

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD**

MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 10:04 a.m. at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT, 06103, Hearing Room J.

- Members Present:** David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyman,
Chairperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member
- Members Absent:** Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
- Board Vacancies:** One Unlimited Journeyman Member
Two Public Members
- DCP Board Staff:** Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst
- Others Present:** Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator
David LaFond, NFSA
John Abbate, Jr., NFSA

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: www.ct.gov/dcp
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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the September 12, 2019 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. Board to review complaint status report when provided.

Janita Hamel and Pamela Brown attended and informed the Board that there were no new open or closed cases since the last reporting period.

2. Roster of site inspections completed in 2019

Pamela Brown submitted a roster of the 32 random site inspections completed by the Investigations Division in 2019 for the occupational trades at the September 12, 2019 meeting. Three of the closed cases are in the fire protection trade. Pamela will be following up on these three cases by providing the Board with the resolution and penalty, if applicable, for these cases.

No new discussion took place on this topic.

3. Fire Marshal presentations conducted by the Investigations Division

Janita Hamel reported that she and Inspector Matthew Sargeant attended the Litchfield County Fire Marshal's Luncheon at the end of October and provided a brief presentation about licensing. The Fire Marshal's Office invited Janita and Matthew to return at a later date to do an expanded presentation. Janita stated that she and Pamela Brown will also be attending the New Haven/Fairfield County Fire Marshal's Association to provide a presentation in February 2020. David Waskowicz requested that Janita and Pamela inform fire marshals that the new license category types F-5 and F-6 are limited licenses, and that they pertain to multipurpose residential fire sprinkler systems only.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Application report

The Board reviewed a report including a roster of applications approved from September 9, 2019 to November 27, 2019.

Board so noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

It was noted that information regarding the F-5 and F-6 license has been added to the DCP website, as well as a link to the NFSA website. The course will take place on April 6, 7, and 8, 2020. David LaFond stated that, at this time, registration information is available on the NFSA website, and that the course curriculum, scope, and cost is to be added.

Regarding discussion at the meeting of September 12, 2019, David LaFond clarified that, although a person may complete “Train the Trainer” class, it will be required that they have a strong fire protection background in order to be approved to teach the class.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Joseph Cassidy, P.E., State Building Inspector, to Richard M. Hurlburt, Director dated September 25, 2019 regarding State Building Code Application to Non-Required Sprinkler Systems

Board so noted.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

John Abbate, NFSA requested clarification regarding the testing of backflow on a fire prevention system, specifically, is a backflow prevention certification adequate, or is an “F” license required in addition to the backflow prevention certification? This item will be discussed further at the March 5, 2020 Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Application Analyst

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- March 5
- June 11
- September 10
- December 3

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at
10:00 a.m.