

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD**

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,
Chairperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal

Members Absent: Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal
Anthony Moscato – Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Unlimited Journeyperson 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

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 Division E-Mail: dcp.occupationalprofessional@ct.gov

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the June 11, 2020 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. The Investigations Division submitted a report for the period of 6-01-20 to 7-31-20. Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel were in attendance and provided an overview of the report.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Application report

The Board reviewed a report including applications approved between the period of 6-06-20 to 9-2-20.

Board so noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Backflow Prevention Device

At the December 5, 2019 meeting, 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?

At the March 5, 2020 meeting, the Board reviewed documentation which was provided by the Department and states that an F-1 holder cannot install the backflow prevention device associated with a fire sprinkler system; it must be installed by a P-1 holder. The Board expressed their concerns about the F-1 holder not being able to do this work and stated that they would like a legislative change to clarify such.

At the June 11, 2020 meeting, the Board reviewed the document entitled "*Fire Protection and Plumbing Scope of Work, Section 20-330, Chapter 393 of the General Statutes*". Richard M. Hurlburt was in attendance to provide clarification. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to table the discussion on backflow prevention devices until additional information is provided by the Department.

Two documents have been provided by the Department for review at today's meeting:

- Backflow Prevention Device 2020
- Cross Connection Control Manual

After review of documentation and discussion, the Board agreed that they would like to go forward with proposing changes to the regulations and/or statutes pertaining to this topic and requested that Richard Hurlburt provide them with the procedure to make such changes at the next board meeting.

2. NFSA Residential Fire Sprinkler Class – Update from David LaFond

- Email to be provided with rescheduled class dates

Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Application Analyst

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- December 3