

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Members Present: Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Contractor, Chairperson
George C. Sima, Well Drilling Contractor
James Piccoli, Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman, Contractor
Hubert J. Barnes, Unlimited Journeyman
Frank J. DaCato, Unlimited Journeyman
John R. Damico, Journeyman
John R. Sullivan, Public Member
Joyce Topsy, Public Member
Melissa C. Sheffy, Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer, Public Member

Member Absent: Anthony Calandrino, Journeyman

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon

Public Present:	Wilfred Roger	Jon Allen	Gregory Dzikczek
	Michael Rosario	Thomas Despard, Jr.	Orlando Rocon
Don Emond	Paul Venti	Karl Hansen	Dustin Libby
Scott Bilodeau	Steve Krenicki	Sean Magee	Joseph Loprete
Kevin Belisle	John Dacunto, Jr.	James McNichol	Peter Hatzikostas
Kyle Zadora	Anthony Ferrara	John Romano	Todd Pappacoda
John Horan	Michael Carafotes	A.F. Zawaglia	Tyler Hess
Cosmo Seaberg	Bruce Korentiewicz	Tom Bucklord	Brendan Coizzo
Scott Zadora	Vinnie Valente	Bob Lafleur	Chris Tomm
Carolyn Beamer	George M. Smith	Davy Connellyta	Jonathan Lisa
Mario Vitti	Edward W. Smalley, Jr.	Joe Zavabla	Quirino Oliveira
John Higgins	Glenn Whittles	Chris DeGasperi	Michael Milia
Edward R. Artace	Hugh Haun	Martin Avalos	Mitch Jansen
Jimmy Davis	Rick Gladue	Thomas E. Cassidy	

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Review and approve minutes of the January 15, 2010 Sub-Committee “Special Meeting” regarding the discussion of solar thermal initiatives.

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 15, 2010 Sub-Committee “Special Meeting” regarding the discussion of solar thermal initiatives.

2. Review and approve minutes of the January 25, 2010 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 25, 2010 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-1, reflecting Board members Christopher M. Bowman, Hubert J. Barnes, Anthony Calandrino and Carl W. Schaefer absent.

APPLICATIONS

Joseph Aquino, Carmel, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Aquino did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Michael W. Carafotes, Fairfield, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Carafotes’ application due to lack of a required “Apprenticeship Completion Certificate”. The Board is requiring Mr. Carafotes’ current employer (Robert Rozmus d/b/a Robert Rozmus Plumbing & Heating, Inc.) appear before them at their next meeting concerning violations of the CT Apprenticeship program.

Michael Cipolla, Cromwell, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Cipolla did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Jimmy Davis, Medford, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Davis’ application due to lack of required occupational school related instruction experience (720 hours).

Christopher Degasperi, Amawalk, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Degasperi’s application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Thomas Despard, Southwick, MA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Despard's application.

Donald Emond, Jr., Berkley, MA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Emond's application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. The Board also voted to deny waiver of the two year requirement as a (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman due to a non-qualifying hardship. Board member Charles E. Appleby, Sr. and Christopher M. Bowman were opposed.

Hugh Haun, Ellington, CT – (P-9) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Haun's application due to lack of a required (P-8) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. Board member Christopher M. Bowman was opposed.

Mitch J. Jansen, W. Haven, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table Mr. Jansen's application for further review and decision at their next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2010. (Note: Mr. Jansen has not submitted an application with an application fee as required. Mr. Jansen notified in writing).

Jerome Labarbera, Colchester, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Labarbera did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Louis A. Lanza, Stamford, CT – (SP-1) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lanza's application due to lack of a required (SP-2) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

David McLaughlin, Meriden, CT – (SP-1) Limited Contractor – No Action

Mr. McLaughlin did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Paul Rebesch, Jr., N. Haven, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Rebesch did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Wilfred Rogers, Medford, MA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Rogers' application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

John Romano, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Romano's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate". The Board is requiring Mr. Romano's current employer (Ted Mikrut) appear before them at their next meeting concerning violations of the CT Apprenticeship program.

Eric L. Schaper, Meriden, CT – (SP-1) Limited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Schaper did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Glenn Whittles, S. Glastonbury, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Whittles was signed-in today and did not appear before the Board and the Board took no action.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

Jon Allen, New Haven, CT – (J-4) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/08)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Allen's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

Martin Avalos, Waterbury, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/97)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Avalos' license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

Karl-Trygve T. Hansen, Milford, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/08)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Hansen's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

Stephen Krenicki, Bristol, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/95)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Krenicki's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

Matthew Pyles, Waterbury, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/02)

Mr. Pyles did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Christopher J. Tomm, Willington, CT – (J-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Tomm's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CONCERNING MUNICIPAL INSPECTORS

The Board recommended at their 3/19/09 meeting to grant 7-hours of continuing education credit to municipal inspectors holding (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license, who have completed the required 30-hours of training (10-hours per year) to maintain their CT municipal building inspector certification.

DCP notes the following:

This would open the door to numerous other “related courses” which we would also have no control over, provided by manufacturers, suppliers and private educational businesses, and would not be listed as an approved school by this agency, or would we have any means of control.

The Department of Public Safety has been told numerous times to submit a course outline to us and a school application (no fee for either) for review by this agency with assistance of the Plumbing and Piping Board. **The problem is that** we have to also remember that the Public Safety courses are govern under different laws, which include FREE instruction to all of the public, not just the building officials as the department receives it’s monies for such program from the public fees associated to any type of building permits filed with every town or city that issue such permits.

The Department is not allowing this to take place under the current Statute and regulations for continuing education.

AERATION PIPING WORK

At today's meeting, Board member Hubert Barnes and Frank DaCato brought up the issue of aeration piping. The Board discussed aeration piping at today's meeting and unanimously ruled that in order to perform aeration piping; you must have a (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license or a (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for the complete installation of aeration piping systems.

Thomas E. Cassidy, Business Agent for Local 777 Plumbers & Pipefitters Union had requested a declaratory ruling regarding Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes, Section 20-330 and Section 20-334, specifically as to the requirement of a license to perform the installation of aeration piping. Previously on December 17, 2009, the Board declined to take action upon Thomas E. Cassidy's request for a declaratory ruling on aeration piping.

Currently there exists an August 21, 2008 Board ruling on aeration piping which should be included in the definition of plumbing and piping work under Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes, Section 20-330 (3).

There also exists a claim to aeration piping work identified by Director Richard M. Hurlburt letter to Attorney Steven Sosensky dated October 17, 2007. Sheet metal licensees believe that aeration is licensable under 30-330 (5), under the jurisdiction of the Heating, Piping and Cooling Work Examining Board.

The New England Millwrights believe that the activity never required any license for any of the various aeration methods including the aeration piping method. Such work has always been performed by properly qualified and highly skilled millwrights.

Pursuant to Section 20-332(b)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes, such determination can be made by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

SOLAR THERMAL CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Mr. Appleby presented the Solar Thermal Sub-Committee draft syllabus for solar thermal certification, in addition to a syllabus offered by Nathan Greenleaf with the International Solar Thermal Institute in Rockland, Maine. Both syllabuses consist of matter relating to solar thermal theory, design, safety and installation. The Solar Thermal Sub-Committee has recommended merging both syllabus and presenting them as one idea for solar thermal certification.

After further review and discussion on this matter, the Board voted unanimously to allow merging both syllabuses and present it as one idea for solar thermal certification.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.