

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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FEBRUARY 14, 2017

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on February 14, 2017 which was called to order by Chairman Mr. W. Phillips Barlow at 9:04 AM in Hearing Room J, Department of Consumer Protection, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Board Members Present:

Mark R. Arigoni	Landscape Architect
W. Phillips Barlow	Landscape Architect
Anne L. Penniman	Landscape Architect
Stephen Wing	Landscape Architect

Board Members Not Present:

Jeffrey P. Hutton	Public Member
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Vacancy: Two (Public Members)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, License/Applications Specialist, DCP

Others Present: John Neumon, Division Director, Department of Consumer Protection

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) 706-1202.

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1. Review of minutes of the September 13, 2016 Board of Landscape Architects Meeting.

Mr. Barlow noted a revision on page three in the first paragraph on line four; the word “he” shall be inserted after “that” so the line will now read “that he will now be reporting to the board...”. The Board voted to approve the minutes as corrected herein.
(Arigoni/Wing)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

There were no comments from anyone present at today’s meeting.

3. Old Business

3A. Update from the Department regarding proposed changes to the Regulation of the State Board of Landscape Architects approved by the Board on December 8, 2015.

Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board that he is awaiting an update from Ms. Leslie O’Brien Legislative Director from the Department of Consumer Protection. He will advise the Board as soon as he receives the update.

4. New Business

4A. Continuation of discussion concerning the involvement of State Board’s with their accredited universities regarding outreach and understanding of the licensure process.

Mr. Arigoni noted to the Board that this came about through discussion he recently had with other State Board Members at a recent CLARB convention. Other State Landscape Architect Board Members noted that they have addressed faculty and students at their local universities regarding the profession of landscape architecture and the role the Board has in the same. Our Board wants to partake in this activity. They believe that this process will greatly help students and demystifies the profession. In addition, it also encourages students to come up through the ranks in the profession.

Mr. Barlow stated that this discussion is timely since he will be teaching at the University of Connecticut this upcoming spring semester. Mr. Arigoni will provide Mr. Barlow with some teaching aids he will get from other State Board Members who have spoken at their universities in the past.

This discussion also lead the Board into dialogue concerning the topic of sun setting Landscape Architect Boards and privatizing professional Boards such as Landscape Architects and Architects. Mr. Arigoni noted that he had this conversation with other State Board Members at the CLARB convention he recently attended.

4B. Application of Ms. Pilar E. Altares for licensing by written examination; Ms. Altares is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 41244) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. This application was placed on the agenda in error. Mr. Kuzmich explained that this applicant has indicated that she has a CLARB Council Record and the Department is awaiting this document from CLARB. Once received, the application will be put before the Board again for their review and approval.

4C. Application of Ms. Katherine Cannella for licensing by written examination; Ms. Cannella is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 45314) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Ms. Cannella for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Penniman)

4D. Application of Mr. Gregory M. Wilson for licensing by written examination; Mr. Wilson is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 37319) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Wilson for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Penniman)

4E. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the September 30, 2016 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged receipt of this list and thanked the Department for this update.

No.	Name	Method of Licensure	Appr'd Date
1410	Neave, Scott W.	Examination (w/CLARB Council Record No. 32369)	October 21, 2016
1408	Skafta, Karen M.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 47254; PA	October 26, 2016
1411	Wooldridge, Joshua C.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 36782; MD	November 17, 2016
1412	Eddy, Arthur J.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 28683; RI	November 17, 2016
1409	Montague, Warren B.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 7442; MAs	December 27, 2016

Applications for License for Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture The Board acknowledged receipt of this list and thanked the Department for this update.

1. Stephen Stimpson Associates Landscape Architects, Inc.
288 Norfolk Street, 5th Floor
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Personnel in responsible charge; Stephen C. Simpson; Lic. No. 917

Note: Ms. Penniman noted a correction in the name of this corporation. The corporation name is Stephen Stimpson Associates Landscape Architects, Inc.

2. Ulrich Bachand Landscape Architecture LLC
156 Cabot Street, Unit 2A
Beverly, Massachusetts 01915

Personnel in responsible charge; Rebecca Bachand; Lic. No. 1405

4F. DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit including open, closed, and dismissed cases.

Mr. John Neumon introduced himself to the Board as the Department's Division Director for their Investigations Division replacing Ted Doolittle. Mr. Neumon detailed the recent restructuring the Department has undergone pertaining to their investigations and enforcement operations.

Mr. Barlow stated that this Board has received many complaints in the past from landscape architects encountering municipalities not accepting the seals of landscape architects for work they are permitted to do by statute. Mr. Neumon suggested that the Board forward to him any documentation the Board has generated in the past as it pertains to his issue for his review and to determine any future action(s) that may be taken by the Department.

Mr. Arigoni referenced a Declaratory Ruling issued by this Board in 1993 which clarifies work that is clearly within the scope of landscape architecture by definition. It was decided that this document be placed on the Board's next meeting agenda for discussion with their Council from the Office of the Attorney General.

On another topic, Ms. Penniman asked Mr. Neumon the process by which a complaint is filed with the Department. He explained the method, in detail, for her. In particular he referenced the Department's e-mail address (dcp.occupationalenforcement@ct.gov) to be used by the Board to file a complaint. The e-mail should include their identity and all the facts of the complaint. Mr. Arigoni requested that these minutes include Mr. Neumon's summary of the complaint filing process for future use by the Board.

4G. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

No items were discussed.

5. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

There were no comments from anyone present at today's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM. (Wing/Arigoni) The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 9:00 AM, North Building, Hearing Room J, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Board of Landscape Architects Meeting Dates:

1. May 9, 2017
2. August 8, 2017
3. November 14, 2017