

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JUNE 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:35 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson
Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal
Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member
James M. Barry – Public Member

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Public Present: Marc Lebel
Paul Lunney
Kenneth Fucep
Peter Walencewicz
Bill Wolodka

Note: The administrative functions of this Commission are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted to approve minutes of the April 22, 2008 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting, with amendments to page-1, to reflect Board member Anthony D. Moscato absent at the April 22, 2008 meeting. Board member Anthony D. Moscato abstained from voting on this matter due to his absence at the April 22, 2008 meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Thomas P. Cone, Sprakers, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Cone's application due to submittal of an incomplete application (statement of experience not completed).

Kelly G. Davies, Poughkeepsie, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Davies' application.

Kenneth B. Fucep, Dix Hills, NY – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Fucep's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Marc Lebel, St. Albans, VT - (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lebel's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Michael J. MacDonald, Poughkeepsie, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. MacDonald's application.

John J. Mackson, Walkill, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Mackson's application.

William H. O'Connor, Worcester, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. O'Connor's application due to lack of required notarized statements from occupational related employers as to dates and duties of employment.

Raymond H. Pitcher, Medford, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Pitcher's application due to lack of required notarized statements from occupational related employers detailing specific dates and duties of employment.

William R. Ridgeway, Carmel, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ridgeway's application.

Phil J. Rizzuto, Jr., Cheshire, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Rizzuto's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Anthony Sapienza, Trumbull, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sapienza's application.

Joshua A. Snead, Warwick, RI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Snead's application due to lack of required notarized statements from occupational related employers detailing specific dates and duties of employment.

Bryant Thomas, New Haven, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Withdrawn
Application withdrawn. CHRO review required by DCP.

Javier Vargas-Machuca, Mount Vernon, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Vargas-Machuca's application.

James R. Walsh, White Plains, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Walsh's application.

Michael J. Walsh, Wappingers Falls, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Walsh's application.

William Wolodka, Glastonbury, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied
The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Wolodka's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Robert G. Yablansky, Fishkill, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Yablansky's application.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following request for reinstatement)

Randy J. Esposito, Danbury, CT – (F-4) Limited Journeyman – Denied
Mr. Esposito is requesting reinstatement of his (F-4) Limited Journeyman license which lapsed on 10/31/05.

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Esposito's request for reinstatement of his license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (F-4) Limited Journeyman license.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CT General Statutes, Chapter 391, Section 20-299 - Clarification of the requirements for preparing plans for the installation of fire sprinkler systems.
2. CT General Statutes, Chapter 541, Section 29-263a - Working drawings to be accompanied by evidence of licensure by the state.

COMPLAINT AND INVESTIGATION UPDATE FROM TRADE PRACTICE DIVISION

Janita Hamel, DCP Supervising Inspector was not available today to provide her complaint and investigation update report.

The Board unanimously tabled this matter to their next meeting scheduled for August 26, 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Mr. Waskowicz reported on a meeting a meeting he had on 5/13/08 with DCP Deputy Commissioner, Jackie Mandyke and Executive Assistant Linda Roberts, concerning Fire Protection Sprinkler work application review. Several ideas were tossed around such as having PSI review certain applications or one Fire Protection Board member. Mr. Waskowicz said "No" and stated that it would be better to have the nine pair of eyes of the Fire Protection Board reviewing Fire Protection Sprinkler work applications, which is what the statute says, and that any changes would require legislative approval, which he would not support. Mr. Waskowicz quoted the statute, which requires Board review of all Fire Protection Sprinkler work application, and that the statute is just fine the way it is written. Mr. Miller reports that his department is still receiving poor quality engineering drawings.
2. Mr. Waskowicz reported on the Residential Sprinkler Symposium held in East Hartford, CT on 6/13/08, sponsored by the Department of Public Safety and State Fire Marshal's office. Also in attendance was Board member Kevin Wypychoski, Anthony D. Moscato, James M. Barry, representatives from NFPA, Home Builders Association and Metropolitan District Commission. The Home builders Association voiced their opposition to residential sprinkler requirements.
3. Mr. Hurlburt reported that all Fire Protection Sprinkler Work applications are initially sent to PSI for uploading and subject to review by the Fire Protection Sprinkler Work Examining Board for approval or denial.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.