

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JULY 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Waskowicz on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 9:05 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Edward Peznowski – State Fire Marshal
John Michalewicz – Public Member
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: One Public member, one local fire marshal

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep: Tammie Whiting
Vinnie Valente

Public Present: John Livingstone

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting as written. Board Members Robert Hollis, III, Edward Peznowski, and John Michalewicz abstained from voting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

John Livingstone

John Livingstone was in attendance at June 25, 2014 joint meeting with the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board regarding residential sprinkler systems and commented today on the discussion which took place at that meeting, including the risks involved with multipurpose systems and the benefits of standalone systems. He also expressed his concerns over certification, training, licensing, and safety as it relates to licensing in Connecticut for residential fire sprinkler systems.

APPEAL:

Johnathan Ladanyi, Grand Haven, MI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson - Approved

The Board denied Johnathan's Ladanyi's application at the May 15, 2014 meeting due to lack of apprenticeship completion certificate. An apprenticeship completion certificate has been submitted for the board's review today. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ladanyi's (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application.

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential fire sprinkler systems

Special Meeting – June 25, 2014

A joint meeting with the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board regarding residential sprinkler systems took place on June 25, 2014. At this meeting, a motion was made to allow Board Member Robert Hollis and Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Chairperson Charles Appleby to contact manufacturers and invite them to the next special meeting of the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board, at which this topic will be discussed further.

At today's meeting, Robert Hollis reported that he has begun the process of researching products. He informed the Board that he has looked into several manufactures, including Worsbrough, Viega, and Tyco. He reported that Worsbrough makes complete residential fire sprinkler systems, whereas Viega and Tyco make components for these systems, but not a complete system. In multipurpose systems, the plumbing is an add-on to the sprinkler system, per the manufacturers' literature. He will continue to research manufacturers and products before the next meeting. Further discussion took place regarding the differences between multipurpose and standalone systems, as well as licensing, cost, safety, and liability issues.

Special Meeting – August 27, 2014

A next joint meeting with the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board is scheduled for August 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. regarding residential sprinkler systems as it pertains to licensing in Connecticut.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Substitute Senate Bill No. 235; Public Act No. 14-199

The Board briefly discussed this bill and related safety concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. July 14, 2014 e-mail request to DCP Trade Practices

Chairperson David Waskowicz reported to the Board that he had sent an e-mail to Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices, on July 14, 2014 requesting a report showing all open, closed, and dismissed cases, as well as the disposition of these cases, from January 1, 2014 to present. This report dated July 15, 2014 was received and distributed to the Board for review. Chairperson David Waskowicz also reported that he responded to Richard Maloney via e-mail thanking him for the report, and stated that he hopes Richard Maloney will be able to attend today's meeting. It was noted that Richard Maloney was not present at today's meeting.

Upon review of this July 15 report, Chairperson David Waskowicz noted there were four open cases listed. Board Member Thomas Booth noted that the March 20, 2014 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board minutes reflect that there were no complaints reported by the Trade Practices Division, and that the report dated July 15, 2014 reflects an open complaint received on February 25. It was also noted that there were no complaints reported for today's meeting, however, the July 15, 2014 report contains four complaints. Discussion took place regarding these discrepancies.

Chairperson David Waskowicz states that, as Chairman of the Board, he should be in receipt of a more detailed report from Trade Practices every month which includes open, closed, and dismissed complaints, as well as a report at the end-of-the-year report summarizing complaints for the year. He stated that, in the future, he will be sending an e-mail to the Trade Practices Division every month requesting open, closed, and dismissed complaints, as well as their disposition, and also directed that the board secretary make the same request of the Trade Practices Division every month. Chairperson David Waskowicz also made a request that Trade Practices provide a report of all cases from 2013, including names, dates, and dispositions.

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Trade Practices Division reported that there were no complaints this month.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2014 Meeting Schedule:

- **August 21, 2014**
- **September 18, 2014**
- **October 16, 2014**
- **November 20, 2014**
- **December 18, 2014**

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut