

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:35 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
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor
Eric S. Ducey, Public Member

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon

Public Present: Jeff Batterman
Craig Cote
Robert Cooper
Tammie Whiting
Rick Plambeck
Jon Michelson
John Livingstone

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BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Board member appointment letter from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell dated August 13, 2010, concerning the appointment of Eric S. Ducey as a member of the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board, as a Public Member.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the September 15, 2010 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-2, reflecting the Board's decision concerning Wade P. Champagne's (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman application and amendments to page-4, reflecting under "Comments From The Public Present Today" Mr. Roderick informing the Board that he contacted PSI for an application status and was informed that the Board is holding-up the application. Mr. Waskowicz stating that the information provided by PSI is inaccurate, that applications are received by DCP from PSI and presented to the Board for review at their regularly scheduled meetings.

APPLICATIONS

Jeffrey Batterman, Van Dyne, WI – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board denied Mr. Batterman's (F-1) Unlimited Contractor application at their 7/21/10 meeting due to lack of required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

After further review of Mr. Batterman's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to deny his application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Wade P. Champagne, North Smithfield, RI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board approved Mr. Champagne's application at their 9/15/10 meeting, contingent upon receipt and review of a notarized statement within thirty days from his occupation employer (LVR Corporation) attesting to his specific dates and duties of employment.

After further review of Mr. Champagne's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application.

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

The Board denied Mr. Cote's application at their 2/3/10 meeting due to lack of required school related instruction experience consisting of 576 hours and lack of required on-the-job training consisting of 8,000 hours. Mr. Cote provided course certificates from a non-recognized provider (George W. Gould Construction Institute) and notarized statement from his current employer (Environmental Fire Protection, Inc.) which is only attesting to one year and eleven months of on-the-job training.

After further review of Mr. Cote's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to deny his application due to receipt of a non-notarized statement from his employer (Rustic Fire Protection, Inc.) attesting to his dates and duties of employment and receipt of a (George W. Gould Construction Institute) school related instruction certificate that is deemed not recognized by CT for school related instruction credit.

Sean P. Gaine, Hoboken, NJ – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

David C. Higgins, Lagrangeville, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board denied Mr. Higgins' application at their 5/19/10 meeting due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

After further review of Mr. Higgins' application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application.

James E. McCormack, Hamden, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved

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

Sean C. Merkel, Plymouth, MN – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

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

Steven L. Nosal, Higganum, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Michael C. Poirier, Douglas, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Kent N. Poresky, Marlborough, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Waskowicz said that any applicant may file for a formal decision via the CT Attorney General's office concerning equivalent experience and training under Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes, Section 20-334(a)(1)(A), and that Assistant Attorney General Raul Rodriguez affirmed that the Board has been following the correct procedures relating to Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes, Section 20-334(a)(1)(A). Mr. Waskowicz also said he contacted Richard M. Hurlburt, DCP Occupational Licensing Director, who affirmed that Chapter 393 of the CT General Statutes, Section 20-334(a)(1)(A) is also applicable to other trades regulated by the Department of Consumer Protection.
2. Mr. Miller reported on codes and standards that were voted on, deleting portion of the 1-2 family dwellings.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT TODAY

1. John Livingstone, Local Union 669 representative, expressed concern with unlicensed individuals performing fire protection work in Connecticut and the need for the Department of Consumer Protection to hire more staff to enforce Connecticut licensing laws.
2. Robert Cooper, Local Union 669 representative, reiterated what Mr. Livingstone said and also informed his New York members of the required work and school related instruction credentials to be submitted with their fire protection applications for licensure examination consideration by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.