

The Joint Committee for the Rhode Island Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met in the conference room located adjacent to 55 Cedar Street in Providence, RI on Tuesday July 19, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Farrell and Commissioners Preiss, Coutu, Newbrook, Burlingame and Pearson. Also in attendance were Executive Secretary Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella.

The following appeals were heard:

APPEAL #R040012: Mr. Kurt Stenberg, for the property located at Ronaele and Narragansett Bay Avenue in Warwick. ADSFM Arthur Lowe appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office and Mr. John Pagliaro appeared for the Warwick Building Commissioner's office. Commissioner Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the following relief. The Applicant had requested a variance to enclose the first floor of the stairs to the second floor. A variance was granted to allow the Applicant to create an enclosure only at the bottom, provided additional sprinkler coverage was added. A variance was granted to allow the Applicant not to enclose the convenience stair. Additionally, a variance was granted from the provisions of 501.3 to allow the existing ceiling height. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R040008: Mr. Steve Durkee, for the property located at 239 Westminster Street in Providence. Deputy George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Mr. Peter Casale appeared for the Providence Building Commissioner's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant relief from head room issues in the garage of this facility on any areas the Fire Marshal or Building official had cited. Carbon monoxide detectors in the garage must be maintained and tested annually and the garage ventilation system must also be so maintained. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Preiss.

APPEAL #R040007: Mr. Steve Durkee, for the property located at 87 Empire Street, Providence. Mr. Sean Redfern appeared on behalf of the Applicant. ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, that the Applicant modify the center handrail near the Aborn Street exit, and allow the two side handrails with historical profiles. A variance is granted from the provisions of 602.2.1 to allow the wood that covers the pillars, and the wainscoting, to remain. Finally, the Board grants the Providence Fire Marshal's office the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility when all fire safety features have been provided at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Marsella