

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

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

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Edward Peznowski – State Fire Marshal
Anthony D. Moscato – Local Fire Marshal
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: Two Public Members

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Dept. of Consumer Protection Legal Staff: Anthony Santoro, Esq.

CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep: Paul Femia

Public Present: Brad Viola John Livingstone

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 MEETINGS:

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with an amendment to page 2, following “Correspondence, An Act Ensuring the Proper Installation and Maintenance of Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work”, to reflect that this document pertains to the F7/F8 license proposal.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

APPLICANTS APPEALING DENIAL:

Nicholas Cornelius, Granville, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Cornelius’ F-2 application.

Troy Spath, Easthampton, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Spath’s F-2 application.

APPLICATIONS:

Joseph Brosseau, West Springfield, MA – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Brosseau’s application due to lack of a required F-2 journeyperson’s license for a minimum of two years.

David Rose, Ocoee, FL – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Rose’s application due to lack of a required F-2 journeyperson’s license for a minimum of two years.

Erick Sterling, Torrington, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sterling’s F-2 application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems

The Board continued to discuss the ongoing issue of licenses required to install residential fire protection sprinkler systems. Chairperson David Waskowicz read the response to his e-mail dated September 4, 2013 to Raul Rodriguez regarding the proposed F7/F8 fire protection license category.

Chairperson David Waskowicz attended the September 12, 2013 Plumbing and Piping Board meeting, along with Bob Hollis and Kevin Wypychoski, and reported back to the Board. At that meeting, parties present discussed the current licensing requirements for the installation of residential multi-purpose domestic plumbing and fire sprinkler system work, as well as regulatory or statutory changes that could potentially change these requirements. The Plumbing and Piping Board voted unanimously to form a task force consisting of three members from the Fire Protection Board and three members from the Plumbing and Piping Board. Each Board will identify who the members would be at a later date.

The Fire Protection Board voted unanimously to appoint David Waskowicz, Bob Hollis, and Ed Peznowski for a three-member committee within the Fire Protection Board for the purpose of meeting among themselves to further explore this topic.

Upon review of the document titled, "Connecticut Residential Fire Sprinkler Working Group Final Report", it was noted that this document reflects that, presently, residential fire protection is covered by the F-1/F-2 license.

2. Trip testing of fire protection sprinkler systems as it relates to Connecticut licensing requirements

The Board continued to discuss their concern regarding the scope of work involved in trip testing a fire protection sprinkler system and what category of fire protection sprinkler work license is required to do this work. The Board discussed the definition of the term "maintenance" as it is currently stated in Section 20-330, and whether or not trip testing is included in the term "maintenance." The Board's stance continues to be that trip testing is an aspect of maintenance and, therefore, is licensable work. The Board has the option to propose a change in the regulations and/or statutes in order to expound upon this definition.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- E-mail dated Thursday, September 12 from Board member Kevin Wypychoski
The Board so noted
- Letter dated Thursday, September 12, drafted by John Livingstone, LU 669, and addressed to the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board.
The Board so noted

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Board reviewed the current Trade Practices complaint report.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

John Livingstone stated his position that all ideas and concerns regarding residential fire protection sprinkler systems should be brought to the attention of the Fire Protection Board, rather than the Plumbing and Piping Board. He also concurs with the Board in that trip testing should be included in “maintenance” in Section 20-330 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117
Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule:

- **October 17 – Thursday**
- **November 14 – Thursday**
- **December 12 – Thursday**

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