

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:31 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson
Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal
Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member
James M. Barry – Public Member
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor

Board Vacancies: One Public Member.

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Robert Kuzmich
Linda Roberts
Jerry Padula

Public Present: Tammie Whiting
Henry Voorvaart
John P. Livingstone
Wayne J. Roderick, Jr.
Angelo Lisi, Jr.
Yuriy Rudshteyn
Paul Tagatac, Esq.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the December 22, 2009 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Thomas A. Agnitti, Clinton, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

David J. Allen, Oxford, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Craig A. Cote, Harrisville, RI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Cote's application due to lack of required school related instruction experience from a recognized provider (George W. Gould not a recognized provider) and lack of required on-the-job training hours (8,000). Notarized statement from his employer (Environmental Fire Protection, Inc.) is only attesting to on-the-job training from November 2007 to present.

Gary H. Crandall, Manchester, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Ricardo Cueto, Fairfield, CT – (F-4) Limited Journeyman – No Action

No application available and the Board took no action.

Richard Cueto, Fairfield, CT – (F-4) Limited Journeyman – No Action

No application available and the Board took no action.

Marcos Cueto, Fairfield, CT – (F-3) Limited Contractor – No Action

No application available and the Board took no action.

Jeremy P. Dodson, W. Wareham, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dodson's application due to lack of required on-the-job training hours (8,000). Notarized statement from his employer (Environmental Fire Protection, Inc.) is only attesting to two years and six months of on-the-job training.

Andrew Gumkowski, Fall River, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gumkowski's application.

Craig A. Hanford, Thompson, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hanford's application.

James A. Lamprey, West Boylston, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lamprey's application.

Oscar F Magana, Danbury, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Magana's application.

Shawn M. Reilly, Cromwell, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved
The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Reilly's application.

Yuriy Rudshteyn, Staten Island, NY – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Tabled
Attorney Tagatac maintains that Mr. Rudshteyn qualifies for an (F-1) Unlimited Contractor license examination pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 393, Section 20-334a (1) (A) as stated below.

Section 20-334a (1) (A) An unlimited contractor's license may be issued to a person who has served as a journeyman in the trade for which such person seeks a license for not less than two years and, if such service as a journeyman was outside this state, has furnished evidence satisfactory to the appropriate state board that such service is comparable to similar service in this state, or has furnished satisfactory evidence of education and experience and has passed an examination which has demonstrated that such person is competent in all aspects of such trade to be an unlimited contractor.

After further review and discussion concerning this matter, the Board feels that further in section 20-334a (c) as stated below, it reads somewhat different. Therefore, the Board voted unanimously at today's meeting to table their decision, contingent upon seeking an interpretation from their legal counsel (Raul Rodriguez, Assistant Attorney General).

(c) The following licenses for fire protection sprinkler systems work may be issued by the department: (1) A fire protection sprinkler contractor's license may be issued to a person who provides satisfactory evidence of education and experience in fire protection sprinkler systems work, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 20-330, and who has passed an examination which has demonstrated competence in all aspects of such trade. Applicants for such license shall complete a form provided by the commissioner; and (2) a journeyman sprinkler fitter's license may be issued to a person who has completed a bona fide apprenticeship program pursuant to section 20-334c, and who has not less than four years experience in fire protection sprinkler systems work, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 20-330, or who has been licensed under this section, and has passed an examination which has demonstrated competence in all aspects of such trade. Applicants for such license shall complete a form provided by the department.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller informed the Board that he has not been able to meet Lisa Humble, State Building Official in order to seek clarification of her memorandum dated 10/26/09 concerning permit applications. Mr. Miller said he will report back to the Board once he gets clarification from Ms. Humble.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Miller reported on a newly appointed State Deputy Fire Marshal, Barry Rickert, and retired Danbury, CT Fire Marshal.

COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

Ms. Roberts informed the Board that she is trying to compile a detailed complaint status report which will omit names of parties on open complaints. The report will offer complaint trends going on within the industry.

Mr. Waskowicz asked Ms. Roberts for a disposition concerning a complaint regarding Louis W. Ford, Jr., Docket Number 2008-48. Ms. Roberts informed the Board that Mr. Ford no longer has a fire protection license and that the case is not yet closed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.