

MINUTES

ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by John R. DeRosa, Jr. Acting Chairperson at 9:42 a.m. in Room-117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: John R. DeRosa, Acting Chairperson
 Paul Farnsworth, Contractor
 Joseph Bayusik, Contractor
 Michael D. Griffin, Journey person

Members Absent: Thomas J. O'Reilly, Contractor
 Gary Bazzano, Public Member
 Gaetano T. Zappala, Public Member

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
 Linda Roberts

Public Present: Steven Roth
 Steven A. Bruno

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) 706-1255.

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MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the September 14, 2009 Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Work Examining Board meeting, with corrections to page-1, to reflect no Board vacancies.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATION

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving application)

Jozef Motuzick, Torrington, CT – (R-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Motuzick's application.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. DeRosa inquired on the status of the Board's draft regulation language change proposed at their 12/18/08 and 1/12/09 meeting concerning the (R-5) Limited Contractor and (R-6) Limited Journeyman license category.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted unanimously to have all elevator complaints come before them for their recommendations, and to have a complaint status report provided to them at all of their meetings.

PRESS RELEASE

October 8, 2009

Department of Consumer Protection Inspectors, Local Officials Conduct Unannounced Night-time Construction Site Inspection

HARTFORD, October 8 – Department of Consumer Protection Occupational Enforcement Inspectors made unannounced, second and third-shift visits Monday night to a construction site in Wilton, Consumer Protection Commissioner Jerry Farrell, Jr. said today.

“After meeting with Wilton Building Official Bob Root, our inspectors joined Wilton Police officers Monday night to conduct an extensive site inspection of heating system renovations being made at Wilton High School,” Farrell said. “These onsite inspections, which ensure that properly licensed contractors are engaged in the work and that the building code and permitting requirements are met, will continue day and night.”

The Department licenses a wide variety of occupations and trades, particularly those involved in building construction, such as plumbers, electricians, and sheet metal workers. Applicants seeking a license must have the required educational and vocational training, undertake an extensive licensing exam to ensure competency, and complete periodic continuing education related to building and other construction codes.

“Occupational licensing laws are meant to ensure that any constructed space that people will occupy, whether it be their home, an office or a school, is built competently, correctly, and in accordance with state and local laws,” Farrell said. “The use of unlicensed workers may be a cheap way to do things, but it is clearly illegal because it puts public health and safety in jeopardy.”

Bantam Electric, Crest Mechanical, and Ferguson Mechanical each had employees working at the school site during Monday night’s inspection. All 14 employees were found to be in full compliance with the state’s occupational licensing requirements.

“We’ll be doing surprise inspections at all hours, with the goal of ensuring that contractors hold the proper credentials to do skilled work, that they are properly employing their staff, and that permits have been issued for the work that they are engaged in,” Farrell said.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next regular meeting of this Board is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2010 in Room-126.