

**Joint Committee on Rehabilitation Building and
Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures**

Minutes: May 19, 2015

The State of Rhode Island Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday May 19, 2015, at 2:30 P.M.

Called to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Newman, and Commissioners Preiss, Pearson, and Stillings.

Absent from hearing were Commissioners Blackburn, Jackson, Richard, Turner and Pimental.

Also present were Executive Secretary Keith Burlingame, Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini, and Assistant Administrative Officer Kathleen Hague.

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Stillings to accept the April 21, 2015,

minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #R130011A: Steve Durkee and Joe Hasket appeared for the property located at 326 Westminster Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office and David Rodio appeared for the Providence Building Official's Office. Attorney Andrea Southgate appeared for the abutter, Grace Church. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, for Applicant to add a bar to the windows to bring the sills up to code required height and to allow the proposed window openings in the east façade wall. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN NEWBROOK: Unfortunately, Commissioner Pearson must leave early due to a prior commitment and will not participate in any further hearings. We no longer have a quorum so we will continue on in Subcommittee.

SECRETARY BURLINGAME: If the Subcommittee chooses to issue a finding today, it will have to be ratified at the next quorum of the Board, which will be one month from now.

APPEAL #R150011: Joe Watson appeared for the property located at 59 Charlesfield Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office and David Rodio for the Providence Building Official's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a Subcommittee motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newman, to accept the variance and push the third floor guard rail up to 42 inches. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #R150009: Tracey Donnelly of RGB appeared for the property located at 43 Broadway, Newport. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Wayne Clark and Chris Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Stillings made a Subcommittee motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to accept the proposals as submitted with the exception that in the areas that glass is being used, the glass should be tempered glass, the transoms be fixed closed, door closers added and a complete fire alarm system installed which is municipally connected. The motion was passed unanimously.

APPEAL #R150012: Scott Sancomb and Colin O'Keefe appeared for the property located at 32 Carey Street, Newport. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Chris Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a Subcommittee motion, seconded by Commissioner Stillings, to approve the systems as they are presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – None

Correspondences / Announcement – None

Open Forum / Public Comment - None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Newman made motion, seconded by Commissioner Stillings to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.