

**The Building Code Standards Committee Annual meeting will be on  
November 3, 2005**

**At**

**Chelo's Restaurant in Warwick**

**578th Meeting 12:00 noon November 3, 2005**

**1. Call to order.**

**2. Appeals**

**3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**

**4. Correspondence.**

**5. Committee Reports**

**6. Legislation**

**7. Old Business.**

**8. New Business.**

**9. Adjourn**

**New Appeals: None**

**577th Meeting October 6, 2005**

**1. Mr. DeBlois, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.**

**2. Appeal 05-13 – CCRI – Newport Campus. This appeal was previously withdrawn and came back to the Board of Appeals to be heard on this date. Board voted to approve appeal and to allow the shower to remain as is as a non-accessible shower.**

**Appeal 05-16 100 McPartland Way, E. Greenwich, RI. Appeal was approved but Board required that a handrail be put on the outside of**

**the stair.**

**Appeal 05-17 43 Reynolds Street, E. Greenwich, RI. Appeal was approved.**

**3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Carlson. The Minutes were unanimously approved.**

**4. Correspondence:**

**a. Letter from Attorney Keven A. McKenna**

**Mr. Whalen said that Mr. DeDentro received a letter from Attorney McKenna requesting an administrative hearing on a new rule to stop construction in all flood hazard zones. Mr. DeDentro will respond to this letter and direct Attorney McKenna to file this proposal to the Committee.**

**b. Time Variance Appeal**

**Mr. DeDentro has prepared a letter to Mr. Michael Gray to notify him that his variance request 04-09 to operate a proposed landscape supply center using two portajohns expires on December 31, 2005. He will have to re-apply for an extension if he intends to leave the portajohns in place for a longer period of time.**

## **5. Committee Reports:**

### **a. Certification Subcommittee**

**Mr. Pagliaro said that Mr. Larry Giorgi was interviewed as Certified Eligible Plumbing/Building Inspector. Mr. Pagliaro motioned that Mr. Giorgi be approved by the full Committee. Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Pagliaro said that Mr. Ronald Abate has been appointed as Plumbing/ Mechanical Inspector in the Town of Westerly. He has the necessary licenses. Mr. Carlson motioned to approve him and Mr. Newbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **b. Chapter 11 Subcommittee**

**Mr. DePace has sent Mr. DeDentro an e-mail regarding adoption of the latest ANSI A117.1 requirements. Mr. DeDentro said he would like to start the review process as soon as possible so as to be ready for the 2006 code.**

### **c. Mechanical Subcommittee**

**Mr. Turner said the Mechanical Subcommittee met to discuss requirements for combination fire-smoke dampers in shaft**

**enclosures. This is now an existing Blanket Variance and the Subcommittee will work to re-write this to put it in the 2006 code.**

**d. Nomination Committee**

**Mr. DeBlois said he will have a slate of officers at the next meeting. He has selected the following members for the Nominating Committee: Mr. Preiss, Mr. Carlson and Mr. DeBlois.**

**6. Legislation:**

**a. Electrical Code**

**Mr. Whalen gave the Committee the status of the adoption of the Electrical Code. He said Mr. DeDentro had attempted to coordinate a meeting with the Legislative Oversight Committee but he failed to get a quorum. He said that it is up to the Speaker of the House to appoint two additional representatives to fill the two vacant positions of 7 members that are required. Instead of 4 out of 5, there would be 4 out of 7, improving the success of achieving a quorum. In the meantime, Mr. Whalen asked the Board members if they had any suggestions or contacts to help accelerate this process to update the Electrical Code or to call the Speaker's Office directly.**

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**b. ADA Fees**

**Mr. Whalen informed the Committee that Rhode Island Builders Association has filed a Notice of Intent to file suit against 10 communities for allegedly charging excessive permit fees and for excessive plan review times. He said Mr. DeDentro is also working with the Director of Administration in trying to get legislation to utilize resources obtained from the fees collected for education.**

## **7. Old Business:**

### **a. Techno - Post**

**Mr. Ducharme, staff member, was present and he distributed copies of a New Materials report for Techno Post. After some discussion, it was decided that some changes should be made, mainly some duplication in wording and also suggested reviewing the use of this product for two-story application. Mr. Ducharme said he will make changes and return to the Board at the next meeting.**

### **b. Public Water Supplies**

**Mr. Whalen said that information regarding public water supplies has not yet been received from the Department of Health that is needed to complete the Tech Note.**

### **c. Building/Fire Code Coordination**

**Mr. Coffey said that the Building/Fire Code Coordination Committee met and they noted that they do not have the technical staff or time they need to review the building/fire code. They also noted that under their enabling legislation, technical staff is to be provided by the Building Commissioner and/or Fire Marshal's Office. Therefore, the Committee requested that funding for the Building Code Commission or Fire Marshal's Office be granted in order to get the technical staff that is needed, or that an outside expert be hired. He said that a letter was drafted for signature by Mr. Coffey, the Chairman, the Fire Marshal and the Building Commissioner. They are waiting for Mr. Owens, State Fire Marshal, to review and then they will proceed to send the letter to the Governor.**

## **8. New Business:**

### **a. Annual Meeting**

**Mr. Whalen said the annual meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2005 at Chelo's Restaurant in Warwick.**

### **b. Permit Fees**

**Mr. Turner was concerned that the permit fee structure is not line with the cost of doing business. He believes that this Board should set fees to recoup the expenses of running the office. He suggested that this Board invite the Steering Committee of the Coalition for**

**discussion about code improvement.**

**9. Adjourn:**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Pagliaro the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**George Whalen**

**Acting Executive Secretary**

**Building Code Board of Appeals**

**Members Present: R. DeBlois, J. Carlson, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, G. Preiss, J. Pagliaro, M. Stoeckel, S. Turner.**

**Members Absent: R. Brown, R. Collins, G. Chabot, B. Davey, A. Durand, . Gagnon, J. Gaskell, R. Stillings, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, D. Palmisciano, J. Maloney.**

**Staff Members Present: G. Whalen, T. Coffey, E. Gordon**

**Staff Members Absent: D. DeDentro**

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(Arrived at 2:45 p.m.)

**Staff Members Absent:** None

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