

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Robert Barrieau at 9:08 a.m. on January 14, 2021. This meeting was held via Zoom Webinar.

Members Present:

Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Thomas F. Casey, Jr.	Unlimited Contractor
Cameron G. Champlin, Jr.	Unlimited Journeyman
John T. Higgins, Jr.	Unlimited Journeyman
Michael Rosario	Unlimited Journeyman

Members Absent:

David G. Foster	Unlimited/General Contractor
Philip H. Benoit	Sheet Metal Journeyman

Board Vacancies:

Four Public Members
Limited Sheet Metal Contractor

DCP Board Staff Present:

Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervising Special Investigator

Others present:

Peter Kelly, International Association of Plumbers & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
Leonard Morrell

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 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board October 22, 2020 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 Board reviewed the complaint reports dated August 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 and November 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

The Board voted unanimously to accept these reports as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application Review Working Group – Update to be provided by designated board member

Robert Barrieau informed the Board that approximately 16 applications were reviewed at the January Working Group meeting.

2. Discussion regarding licensure requirements related to the installation of LP gas supplied by gas containers and/or natural gas.

Board today discussed licensure requirements related to installation of LP gas supplied by gas containers and/or natural gas.

CHAPTER 393 regulation

Limited heating, piping and cooling journeyman license (G-2)

The holder of this license may perform said work only while in the employ of a contractor licensed for such work. The holder of this license may perform only that work for the installation, repair, replacement, alteration, and maintenance of gas piping systems and approved gas appliances, gas utilization equipment and accessories for use with LP gas supplied by gas containers and/or natural gas. The requirements to qualify for this license examination shall be the

completion of a registered apprenticeship program or equivalent experience and training.

CHAPTER 400h

PUBLIC SERVICE GAS TECHNICIANS

Sec. 20-540. Definitions. Certificate of registration. Requirements. Limitations. Suspension. Revocation. Civil penalties. (a) As used in this section and section 20-541:

(1) “Gas service work” means the repair, alteration or maintenance of equipment, appliances, accessories or fixtures within or adjacent to a building or structure in connection with the utilization of gas supplied by a public service company.

(2) “Public service gas technician” means an employee of a public service company, as defined in section 16-1, who is engaged in the supervision or performance of gas service work.

Court Case:

43 Conn. App. 196 (1996)

CONNECTICUT NATURAL GAS CORPORATION ET AL. v. DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION ET AL.

Appellate Court of Connecticut. Argued May 29, 1996. Officially released September 17, 1996.

Code permit requirements

Board requested that DCP obtain in writing the following answer from the State Building Officials office.

What is the requirement within the State of Connecticut Building Code of obtaining a permit, where such work is the installation of piping of LP gas supplied by gas containers and/or natural gas from the customer side of the gas meter location where such piping is installed onto the premises of the customer to an approved appliance, heating system boiler or furnace.

And where such work performed on the customer side of the supply container or meter location is done by employees of the Public Utility Gas Company or by a private Contractor and its employees offering such services.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

1. 2021 Legislative Session – Potential bill regarding occupational licensing.

The Board was made aware of a bill that may be proposed at the 2021 Legislative Session which would allow out of state occupational trade license applicants to be automatically approved for testing. Discussion took place regarding the Board’s

concern with this bill, and it was determined that the Board will follow up and take appropriate action should the bill be raised.

2. Leonard Morrell – S-7 license applicant

Leonard Morrell, S-7 license applicant, joined the meeting to request the status of his application. He was informed that DCP staff would contact him after the meeting with this information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License and Application Analyst

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

- April 8
- July 15
- October 14