

## MINUTES

### FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Waskowicz on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 9:00 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  
John Michalewicz – Public Member  
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member  
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor

**Members Absent:** Edward Peznowski – State Fire Marshal

**Board Vacancies:** One Public member, one local fire marshal

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

**CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep:** Tammie Whiting

**Public Present:** Robert Barrieau

**Note:** The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with an amendment to Old Business, Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems, Special Meeting, June 25, 2014, second paragraph, to reflect that, in multipurpose systems, the plumbing is an add-on to the sprinkler system per the manufacturers literature.

Board Member Kevin Wypychoski abstained from voting.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

Chairperson David Waskowicz noted that the Board members from the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board had received a document via e-mail entitled "Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work Licensure, 8-6-2014 Revision," which includes Example Option #1, Statutory Change and Example Option #2, Regulation Change and a discussion took place.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

### **Frank Mitarotonda, Mount Vernon, NY – (F-3) Limited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Mitarotonda's (F-3) Limited Contractor application.

### **Kenneth Painter, Rockfall, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Painter's (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

### **Christofer Palmer, Ludlow, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Palmer's application due to lack of proof of on-the-job training and related instruction.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Residential Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems**

Board members discussed concerns regarding residential fire protection sprinkler systems, including products currently on the market, insurance rates for contractors, cross-contamination, and compliance with health codes.

Board members also discussed current licensing laws already in place for these systems and the options available to propose statutory and regulatory changes in licensing laws, such as the addition of a limited category fire protection license (F-7/F-8). The Board also noted that there is a third option regarding licensing for residential fire sprinkler systems, which would be to take no action.

The next special meeting with the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board on this topic is scheduled for August 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Fire Sprinkler Regulations – Sec. 19a-37a-1 – Notification of Sprinkler Installation**

The Board so noted.

**2. Public Officials and State Employees Guide to the Code of Ethics**

The Board so noted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work Licensure – 8/6/14 Revision
2. E-mail from Chairperson David Waskowicz to Richard Maloney, DCP, requesting a complaint report

**DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:**

1. Trade Practices submitted a complaint status report dated 8/8/2011 to 8/8/2014, which included both open and closed cases. Trade Practices also submitted a complaint status report dated 8/21/2010 to 8/21/2014, which included open cases. Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices, appeared and a discussion ensued regarding these complaint reports. The Board requested additional information on Case No. 2014-109 for next month's meeting.
2. At the July 17 meeting, Chairperson David Waskowicz requested that DCP Trade Practices Division provide a report of all cases from 2013, including names, dates, and dispositions, for the Board's review at today's meeting. This report was not submitted by the Trade Practices Division.
3. Richard Maloney introduced Matthew Sargeant, a new inspector to the Trade Practices Division.

**COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

Robert Barrieau appeared as a member of the public and took part in the discussion on licensing for residential fire protection sprinkler systems.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

**2014 Meeting Schedule:**

- **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**