

The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met in Conference Room 109 located at 260 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 2:30 PM. Present were Vice Chairman William Howe, and Commissioners Coutu, Newbrook, Preiss, Burlingame, Blackburn, Pearson and Gagnon. Also present were Executive Secretary Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.

Appeal #R020001: Mr. Ramzi Loqa for the property located at 10 Exchange Court, Pawtucket. ADSFM Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Howe, Preiss and Burlingame abstained from voting on this matter. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from the fire truck turn-around provisions for this facility. The motion carried.

Appeal #R060008: Mr. Sean Redfern, for the property located at 52 Valley Street in Providence. ADSFM Richard Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office and Mr. Ed Paxson appeared for the Providence Building Commissioner's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from the provisions of sections 501.5.2, 1008.1.1, and 7.2.2.2.1(a), and deny the Applicant's request for a variance from the provisions of section 1012.2. The motion passed over the opposition of Commissioner Burlingame.

Appeal #R060009: Mr. Douglas Brown, for the property located at 114-120 Gaulin Avenue and 82 Cumberland Street, Woonsocket. Captain David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Donald Gagnon appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office, but abstained from voting on this matter as a member of the Rehab Board. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the Applicant's request for variances as they apply to the school building. That motion carried. As to the Rectory issues, it was determined that the Applicant should return to the Board at a later date with a plan of action. No action was taken on the Applicant's request for variance on that building.

Appeal #R060010: Mr. Eric Cote for the property located at 71-73 Charlesfield Street, Providence. ADSFM George Calise represented the Providence Fire Marshal's office by letter, signifying that his office had no objection to the new plan of action presented by the Applicant. As Commissioners Burlingame and Blackburn recused themselves from consideration of this case, a subcommittee of the Board will make recommendations to the full Board at its next meeting. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to accept the plan of action for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella