

MINUTES

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Waskowicz on Thursday, June 25, 2014 at 9:01 a.m. in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examination Board Members Present:

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

Board Vacancies: One Public member, one local fire marshal

Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Joyce Topshe	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Members Absent:

Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Hubert J. Barnes	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Vacancies: One public member

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director Karen Layman, Secretary
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Public Present: Robert Cooper David LaFond John Livingstone

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CORRESPONDENCE:

1. E-mail dated May 14, 2014 regarding State of Massachusetts Residential Sprinkler Bills and attachment including Automatic Sprinklers 1, Section 77; Automatic Sprinklers 2, Section 78; and Automatic Sprinklers 3, Section 79.
2. Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Layout Technician License, Chapter 391, Sec. 20-299; Section 20-304a
3. Limited License Options/Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work – Example Option #1 – Statutory Change
4. Residential Fire Sprinkler Issues and Answers packet, IRC Fire Sprinkler Coalition
5. Letter dated Sept. 22, 2010 from State of Ct., Office of the Building Inspector, addressed to Mr. Louis Free, Chair, Codes and Standards Codes Amendment Committee regarding the issue of residential fire sprinklers in the 2009 International Residential Code.
6. Residential Sprinkler System Single-Family Dwelling Licensure Law
7. Fire Protection Residential Legislation Draft Certificate Program
8. Raised Bill No. 6378, General Assembly, January Session, 2011 – An Act Requiring An Automatic Fire Extinguishing System In All One and Two-Family Homes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESIDENTIAL FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

A discussion was held regarding residential fire protection sprinkler systems of standalone and combination piping methods. The following topics were brought forward as areas of discussion:

1. Homes with residential fire protection sprinkler systems which operate on private well systems
2. Homeowners making changes to the home after residential fire protection sprinkler system has been installed
3. Manufacturers of these products and the need for more information on the products being offered
4. Differences between stand-alone systems and combination systems
5. Licensing requirements for the installation and maintenance of residential fire protection sprinkler systems
6. Amendment of current codes in order to eliminate combination systems

A motion was made to allow Robert Hollis and Charles Appleby to contact manufacturers and invite them to the next special meeting of the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board, at which this topic will be discussed further. A tentative date for this meeting was set for August 27, 2014. The meeting will be held at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT in Room 126 at 9:00 a.m.

Fire Protection Board member Anthony Moscato made a suggestion to amend the state codes to not allow multipurpose systems and only allow 13D systems, which are currently covered under the F1/F-2 license

All comments and concerns of any person present today were addressed as such arose during the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary