

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK

WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson at 9:10 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
John R Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Hubert J. Barnes	Unlimited Journeyperson
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

Dept. of Consumer Protection:

Karen Layman, Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Anthony Santoro, Esq.
Kenneth Duff, Gina Knox

Dept. of Labor:

<u>Public present:</u>	Dominick Kasmauskas	William Archibald	Bob Hollis
	David Waskowicz	Roland Violette	
	Kevin Wypychoski	John Livingstone	
	Mike Loudano	Brian Finn	

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The draft minutes of August 15, 2013 were accepted by the Board as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING IN PERSON TO SEEK GUIDANCE:

Alberto Peguero, Stamford, CT

Failure to appear; no action taken

APPEARING IN PERSON TO APPEAL DENIAL:

William Archibald, Waltham, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson - Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Archibald's P-2 application due to lack of documentation of the required 720 hours of related instruction. Board member Carl Schaefer abstained from voting.

APPEAL ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Scott Russo, Norwalk, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Russo's P-2 application due to lack of documentation of the required 720 hours of related instruction and 8,000 hours of on the job training. The Board also made a motion to request that Mr. Russo's application be referred to Trade Practices for investigation of his employer's business stationery, which does not include a license number.

APPLICATIONS:

Jonathan Griffin, Carmel, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Griffin's application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license for a minimum of two years.

Alexander Siv, Holyoke, MA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Siv's application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license for a minimum of two years.

Alexander Siv, Holyoke, MA - (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson - Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Siv's P-2 application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. May 7, 2013 meeting: Achieving proper enforcement for occupational trade licenses

Board member Melissa Sheffy provided the Board with an update. Meetings are in the process of being scheduled at this time to explore this topic further.

2. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirements

The following people were in attendance for discussion on this topic: David Waskowicz, Bob Hollis, and Kevin Wypychoski, Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board; Dominick Kasmauskas, NFSA; Brian Finn and John Livingstone, Local 669.

The following documents were reviewed:

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dept. of Public Safety Memorandum
- 2009 International Residential Code – Section R313
- An Act Ensuring the Proper Installation and Maintenance of Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work – Draft only
- Connecticut Residential Fire Sprinkler Working Group Final Report
- Regulation concerning licensure for limited residential fire sprinkler work

The following new correspondence was distributed and reviewed:

- Residential Fire Sprinkler License Draft Legislation NFPA 13D
- Letter dated September 12, 2013 from John Livingstone, LU 669, to the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board

Parties present discussed the current licensing requirements for the installation of residential multi-purpose domestic plumbing and fire sprinkler system work.

The Board again reviewed the draft regulatory/statutory changes that may be needed so that properly licensed plumbers could also offer these services to their customers.

It was clarified that the only type of system that the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board had been discussing within the Standard NFPA 13D was the multi-purpose domestic plumbing and fire sprinkler system and not a stand-alone system.

The multi-purpose system uses the cold water piping to serve as a supply for both the domestic fixtures, i.e. sinks, showers, etc, and the fire sprinklers.

Such multipurpose system can use a less amount of pipe and fittings and have a reduced system cost versus two standalone systems.

Piping is similar to piping already used in domestic plumbing systems and therefore is easily used in combined systems.

Those in attendance concurred that all involved would benefit from better communication between the Plumbing and Piping Board and the Fire Protection Board as this topic continues. 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 will be at a later date. In addition, members from the Plumbing and Piping Board will be attending Fire Protection Board meetings in the future.

3. Notice of Tentative Decision for General Permit for the Discharge of Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater

The following document was distributed to the Board members in attendance at the July 18, 2013 meeting and the Board voted to table further discussion regarding this topic until the September 12, 2013 meeting.

- General Permit for the Discharge of Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater, Draft version

The Board voted unanimously to table this topic until the October 17 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board voted unanimously to recommend that DCP perform a continuing education audit of P-2 license holders at the end of December 2013, and that there be a minimum fine of \$250.
2. The Board voted unanimously to recommend that DCP, along with NITC, perform an audit on medical gas license holders in December 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Free Training Seminars, Continuing Education Hours for P-1 and P-2, Connecticut Liquefied Petroleum Gas Properties and Potential Hazards. The seminars are to be held on September 7, 12, 17, 21, 26 at various locations in Connecticut.

It was noted that, at the September 13, 2012 Plumbing Board meeting, the Board voted for these classes to be available to P-2 holders only, and the memo states that the classes are open to both P-1 and P-2 holders. Also, the original criteria approved included only 40 plumbers per class.

Director Richard M. Hurlburt clarified with the Board that the approval was for course content only, that all Licensed Plumbers could benefit from training regarding gas fitting work, due to a hazardous condition in North Canaan, Ct. and the result of arrests with Court ordered revenue from penalties imposed to be for education. Furthermore, in order for the State to keep the costs down, this approval did not require individual reporting to PSI as the Department of Construction Services will be providing the Department with a spreadsheet of who attended.

2. Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393, Section 20-341(b) Penalties for violation

The Board so noted.

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Board so noted.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule:

9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

- **October 10 – Thursday**
- **November 7 – Thursday**
- **December 5 – Thursday**