

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on September 13, 2016 which was called to order by Acting Chairman Mr. Stephen Wing at 9:46 AM in Room No 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:

Mark R. Arigoni	Landscape Architect
Jeffrey P. Hutton	Public Member
Stephen Wing	Landscape Architect

Board Members Not Present:

W. Phillips Barlow	Landscape Architect
Anne L. Penniman	Landscape Architect

Vacancy:

Two (Public Members)

DCP Staff Present:

Robert M. Kuzmich, License/Applications Specialist, DCP

Others Present:

Theodore M. Doolittle, Division Director, DCP
Peter R. Huntsman Attorney General's Office

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) 706-1202.

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1. Review of minutes of the June 7, 2016 Board of Landscape Architects Meeting.

The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted. (Arigoni/Hutton)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

2A. Mr. Ted Doolittle introduced himself to the Board as the new Director of Occupational and Professional Enforcement for the Department of Consumer Protection. He stated to the Board his professional background as an attorney and explained his duties with the Department his and interaction with the Board. The Board welcomed him and looks forward to working with him in the future.

3. Old Business

3A. Update from the Department regarding proposed changes to the Regulation of the State Board of Landscape Architects approved by the Board on December 8, 2015. Mr. Kuzmich noted that Ms. Leslie O'Brien, Legislative Director and the Department's Legal Department are currently reviewing the proposed changes in addition to reviewing the regulation for overall compliance with Department's general standards to make this regulation consistent in format with other Department regulations. The Department is moving forward as quickly as possible with their review and Mr. Kuzmich will get back to the Board with their timeframe for completion of this process.

4. New Business

4A. Application of Mr. Di Hu for licensing by written examination; Mr. Hu is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 43046) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Hu for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Arigoni/Hutton)

4B. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged receipt of this list and thanked the Department for this update.

NAME	METHOD OF LICENSURE	DEPT. APPR'D
Saunders, Kira M.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 28063; New York	June 3, 2016
MacFarlane, Christopher A.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 45539; Pennsylvania	August 10, 2016

4C. DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit including open, closed, and dismissed cases. In response to a question from Mr. Huntsman, Mr. Doolittle noted that he will now be reporting to the Board on enforcement investigations in place of Mr. Richard Maloney.

4D. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. Mr. Arigoni cited two CLARB documents that need to be addressed by the Board as noted herein. The Board authorized Mr. Arigoni as their delegate to cast vote(s) on their behalf at the upcoming CLARB Annual Meeting. This is noted on the CLARB's Letter of Delegate Credentials for Elections which will be sent to CLARB after today's meeting.

Mr. Wing, as Acting Chairman, completed CLARB's 2016-2017 Board of Director's and Committee on Nominations Elections Ballot on behalf of the Board. Mr. Arigoni will bring this document with him to the Annual Meeting.

2. Mr. Arigoni also updated the Board on his participation in the recent Region 1 Conference call noting that he gave an update on the Board's recent activities. He stated that other Boards are encountering very serious problems filling their vacancies.

In addition, he further noted that a "hot" topic of discussion was of the involvement of State Board's with their accredited universities regarding outreach and understanding of the licensure process. Mr. Arigoni asked the Board to consider further discussion on this topic at future meetings. The Board agreed that this item will be placed on the agenda for their next meeting.

The Board also mentioned accredited landscape architecture programs at other New England Colleges and Universities.

5. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

5A. Mr. Huntsman inquired regarding the status of the letter written by Mr. Vince McDermott to the Town of Greenwich concerning their storm water regulations. These regulations, at present, exclude landscape architects from providing services which they are permitted to perform by State Statute. Mr. Huntsman noted that in this matter, he previously advised the Board that the state statutes prevail and the Town of Greenwich must abide by what the law states.

Mr. Arigoni stated that landscape architects sometimes feel that their authority is constrained. However, the statutes define what landscape architects are allowed to perform which includes incidental grading and drainage plans. Mr. Huntsman noted that initially, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) storm water drainage permit process excluded landscape architects from performing work on this

matter which they are allowed to perform by statute. Mr. Huntsman believes that Mr. McDermott has met with State Officials from Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and others to work this matter through.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM. (Hutton/Arigoni) The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 9:00 AM, Plaza Level, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut. 06103

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator