

# MINUTES

## PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

OCTOBER 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, on October 13, 2016 at 9:08 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
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

### Members Absent:

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

### Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

### DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Karen Layman, Secretary

### Others Present:

Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris  
Leslie O'Brien, Legislative Liaison Director  
David Waskowicz, Chairperson, Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board  
Larry Satchell, Dept. of Labor  
Mark Guarino

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the September 8, 2016 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

## **APPEARING FOR GUIDANCE:**

### **Mark Guarino, Vernon, CT**

Mr. Guarino appeared and spoke with Larry Satchell, DOL rep. Mr. Satchell informed the Board that there had been a discrepancy with Mr. Guarino's related instruction hours and that this has been resolved. An apprenticeship completion letter has been issued and Mr. Guarino will apply for the P-2 license.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Residential multipurpose fire sprinkler systems**

- At the September meeting, the Board voted unanimously to table the topic of multipurpose residential fire sprinkler systems until such time that Richard M. Hurlburt, Director contacts the State of Ct., Office of the State Building Inspector, for clarification on whether or not residential multipurpose fire sprinkler systems can be installed and approved by the local authority.

The Board reviewed a letter from Daniel Tierney, Deputy State Building Inspector dated September 14, 2016 in response to the request for clarification on this topic by Richard Hurlburt.

- Draft language for F-7/F-8 proposed limited residential fire sprinkler systems work licenses

Board so noted

### **2. DOL apprenticeship requirements**

At the September meeting, the Board requested clarification from Larry Satchell regarding a state law or policy of the Department of Labor addressing the ability for a business owner to become a registered apprentice. It is the Board's understanding that a business owner *cannot* be a registered as an apprentice.

Larry Satchell submitted an Interoffice Memorandum from Heidi Lane, Principal Attorney, Department of Labor, dated October 11, 2016 regarding DOL's policy that a contractor/owner may not be an apprentice in a different trade. The Board reviewed this document and a discussion took place regarding the interpretation of the language contained within the document. The Board requested that DCP contact Attorney Raul Rodriguez, Assistant Attorney General and invite him to the next meeting for further clarification.

### **3. Memorandum of Understanding**

A copy of the most recent version of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was provided to Board members.

#### **APPEARANCE BY COMMISSIONER JONATHAN HARRIS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON DIRECTOR LESLIE O'BRIEN:**

Commissioner Jonathan Harris and Legislative Liaison Director Leslie O'Brien were in attendance and offered to answer any questions regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. There were no questions at this time however; all board members have been invited to attend the meeting scheduled on November 16, 2016 for discussion on the MOU.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Meeting Schedule for 2016/2017**

The Department of Consumer Protection will be moving to 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut, 06103 in December of 2016. Please note the following changes in the schedule due to this move:

- November 10, 2016 – This meeting will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, Room 117
- December 2016 – The meeting previously scheduled for December 8, 2016 has been **cancelled**; No meetings will be held this month
- January 2017 – No meetings will be held this month
- All meetings in 2017 will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut, 06103

All Board members received a copy of the 2017 Board Calendar.

## **2. Examination update regarding new code adoption**

Director Richard M. Hurlburt explained the item development procedures and qualifications of subject matter experts and item writers. He further explained that a workshop to update various examinations will be held next year.

## **3. OSHA requirements**

Discussion took place regarding OSHA requirements for occupational trade licensees. The understanding is that, for the plumbing and electrical licenses, a 4 hour refresher course every 5 years is required, versus the full 10 hour refresher the other trades are required to complete. Those present were not clear as to what legislation or statute exists that addresses this requirement. It would be helpful to have this clarified before the Board begins the drafting of the 2017 curriculum, which will take place in February of 2017.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Daniel Tierney, Deputy State Building Inspector, dated September 14, 2016 regarding State Building Code Application to Non-Required Sprinkler Systems

Board so noted

2. Letter from Daniel Tierney, Deputy State Building Inspector, dated September 27, 2016 regarding State Building Code Interpretation No. 1-01-16 in reference to requirements for CSST bonding.

Board so noted

### **DCP OCCUPATIONAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT:**

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report submitted by Richard M. Hurlburt, Director for the period of January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 consisting of open, closed, and dismissed cases.

Board so noted

### **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

**2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- November 10, 2016

**\*The December 8, 2016 meeting has been cancelled\***

**This meeting will take place at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, Room 117 at 9:00 a.m.**

**2017 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- February 9, 2017
- April 13, 2017
- June 8, 2017
- August 10, 2017
- October 12, 2017
- December 7, 2017

**All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.**

