

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Hubert J. Barnes	Unlimited Journeyman
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyman
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Members Absent:

John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyman
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

Dept. of Consumer Protection:

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

Dept. of Labor:

Kenneth Duff

Public present:

Robert Files	Bill Warzecha
Drew Kukucka	Jing Chen

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board as written. Board members Charles Appleby, Sr. and Anthony Calandrino abstained.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

None

APPLICANTS APPEARING IN PERSON FOR GUIDANCE

Jaisun Cuchta

Mr. Cuchta was not present; no action taken.

APPLICANTS APPEARING IN PERSON TO APPEAL DENIAL

Chad Cramer, Sterling, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor

Mr. Cramer was not present; no action taken.

Jose Cruz, East Hartford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman

Mr. Cruz was not present; no action taken.

Robert Files, Thomaston, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted to approve Mr. Files' (P-2) application. Board member Frank DaCato abstained.

APPLICATIONS

Kenneth Pierce, Westerly, RI – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

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

APPLICATIONS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE

DeWayne Lofton, Meriden, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lofton's application due to lack of apprenticeship completion certificate.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Achieving proper enforcement for occupational trade licenses

A hearing regarding Senate Bill No. 412 was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at which testimony was heard. Board members are encouraged to submit testimony on behalf of the Board if they were unable to attend the March 11 hearing. Chairperson Chuck Appleby will supply the Board with e-mail addresses of the co-chairs of the General Law Committee so Board members may contact them if interested in giving testimony.

2. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirements

The Board briefly discussed current statutes as they relate to the installation of residential sprinkler systems. It was stated that proposed legislation may be necessary in order to initiate changes in current laws.

3. Substitute Bill No. 5299 regarding the licensing of veterans

The Board briefly discussed this bill as it relates to current licensing statutes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for exemption pursuant to Sec. 25-133 of Title 25 of the State Well Drilling Board Rules and Regulations

Bill Warzecha, Jing Chen, and Drew Kukucka from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection appeared for discussion regarding the granting of the above-referenced exemption for an upcoming project. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted unanimously to table this matter until the April 10, 2014 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting, at which time the state and local health departments will be requested to attend and further discussion will take place.

2. Building Code Changes

Board member Christopher Bowman expressed his concern that there have been changes in the State Building Code as of February of 2014, and that licensed contractors serving the public may not be aware of these changes. The Board discussed avenues in which licensees could be notified of these changes. The Board requested that a representative from the Office of the State Building Inspector be invited to the April 10, 2014 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting for further discussion.

3. Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Chairperson Appleby informed the Board of a recent carbon monoxide incident in New Hampshire that led to three deaths and one injury and is currently under investigation by the State Fire Marshal in New Hampshire. Chairperson Appleby will pass on more information as it becomes available. The Board briefly discussed accidents of this type and how they relate to current practices within the trade and continuing education in Connecticut.

4. CEU Evaluation Forms

The Board reviewed evaluation forms and requested that two of them be forward to the appropriate school for further review.

5. Proposed Legislation – Raised Bill No. 5461 - Connecticut Airport Authority

The Board briefly discussed this bill as it relates to Connecticut licensing statutes.

6. General Permit for the Discharge of Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater – Issued January 30, 2014

The Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. State Apprenticeship Council 2014 Schedule of Meetings

The Board so noted.

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

The Board reviewed the current complaint status report provided by the Trade Practices Division.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2014 Meeting Schedule:

- April 10, 2014
- May 8, 2014
- June 12, 2014
- July 10, 2014
- August 14, 2014
- September 11, 2014
- October 9, 2014
- November 13, 2014
- December 11, 2014

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