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Minutes

Board of Elevator Regulations

1000 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02118

1st Floor – Room 1C

June 18, 2019

Board Members Present:

Stephen Sampson, Chairman

Eric Morse

Cheryl Davis

John O'Donoghue

David Gaudet

David Morgan

Guests Present:

Paul Farnsworth (Elevator Service Co. Inc.)

Board Members Absent:

Brian Ronan

Division of Professional Licensure Staff:

Diane Symonds

Ronald Cogliano

Lisa Gaskins

Bruce Hopper

The Board discussed the following:

1. **267 Lakeview Avenue – Cambridge, MA [Exhibit 1]**
Product Variance
524 CMR
Petitioner: Paul Farnsworth

The petitioner was previously in front of the Board on May 7, 2019 seeking a product variance for a Pneumatic Vacuum Elevator Model PVE 30, manufactured by Pneumatic Vacuum Elevator, LLC. The petitioner made an opening remark commending the Board

for its work. The petitioner stated that the PVE 30 is a smaller version of the previously approve model PVE 37. The PVE 30 is 7 inches smaller in diameter than the PVE 37, with a rise 15 meters (approximately 50 feet), and will only be installed in single family owner occupied dwellings. The petitioner also stated that he would like to investigate going higher at some point but would accept 32' travel limitation at this time. The petitioner provided a letter stating the glass enclosure would be replaced every 10 years due to scratching and an inspection checklist will be supplied. The testing schedule will commence every two years. Board member John O'Donoghue requested that the petitioner forward pictures of the fuses for fire service. A motion was placed by Cheryl Davis to place the petitioner's request under advisement. The motion was seconded by Eric Morse.

Motion: Cheryl Davis

Seconded: Eric Morse

Vote: 6-0; Placed under advisement.

2. **57 Union Street – Newton Centre, MA [Exhibit 2]**

State ID(s): TBD – New Installation

A18.1-2016 Section 3.1.2.2

Petitioner: Paul Farnsworth

The petitioner was previously in front of the Board on May 7, 2019 seeking a variance from A18.1-2016 Section 3.1.2.2, which requires a minimum of 81-1/4" of overhead clearance. The petitioner stated that the current overhead clearance is 65" and the manufacturer requirement for the proposed installation of a Savaria Delta Inclined Platform Lift is 66 -1/16". The petitioner stated that there is a 1" clearance to the ceiling with the cut-out. The building owner would be willing to modify the structure in the floor above to include a greater clearance. Board member Eric Morse stated if the petitioner meets the 60" then that unit will be in compliance with the code. The petitioner agreed to provide "Low Overhead" signage. A motion was placed by David Morgan to place the petitioner's request on hold for 30 days. If the Board does not receive a response within 30 days, the petitioner's request will be considered withdrawn. The motion was seconded by John O'Donoghue.

Motion: David Morgan

Seconded: John O'Donoghue

Vote: 6-0; Placed on hold for 30 days.

3. **Approval of meeting minutes from June 4, 2019 [Exhibit 3]**

A motion was put forth by Cheryl Davis to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Morgan. **Vote: 5-0; Granted.** John O'Donoghue abstained from voting.

4. The Board reviewed possible language in response to permit applicants who need clarification regarding smoke and hot gases.

5. Variance requests for 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester and 1 Charles Street, Boston were withdrawn per the petitioners.

6. A motion to go into quasi-judicial session was placed by David Morgan to review the product variance request for 267 Lakeview Avenue, Cambridge. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Davis. The Board unanimously agreed to have legal counsel draft a decision with a subsequent site visit.

7. Board member John O'Donoghue wanted a follow-up with Chief Sampson in regards to the proposed changes to the Fire Fighter Extraction form.

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 1: Variance packet for 267 Lakeview Avenue – Cambridge, MA

Exhibit 2: Variance packet for 57 Union Street – Newton Centre, MA

Exhibit 3: Meeting minutes from June 4, 2019

Motion to Adjourn: Cheryl Davis

Seconded: John O'Donoghue

Vote: 6-0; Adjourned.

Hearing concluded at 2:30 p.m.

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