

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on August 9, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

Members Present:

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| Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson | Unlimited Contractor |
| Jay More | Unlimited Journeyman |
| Peter Alfieri | Unlimited Journeyman |
| George C. Sima | Well Drilling Contractor |
| Joyce Topsy | Public Member |
| Melissa Sheffy | Public Member |

Members Absent:

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| James Piccoli | Unlimited Contractor |
| Christopher M. Bowman | Unlimited/General Contractor |
| Frank J. DaCato | Unlimited Journeyman |
| Anthony Calandrino | Unlimited Journeyman |
| Carl W. Schaefer | Public Member |

Board Vacancies:

Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Robert Kuzmich, License & Applications Specialist
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Others Present:

Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Leslie O'Brien, Legislative Program Director
Tiziana Shea, Department of Public Health
Sean Merrigan, Department of Public Health
Brie Wolf, Department of Public Health
Maura Esposito, Chesprocott Health District
Kurt Boehm, Jr., All Plumbing & Heating, LLC
Ernest Koch, All Plumbing & Heating, LLC

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the June 21, 2018 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve with corrections. Melissa Sheffy abstained from voting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICANT TO APPEAR IN PERSON:

1. Kurt Boehm, Jr., Andover, CT - P-1 Unlimited Contractor application

Kurt Boehm appeared for discussion with the Board regarding his request for a waiver of P-2 Unlimited Journeyman license for required two year period. Ernie Koch, the contractor of record for his business was also in attendance. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Boehm's request for a waiver due to lack of hardship. The Board noted that Mr. Boehm will be eligible for the P-1 exam as of July, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations

The Board reviewed the proposed change to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Section 19-13-B51d – Location, which adds the following language, “The minimum separation distances listed in this section 19-13-B51d may be further reduced with the approval of the Commissioner in consultation with the Department of Public Health.”

After discussion regarding well drilling and geothermal systems regulations, it was determined that the Department will schedule a meeting of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting in September to work toward making changes to these regulations. Notice of this meeting will be sent to Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Program Director, Brie Wolf, DPH Legislative Liaison, DPH staff present today, as well as Maura Esposito, Chesprocott Health District, and Larry Sima, representing the Ct. Water Well Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of continuing education evaluation forms

Board so noted.

2. DCP application process

Standard documents used by the Department to correspond with applicants regarding incomplete or denied applications were reviewed by the Board. Discussion took place regarding the November 16, 2016 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and changes to the application process outlined in the MOU. Charles Appleby noted that occupational trade licensing board chairpersons are meeting with DCP Commissioner Michelle Seagull about the MOU and related topics on Monday, August 20, 2018.

3. Continuing education provider – Construction Education Center

The Board voted unanimously to approve the request by Construction Education Center for the addition of two additional classroom locations: Fairfield University and University of New Haven, Orange campus.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

1. Board to review quarterly report when provided

Janita Hamel appeared and submitted the complaint report for Quarter 2, 2018 for the Board's review.

Janita Hamel reported that DCP continues to work toward finalizing the anonymous online complaint form process.

Joyce Topshe brought forth her concerns regarding the fact that consumers are unable to view a licensee's complaint history online. Janita will bring this concern to Deputy Commissioner Karen Perham-Lippman and Director Jason Cohen.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Melissa Sheffy inquired about licensing requirements for residential hearth product work. Current occupational license types are G-1, G-2, HPG-1 and HPG-2.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Applications Analyst

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- October 11
- December 13

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.