

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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John Adams, LEP
Michelle Gamache
Robert F. Good, Jr., LEP
Jeffrey Loureiro, PE, LEP
Kelly Meloy, LEP
Elsie Patton
Alisa Phillips-Griggs
Carol Violette, PhD, CHMM
Dan Wolfram, LEP

MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – December 10, 2020

A. Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 9:35 via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, K. Meloy, D. Wolfram, M. Gamache, and J. Loureiro were present via Zoom. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe, Jacques Gilbert, and Selena Thornhill-Moody of DEEP, Mike Cote representing EPOC were also present on the Zoom call for the meeting. This meeting is being held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor’s Executive Orders prohibiting the physical gathering of persons.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 12, 2020 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by J. Loureiro, seconded by K. Meloy, passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Cote thanked the Board in advance for their favorable consideration of the EPOC course that had been submitted for review.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint #17-102

J. Loureiro reported that he and E. Patton had nothing new to report.

Update on complaint #18-103

M. Gamache and J. Adams reported that there had been an exchange of letters between the LEP’s attorney and D. Wrinn concerning the draft Consent Order.

Update on LEP Examination Forms for May 12, 2021 Exam

Ms. McAuliffe reported that the forms have been updated and applicants have been asked to email the applications to her with paper copies to be accepted by mail.

E. New Business

Issuance of New LEP Licenses and Roster Update

Ms. McAuliffe reported that Ms. Thornhill-Moody had prepared the necessary packages including certificates and licensure information for new LEPs and the materials had been mailed.

Referral from Chief State's Attorney to DEEP

Chair Collette indicated that a referral had been made through the Chief State's Attorney regarding an LEP that was arrested on matters concerning their performance of LEP services. Chair Collette assigned K. Meloy and D. Wolfram to complete the Board's investigation of the matter.

December 1, 2020 Letter from Robert and Maryanne Hagar

Chair Collette reported that he had received letter sent by Robert and Maryanne Hagar to Graham Stevens of DEEP concerning certain allegations that were not properly considered during the Board's evaluation of Complaints 19-101, 19-102 and 19-103. Chair Collette had received a letter immediately before the March shutdown of the DEEP offices concerning some factual corrections to the record. K. Meloy reported that the initial complaint identified a number of issues and factual inaccuracies. She and fellow Board member S. Holtman had focused on three primary issues that included: 1) Determination as to whether the Site was an Establishment, 2) whether the Site had been adequately remediated, and 3) evaluation as to whether an UST that was removed was on-site, off-site or partially on both parcels. There was recognition that there may be some factual inaccuracies in the reports that did not affect the overall Establishment determination. After reviewing the information and additional information provided by one of the LEPs, K. Meloy and S. Holtman came to the independent conclusion that the Site was an Establishment based on multiple lines of evidence. When presented with this finding at a meeting, the former property owner disagreed. K. Meloy reported that many of the facts were corrected by the three LEPs but that there were still a few minor discrepancies that did not affect the big picture.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the investigating Board Members. The investigations and remediation performed on the Site were consistent with good professional judgement and no violation of the LEP standards was identified.

Chair Collette asked whether the Board should provide a briefing for the Commissioner. K. Meloy volunteered to bullet the major items and forward to Chair Collette to prepare a memo for the Commissioner. The memo would define what the charge of the Board is in a matter such as this.

J. Adams asked whether DEEP Remediation staff could offer an opinion whether the Site qualified as an Establishment? Mr. Gilbert indicated that he could ask his supervisor whether this action could be taken, but he would prefer this to be on a separate path. Chair Collette suggested that perhaps this could be a recommendation to the Commissioner.

Course Approvals

Course approval request from EPOC for the approval of a course titled “*Data Quality Over Quantity: Improving the Value of Legacy Data and Right-Sizing Resolution Using Modern Methods*” for 2.0 CECs for a webinar. On a motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by J. Loureiro, the request was approved unanimously for 2.0 CECs.

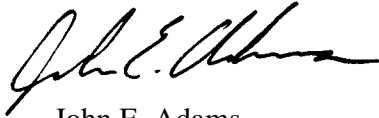
Next meeting is January 14, 2021 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by J. Adams, passed unanimously, Chair Colette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Minutes were approved on January 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Adams
Board Secretary