

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT, 06103, Hearing Room J.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,
Chairperson
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member

Members Absent: Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: One Unlimited Journeyperson Member
Two Public Members

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional
Licensing Division
Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst

Others Present: Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator
David LaFond, NFSA
Roland Asp, NFSA (via conference call)
Charles Appleby, Chairperson, Plumbing and Piping Work
Examining Board

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MOTION TO AMEND THE MINUTES:

The Board voted unanimously to amend the minutes to add the following item to today's agenda under New Business:

Letter of resignation from John Michalewicz dated September 8, 2019.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the June 13, 2019 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as corrected.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 4-30-19 to 6-30-19 and 7-01-19 to 8-31-19. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance. Pamela Brown confirmed that Case 2019-1012, included on the 7-01-19 to 8-31-19 report, was an anonymous complaint regarding advertising, and that the related credential has been in "Inactive Status" since 10/31/09. David Waskowicz informed Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel that the licensee has been deceased for ten years. Discussion took place regarding how this case may have originated procedurally within the Department under these circumstances.

3. Roster of spot checks completed – Follow up from June 13, 2019 meeting
Pamela Brown submitted a roster of the 32 random site inspections completed by the Investigations Division in 2019 for the occupational trades, as requested at the June 13, 2019 meeting.

Three of the closed cases are in the fire protection trade. Pamela Brown noted that the closed cases, as well as the resolution and penalty, if applicable, for each case, would have been included in complaint reports that have been submitted to the Board previously, however, Pamela offered to provide a report for the board with this additional information for the next board meeting. Pamela noted that she cannot provide any additional information on the cases listed on this roster that are in opened status.

4. Case 2018-150 – Follow up from the June 13, 2019 meeting
Janita Hamel informed the Board that this case has been closed, and that there is an open case against the current contractor of record for this company in relation to this complaint.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Application report

The Board reviewed a report including applications approved from June 11, 2019 to September 9, 2019.

Board so noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

- Candidate information bulletin for examination, specific to Fire Protection multipurpose residential sprinkler

Board so noted.

- NFSA initial training update for Connecticut's Fire Protection multipurpose residential sprinkler license

A conference call took place with Roland Asp, NFSA. After discussion, it was determined that NFSA will go forward with setting a date, location, and cost for the training class. Once the Department receives this information, Richard Hurlburt will update the DCP website with application and instructions.

Discussion took place regarding the NFSA "Train the Trainer" program in relation to teaching these classes. It was confirmed that someone interested in teaching this class may do so after taking the class and obtaining the license.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation letter of Public Board Member John Michalewicz dated September 8, 2019.

Board so noted.

2. The Board expressed their concern about the Board Member vacancies, and noted that it is very important for current members to attend meetings when at all possible, especially when there are vacancies, to ensure a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Application Analyst

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- December 5