

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES**

JULY 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 10:03 a.m. at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT, 06103, Hearing Room J.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,
Chairperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Board Vacancies: Public member

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present: John Neumon, Director, Investigations
Division
David LaFond, NFSA
John Abbate, NFSA, FPT
William Abbott, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Ellyce Brower, DCP Intern

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the May 11, 2017 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

- **F7/F8 Limited Residential Fire Sprinkler license category**

The Board discussed the status of draft license types F-7 and F-8. A concern was brought up that the current “F” license holders may want to obtain same licensure, and a discussion took place focusing on the scope of work. It was noted that the “F” holder would need knowledge in domestic water piping on the job training and school related instruction (OJT and RI).

It was further noted that such “F” holder that obtains the F-7 or the F-8 would merely perform the work directly associated to the fire sprinkler system piping and the associated piping and connections to the residential domestic water piping system; such scope would not be allowed to perform the drain, waste and venting, hot water, fuel piping or any other areas that are unrelated and within the scope of the unlimited plumbing and piping license types.

It was determined that the next step would be to begin a discussion with board members, industry members, and Todd Berch, Office of Apprenticeship Training in the very near future to discuss, in general, what the on the job training and school related instruction requirements may be for the F-7/F-8 licenses. David J. Waskowicz, Unlimited Journeyman and Chairperson and Robert W. Hollis, III, Unlimited Contractor, stated that they would be interested in initiating this discussion with the Office of Apprenticeship Training.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Applications - Report including applications approved from May 1, 2017 to present

Board so noted

2. Proposed Legislation – Substitute Senate Bill No. 826 – An Act Making Changes to Department of Consumer Protection Statutes

The Board reviewed Substitute Senate Bill No. 826, Public Act 17-77 – *An Act Making Changes to Department of Consumer Protection Statutes and Banning Certain Automated Ticket Purchasing Software*, which was approved on June 27, 2017. It was noted that a change in Statute 20-330 which replaces the current definition of “Sheet Metal Work” was included in this Public Act. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of changing the definition of “Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work” to include similar language, and the process in which to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. Review of complaint report including open, closed, and dismissed cases

Mr. Neumon distributed copies and provided an overview of the Statutory Board Report for Quarter 2, 2017.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

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None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:09.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- September 14, 2017
- November 9, 2017

**All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT
at 10:00 a.m.**