

**The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building
and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures
Hearing Minutes for June 15, 2010**

The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. Present were Vice Chairman Stillings and Commissioners Newbrook, Richard, Blackburn, Priess and Turner. Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Jackson, Pearson and Gagnon were absent. Also present were Executive Secretary Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #R100007: The Salvation Army, for the property located at 34 North Main Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant variances on the existing handrail dimensions, the existing door widths, the existing stairway widths and stairway treads and risers. The Board advised the Applicant to prepare a plan of action at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office, by choosing one of two options. The Applicant may either install a fully compliant sprinkler system, paying special attention to the basement where the mercantile, storage and processing

occupancies are located, or the Board can grant the Applicant a variance that will allow him to create a (2) two hour separation between the mercantile occupancy and the surrounding area to include a direct connection from the storage area and processing area. The Board granted the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office the authority to establish an approved time table to bring this facility into full compliance. The Board advised the Applicant and the Woonsocket Marshal's Office that this file will remain open in case the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office or the Applicant needs to appear before the Board during this process. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Richard.

Appeal #R100006: Mr. Joseph Watson of Hughes Associates, for the property located at 222 Richmond Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office and Building Official Kerry Anderson appeared for the Providence Building Official's Office. Because there was no quorum, this case was heard in subcommittee, whose recommendations will be brought to the full board on July 20, 2010 for approval by the full board. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook to recommend that the full board grant the Applicant a variance from the provisions of RILSC section 7.1.10.1, provided the Applicant furnishes the Providence Fire Marshal's Office with an affidavit stating that Brown University maintenance staff will be responsible for ensuring that the exterior exit access roof pathway will be free of snow and ice in the winter and that the pathway will

always be available for full instant use in case of a fire or any other emergency. Additionally, the Board granted the Applicant a variance from RILSC 7.3.1.3 and RISBC 1004.1.1 to allow the Providence Fire Marshal's Office the authority to calculate the second and third floor occupancy load. The Board directed the Applicant and the Providence Fire Marshal's Office to work out plan of action for the remedy of the deficiency noted on the report (RILSC 8.6.8.2 (3)) and return to the Board with a plan of action on July 20, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Campanini