

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JULY 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, on July 14 2016 at 9:18 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
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Joyce Topshe	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Members Absent:

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present:

Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris
Todd Berch, DOL AT Division Program
Manager
Joseph Cassidy, State Building Official
Joseph DeIDebbio, Applicant

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) 706-1202.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the June 9, 2016 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting minutes and voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARANCE BY JOSEPH CASSIDY, STATE BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Joseph Cassidy appeared and the Board expressed their concerns about inconsistencies within Connecticut towns regarding the approval of the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems, i.e. some towns will allow the installation of these systems and some will not. Towns are also inconsistent in that some require stamped prints or design schedules for 13D systems and some do not.

After discussion, Joe Cassidy informed the Board that any concerns over these inconsistencies among local building officials should be referred to the State Building Inspectors Office. He also confirmed that, although residential fire sprinkler systems are an *option* in the Code, they are not *required* according to the Code at this time. The Board and the State Building Inspectors Office will continue to work together toward the shared goal of educating the public and town officials on residential fire sprinkler systems.

APPEARANCE BY DCP COMMISSIONER JONATHAN A. HARRIS:

Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris attended and informed the Board that DCP will be hiring a new director as part of a new enforcement unit. This unit will be housed within the Occupational/Professional Division under Director Richard M. Hurlburt and will include both occupational and home improvement enforcement.

APPEARANCE FOR GUIDANCE:

Joseph DelDebbio, Southington, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman

Mr. DelDebbio's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman application was denied due to lack of on the job training and related instruction on April 14, 2016. Joseph DelDebbio appeared and received information regarding the P-2 apprenticeship program. Mr. DelDebbio was informed to complete school related instruction as required and that the on the job training working for his father would be credited.

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report to the General Assembly's General Law Committee pursuant to Public Act 14-210 "An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes" dated January 15, 2016; for the Board's information. This matter is now concluded.

Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairperson Appleby notified the Board of the agenda items included on the July 21, 2016 Fire Protection Board agenda related to plumbing and residential fire sprinkler systems work and stated that he would attend.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Draft statutory changes for multipurpose residential fire sprinkler systems, as requested by Chairman Appleby at the June 9, 2016 meeting

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, discussed with the Board the options of a legislative change for creating a new limited license for the installation and maintenance of multipurpose residential fire sprinkler systems or the option of a regulation change.

2. *Plumbing and Mechanical Magazine* article "The Case for Residential Fire Sprinklers" as requested by Chairman Appleby at the June 9, 2016 meeting

Board so noted.

3. Credential Count of Active Plumbing Licensees; Credential Count of Active Fire Protection Licensees; for the Board's information

Board so noted.

DOCUMENT ADDED TO THE AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

1. Roster of licenses holding dual F-1 and P-1 licenses

Board so noted.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION:

The Department requested the current complaint report from DCP Trade Practices Division consisting of open, closed, and dismissed cases for today's meeting.

Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices, is out of the office until the end of August and has stated that he will submit a quarterly report upon his return in September.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- July 14, 2016
- August 11, 2016
- September 8, 2016
- October 13, 2016
- November 10, 2016

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