

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

DECEMBER 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, on December 11, 2014 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
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Members Absent:

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	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:

Timothy Davison

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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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed and voted to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2014 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as written. Board members Frank DaCato, Joyce Topshe, and Charles Appleby, Sr. abstained from voting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING IN PERSON TO APPEAL:

Timothy Davison, Raymond, ME – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Tabled

Mr. Davison appeared to appeal the Board's denial of November 13, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to table this application until the required 720 hours of related instruction is completed. The Board further ruled that proof of completion of related instruction, along with a new application, should be sent to DCP for approval.

APPEAL:

Rashaad Cochran, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman - Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Cochran's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

APPLICATIONS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Charles Tilton, Methuen, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Tilton's (P-2) application due to lack of related instruction and on the job training.

Junor Carter, Bronx, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Carter's (P-1) application due to lack of a (P-2) license for the required two years.

DISCUSSION ON DENIAL OF ZACHARY CARR:

Board Member Carl Schaefer requested that the board reconsider the November 13, 2014 denial of Zachary Carr's (P-2) application. The Board reviewed the application and related documents and discussion ensued regarding Mr. Carr's credentials. A motion was made and seconded to allow Mr. Carr to sit for the P-2 examination. The motion was denied on a 5 to 2 vote, with one member not voting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirements

Chairperson Charles Appleby reported that the next Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Anna V. Molloy School in New Haven.

2. Public Act 14-199, Substitute Senate Bill No. 235 - An Act Concerning Revisions to the Transportation Statutes.

No new discussion took place on this topic.

3. State of Connecticut Regulation of the Department of Consumer Protection Concerning Aeration Piping System Work

No new discussion took place on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS :

1. Licensing for horizontal well drilling

Board Member George Sima brought up concerns over horizontal and directional well drilling methods. After discussion on this matter, Board members present voted unanimously to support a change in the current well drilling regulations to include licensure for persons who perform horizontal and directional drilling. DCP Legislative Liaison, Gary Berner, will be informed of this proposal.

2. DCP Agency Description

Board so noted.

3. 2015 Schedule for Board, Commission, and Council meetings

Board so noted.

4. Consumer safety issues

A discussion took place regarding the use of PVC pipe for gas burner venting and related safety concerns, and the trend across the country toward the use of polypropylene pipe as an alternate. The Board also discussed the issue of venting pipes being too close to the ground and creating a potential dangerous situation when snow is not removed properly by the homeowner. Chairperson Charles Appleby will contact the appropriate state agencies to initiate a press release to the public regarding these issues.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms

Board so noted.

2. Letter from Thad King, Director of Health, Chatham Health District, to Joel Stavens, Well Contractor, regarding Well Permit #258036 for 350 North Main Street, Marlborough, CT.

Board so noted.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT REPORT:

1. Request for DCP Trade Practices to provide an updated status of open and closed complaints for as far back as they have on electronic record, but at least this calendar year, 2014, made by the Board on 11/13/14.

2. The Board will review the complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.

The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 01/01/10 to 12/5/14 consisting of opened cases. The Board voted unanimously to request that DCP Trade Practices Division revise the report of open cases to include the name of the respondent, credential number, and updated status of each complaint for the January 8, 2014 board meeting. The Board also voted unanimously that Trade Practices include this information on all complaint status reports in the future.

The Board reviewed a complaint report dated 01/01/10 to 12/5/14 consisting of closed cases.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 Meeting Schedule

- **January 8, 2015**
- **February 19, 2015**
- **March 12, 2015**
- **April 9, 2015**
- **May 14, 2015**
- **June 11, 2015**
- **July 9, 2015**
- **August 13, 2015**
- **September 10, 2015**
- **October 8, 2015**
- **November 12, 2015**
- **December 10, 2015**

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