

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Roger Stolting, Acting Chairperson at 10:30 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Members Present: George C. Sima, Well Drilling Contractor
James Piccoli, Contractor
John R. Damico, Journeyperson

Member Absent: Roger Stolting, Contractor, Acting Chairperson
Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Contractor
Joseph Carr, Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino, Journeyperson
John R. Sullivan, Public Member
Michael E. Cluney, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Journeyperson
Two Public Members

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Anthony Santoro, Administrative Hearings Attorney
Helen Hillman, Consumer Information Representative
Janita Hamel, Supervising Trade Inspector
Ray Fuocco, Trade Inspector
Linda Roberts, Executive Assistant

Public Present:	Eric Sabo	William Lussier	Hubert J. Barnes
	Paul J. Konwerski, Jr	Erik Cooper	Jonathan J. Klein, Esq.
	William Swift	Joseph Lovejoy	
	Anthony Santilli	Melissa Willis	
	Shane Grant	Randy Willis	
	Dewayne Lofton	Bill Gerard	
	Fred Smithauser	Mike Smeraglino	
	Gregg Kerrek	William Bazso	
	Patricia Torres-Lewis	Chris Santo	

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board unanimously recommended approving minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Appointment letter dated April 24, 2006 from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell, concerning the appointment of Anthony Smeraglino as a Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board member, as a Public Member, in succession to Brian T. Kronenberger. Anthony Smeraglino was not present at the May 18, 2006, July 20, 2006, September 21, 2006, and the November 16, 2006 meeting.

Anthony Smeraglino was not present at today's meeting.

APPLICANTS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

Shane R. Grant, Oxford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Denied

The Board unanimously recommended denying Mr. Grant's application due to lack of required occupational and school related instructional experience.

Gregg R. Kerrek, Prospect, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board unanimously recommended approving Mr. Kerrek's application.

Dewayne Lofton, East Hartford, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board unanimously recommended approving Mr. Lofton's application.

Timothy O'Neil, Three Rivers, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – No Action

Mr. O'Neil was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, no recommendation was made.

Eric S. Sabo, Canterbury CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board unanimously recommended approving Mr. Sabo's application.

William J. Swift, Milford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Approved

The Board unanimously recommended approving Mr. Swift's application.

APPLICANTS APPEARING IN PERSON

(The Board unanimously decided to review the following application)

Erik M. Cooper, Ridgfield, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Application – Approved

The Board unanimously recommended approving Mr. Cooper's application.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVER

Pat Bocuzzi, Jr., Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson.

Requesting continuing education waiver requirement for his 2006 license renewal.

The Board unanimously recommended denying Mr. Bocuzzi's request for waiver of continuing education.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence dated 1/29/07 from Robert J. Martin, Education Consultant with CT Technical High School System, concerning the review of occupational related instructional experience for three (3) applicants of (J-2) Limited Journeyperson license.
2. Correspondence dated 12/14/06 from Richard M. Hurlburt, addressed to Hubert J. Barnes, Business Manager of Local Union 777, concerning "Aeration Piping System".

Mr. Barnes informed the Board that when he sat on the Board as a Journeyperson member about 25 years ago, there was a state statute which stipulated that all plumbing & piping work in side a facility of a sewer treatment plant is licensable work and requires a minimum of a (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license. Mr. Barnes said that this particular language disappeared from the particular state statute and Mr. Barnes is investigating as to how the language was removed from the state statute. Mr. Barnes said that the Millrights are now stipulating within their contracts that that they can actually perform aeration piping.

Mr. Barnes said that all he wants is what is right for all licensed plumbers, plumbing is not a hobby, its a profession. Mr. Barnes said he hears through the grapevine that aeration piping may be sheet metal work because it moves air, however, this is the integral part of the plumbing system, the digesters do not function without this aeration piping, which is not duct work, it is stainless steel piping, welded, goes down to the bottom of the aeration tanks where diffusers are located, where the air comes up and it disburses.

3. Correspondence dated 12/8/06 from Attorney Jerry P. Padula, DCP Legislative & Administrative Advisor dated December 8, 2006, addressed to Jack M. Guerrero, Apprenticeship Program Manager, regarding "Shortening the Apprenticeship Pending Period".

4. Correspondence dated 11/22/06 from Attorney Mark R. Cramer concerning the addition of James P. D'Amato as the primary contractor of record for Roto-Roter at 800 Marshall Phelps Road in Windsor, CT and 255 Stagg Street in Stratford, CT.
5. Correspondence from Richard M. Hurlburt dated December 14, 2006, addressed to Hubert J. Barnes, Business Manager of Local Union 777, concerning "Aeration Piping System".
6. List of registered Apprentices in the State of Connecticut as of September 18, 2006.
7. Connecticut's first registered well drilling apprentice (James Tylor, W-2 well drilling apprentice).
8. List of pass/fail test results for the month of December 2006.
9. 2007 Occupational Licensing Board, Commission, and Council meeting schedule.

FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of Christian M. Scinto Docket No. 06-2121

In the Matter of William Bazso Docket No. 06-2122

In the Matter of Michael Smeraglino Docket No. 06-2123

A Formal Administrative hearing commenced today and the Board unanimously recommended to continue this matter to their next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 9:30 A.M. in Room 117.