

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

Minutes: November 17, 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 November 17, 2015, at 2:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 2:42 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Newman, and Commissioners Montanaro and Preiss.

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

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

As a required quorum of members was not present, Chairman Newbrook delegated a subcommittee of the members present to take

testimony on the hearings scheduled. All recommendations of the subcommittee will be presented to the full committee at the next scheduled hearing for ratification.

Minutes: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Newman and seconded by Commissioner Preiss to accept the June 16, 2015 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The following cases were heard in Subcommittee.

APPEAL #R150014: Joseph Watson appeared for the property located at 475 Valley Street, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Scott Derry appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Montanaro made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newman, to allow the Applicant's proposed construction and separation from the parking structure and for the Applicant to add sprinkler protection for the 'window walls' and submit it to the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for approval. Motion passed unanimously. The file is to be left open.

APPEAL #R150015: Joseph Watson, Brian Poitras and Martha Werenfels appeared for the property located at 95 Chestnut Street, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Timothy Lutz

appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Newman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Montanaro to accept the Applicant's plan of action as presented with the following additions: Item 2 - reverse the door-swing on doors that open into exit enclosures, Item 3 – install roll-down smoke curtains outside elevator enclosures on all floors, Item 4 – install a compliant handrail, and Item 6 – add headroom clearance safety markings in the electrical room. Motion passed unanimously. The file is to be left open.

APPEAL #R150016: Jeff Boudreau, Connor Debold and Robert Remmes appeared for the property located at 11 Eagle Street, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Scott Derry appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice-chairman Newman stated that he was the inspector of record for mechanical on this property but felt as a Board member he could make objective decisions regarding this case. He asked if any of the parties objected to his involvement as a Board member. There were no objections. After discussion, Commissioner Montanaro made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newman, to accept the Applicant's plan of action as submitted for the installation of a NFPA 13R sprinkler system with the condition that the 5th floor tower remain unoccupied for roof access only. Motion passed unanimously. The file is to be left open.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Montanaro made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newman, to adjourn and carryover the remainder of the

agenda to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Hague**