

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Christopher Bowman on September 11, 2014 at 9:02 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Members Absent:

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

Dept. of Consumer Protection:

Karen Layman, Secretary
Anthony Santoro, Esq
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Dept. of Labor:

Gina Knox

Public present:

Joe Asklar Loius Villanova Jonathan Harding

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) 706-1255.

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SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Attorney Anthony Santoro swore in Peter Alfieri as a new member of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed and voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2014 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING IN PERSON FOR GUIDANCE:

Jonathan Harding, Meriden, CT

Mr. Harding has held a (J-4) license since 4/17/14. He attended this meeting to discuss his request to be approved to take the (J-3) examination before the two-year requirement has been met. The Board determined that Mr. Harding does not have a bonafied hardship at this time and therefore a waiver of the required two-year period in order to qualify for the (J-4) examination at this time would not be granted.

APPEALS:

Shaun Rodrigues, Sr., Riverside, RI – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor - Tabled

Mr. Rodrigues' application was denied at the 6/12/14 meeting due to lack of the required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a period of two years. Mr. Rodrigues submitted additional documentation for the Board's review. After review of this documentation and further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to table this application until such time that the applicant changes the category from a (P-1) to a (P-2) and resubmits the application to the Board.

Louis Villanova, Putnam Valley, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Tabled

Mr. Villanova's application was denied at the 7/10/14 meeting due to lack of the required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a period of two years. Mr. Villanova appeared today to appeal this denial. After discussion with Mr. Villanova, the Board voted unanimously to table this application until such time that the applicant submits documentation showing proof of his apprenticeship.

APPLICATIONS:

Brendan Davoren, Wethersfield, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

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

In addition, the Board voted unanimously to refer this application and attached employer letter indicating unlicensed activity to DCP Trade Practices Division to investigate all licensable work, including plumbing, heating and cooling, and fire protection trades.

Pete Lapierre, Palmer, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lapierre's application due to lack of proof of the required 720 hours of related instruction.

Charles Peet, Belchertown, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Peet's application due to lack of proof of the required 720 hours of related instruction

Dennis Petzold, Groton, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table Mr. Petzold's application so that it may be forwarded to the Department of Labor for a military training evaluation. Once this evaluation is complete, the application will come before the Board for reconsideration.

Fernando Velasquez, Bridgeport, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Velasquez's application due to lack of an apprenticeship completion letter.

Alan White, Killingworth, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. White's application due to lack of proof of apprenticeship completion, on the job training, and related instruction.

APPLICATIONS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Thomas Boroczky, West Haven, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

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

In addition, the Board voted unanimously to refer this application and attached employer letter indicating unlicensed activity to DCP Trade Practices Division for investigation.

Zachary Pecore, Charlton, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Pecore's application due to lack of proof of the required 8,000 hours of on the job training and 720 hours of related instruction.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chatham Health District request re: 350 North Main Street, Marlborough

Thad King, Director of Health, Chatham Health District submitted a letter dated June 27, 2014 regarding a request for a determination as to whether or not the well permit and completion report for 350 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT are in compliance with the Well Drilling Code and may be issued and approved, with or without exceptions. The Board denied this request for exemption at the July 10, 2014 meeting.

Joe Asklar appeared at today's meeting and provided the Board with background regarding the well permit and completion report on 350 North Main Street, Marlborough and a discussion ensued. Joe clarified for the Board that he is requesting that the permit, which has already been submitted by Well Contractor Joel Stavens, be approved by the Chatham Health District, and further discussion took place.

Board Member Frank DaCato made a motion to request that a letter be sent to Chatham Health District stating that the board feels it is not in their jurisdiction to address this matter; it is an issue for the Department of Public Health. Frank DaCato amended the the motion to add that the letter also reflect that the Board does not issue permits. Board Member Peter Alfieri seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

2. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirements

The Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board met for the second time on August 27, 2014 to discuss this topic. Chairperson Charles Appleby reported briefly on this meeting, as well as the two recent Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition meetings that he had attended. A copy of the minutes from the August 25, 2014 Coalition meeting will be disbursed at the next Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting. In addition, he will be disbursing NFPA13 Manuals from this meeting to the Plumbing Board, Fire Protection Board, and the Department. The Board continued to discuss this topic, including clarification of the NFPA 13D Code and what it includes, licensing for residential fire sprinkler systems, and residential fire sprinkler system products from manufacturers such as Uponor. Charles Appleby will continue to keep the Board informed of Coalition meeting dates and minutes.

3. Legislation for review

Public Act 14-199, Substitute Senate Bill No. 235 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Transportation Statutes. This item will be kept on the agenda for future discussion.

4. Substitute Senate Bill No. 412 An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes

Board Member Frank DaCato congratulated Board Member Melissa Sheffy for her efforts in this legislative process and stated that, in his opinion, the Board should continue to work toward the improvement of occupational licensing enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS :

1. Fire Sprinkler Regulations – Sec. 19a-37a-1

Board so noted.

2. Public Officials and State Employees Guide to the Code of Ethics

Board so noted.

3. Medical Gas and Vacuum Systems Certification Application and Instructions

Board so noted.

4. Putnam County Plumbing/Mechanical Trades Board – How to Obtain A Master's Plumbing/Mechanical Trades License

Board so noted.

5. State Apprenticeship Council 2014 Schedule of Regular Meetings – Revised 8/26/14

Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms

Board so noted.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT REPORT:

1. At the July 10, 2014 meeting, the Board requested that the Trade Practices Division submit detailed information on the following cases from the June complaint report: #2014-151, #2014-127, and #2012-313. In addition, the Board requested a complaint report for the month of February 2014. The Board reviewed these documents at today's meeting.

2. The Board reviewed two complaint status reports, one of which is dated 8/21/10 to 8/21/14, which had been submitted for the August 14, 2014 Plumbing Board meeting. The August meeting had been cancelled, therefore these two

reports were reviewed at today's meeting. The Board also reviewed a complaint status report dated 9/8/10 to 9/8/14.

3. Board Member Melissa Sheffy read an e-mail from Larry Vallieres, Chairperson of the Electrical Work Examining Board, to provide an example of the verbiage used by the Electrical Board when requesting complaint reports from DCP Trade Practices Division.

The Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board then requested that the Department provide the Board with a complaint report providing them with an ongoing list of all open, closed, and dismissed complaints pertaining to this Board dating from January 1, 2014 through the present time, and that this report be updated and presented to the Board at each of their subsequent meetings, per Connecticut Statute Section 21a-8 (Formerly Sec. 19-171g) Department's and Commissioner's powers and duties re: boards and commissions.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2014 Meeting Schedule:

- **October 9, 2014**
- **November 13, 2014**
- **December 11, 2014**

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut