



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT



DOCKET NO 2207-N-71-HG

RE: APPLICATION OF SHEPARD'S MOVING & STORAGE, LLC TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER, OVER IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BETHEL.

DECISION

September 21, 2022

Regulatory and Compliance Unit
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on July 12, 2022, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes and assigned Docket No. 2207-N-71-HG, Shepard's Moving & Storage, LLC ("hereinafter applicant"), with a physical address of 32 Henry Street, Building A, Bethel, CT, seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Bethel.

B. Hearing

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-391, a hearing is not required on this application.

Notice of the application was given to the applicant and to other interested parties in the municipality of Norwalk on July 12, 2022, requesting comments on the application.

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate an intrastate household goods moving company from a headquarters in Bethel.
2. Melissa Rounds, Principal, has worked for interstate and international moving companies for twenty-four (24) years.
3. The applicant has a balance of \$10,856.38 in its business bank account.
4. The applicant will be operating a 2006 International truck in the moving business.
5. The applicant's first six months of expenses include no real estate or office space cost because they will work from an office owned by their other business, \$4755.50 for insurance, no vehicle financing cost due to the vehicle being owned outright, \$1,800 for maintenance and repairs, no moving supplies cost, property tax of \$487.20, \$300 for advertising, and \$1,500 for communications.
6. Melissa Rounds has a clean criminal record.
7. The applicant receives several requests for intrastate moving services every week which they cannot perform because they are not authorized.
8. There was no opposition to a grant of this application.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of

the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no personal shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to so operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested, and the criminal history of the applicant pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence of real estate or office space cost of \$0, insurance cost of \$4,755.50, vehicle financing cost of \$0, maintenance and repairs cost of \$1,800.00, moving supplies cost of \$0, property tax cost of \$487.20, advertising cost of \$300, and communications cost of \$1,500 for a total expense of \$8,842.79. The applicant has \$10,856.38 in a business bank account which is sufficient to cover these costs thereby making the applicant financially suitable.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Melissa Rounds which showed no criminal record. The applicant has prior experience having provided interstate and international household goods moving transportation for twenty-four (24) years. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Another factor to be considered is the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested. The applicant plans to utilize one (1) 2006 International truck for the business. The applicant's one (1) vehicle will enable efficient performance of duties.

The last criterion to be considered is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting this certificate. No moving companies have opposed the application indicating that there would be little, if any, effect on the operators in that area.

Based on the evidence provided, the applicant has proven all the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate a household goods moving company from a headquarters in Bethel.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Shepard's Moving & Storage, LLC is hereby granted, and Certificate Number HG1821 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER HG1821
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Shepard's Moving & Storage, LLC, is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in Bethel.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the certificate holder's facilities at uniform rates for all similar service.

CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered and insured under this certificate within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision. Failure to do so may result in a revocation of authority.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate of registration receipt issued by the department.

The certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent state statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to revoke said certificate.

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder thereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 21st day of September 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Garrett T. Eucalitto
Deputy Commissioner