certain rooms of this facility to remain in operation when the building fire alarm is activated. All other ventilation systems in the building will shut down in case of activation of the fire alarm. Further, the Applicant is allowed to use section 503.7 of the State Building Code in evaluating the plans for this facility. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Carol Marsella**