

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:	David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal Luis A. Coreano – Public Member John Michalewicz – Public Member
Members Absent:	Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor
Board Vacancies:	One Public Member
Board Counsel Present:	None
DCP Staff Present:	Nelson Leon Richard M. Hurlburt
Public Present:	Robert Cooper, Jr.

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BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Letter of resignation dated January 14, 2011 from Eric S. Ducey, Public Member, announcing his resignation from the Board effective immediately.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 19, 2011 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-2 under "Applications" to reflect the Board expressing concern regarding liability and workers' compensation insurance maintained by Daniel Belanger; Page-3 under "New Business" to reflect Mr. Livingstone reporting on a response he received from DCP regarding a complaint he filed in 2010 (Case Number 2010-2193) concerning individuals performing fire sprinkler work without proper licensure in which there were no fines or penalties; Mr. Livingstone expressing concern about individuals performing fire sprinkler work in CT without proper licensure and the need for strict enforcement by DCP; Mr. Cooper requesting an overview of the application process and the Board verifying that PSI is the receiver of the original applications which are then forwarded to DCP to be placed on the Board's agenda for review at their next regularly scheduled meeting; the Board expressing concern with Eric S. Ducey, Public Member, who has not attended a Board meeting since his appointment on August 13, 2010, and the Board requesting a status report regarding (Complaint Number 2010-2062) in which the respondent is being reported for performing home improvement work and fire sprinkler work at the condo complex he resides, without proper licensure or registration.

APPLICATIONS

Robert J. Cooper, Jr., Poughquag, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

William D. Franklin, New Carlisle, OH – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Kim A. Green, Bethlehem, PA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Scott M. Livingston, Middletown, CT – (F-4) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Livingston's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Paul C. Meaker, Stillwater, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Jon D. Michelson, Northbridge, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Seth M. Murkette, Stafford, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Timothy J. O'Sullivan, Torrington, CT – (F-3) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. O'Sullivan's application due to lack of a required (F-4) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. The Board further requested forwarding Mr. O'Sullivan's application to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation concerning the performance of fire sprinkler work without proper licensure or apprenticeship registration.

Robert A. Supe, North Bend, OH – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

Robert P. Livigni, Hopewell Junction, NY – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/09)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Livigni's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

CHAPTER 46 - STATE APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Sec. 4-1a. Appointed officers, unspecified terms. Unless otherwise provided by law, any appointed official of the state, including any person appointed to a board, commission, council, authority, task force, committee or other body, shall serve at the pleasure of the person or body authorized to make the appointment but no longer than the term of office of such appointing authority or until such official's successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Proposed Bill No. 5862 - An Act Concerning Municipal Acceptance of Contractor permits.
2. The Board discussed upcoming proposed legislation concerning retiree license.
3. The Board was provided a Fire Protection test result comparison report for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller reported on the one and two family dwelling residential sprinkler public act which is currently in committee, Mr. Hollis said that the state fire marshal attempted to make it statutory. Mr. Waskowicz expressed safety and health as a concern in addition to the tapping of a system into wells and selling of inadequate materials. Mr. Waskowicz also expressed concern about people in the plumbing trade being under the impression that plumbers are permitted to install up to four heads. Mr. Hollis said that Lisa Humble, State Building Official opposes the residential sprinkler public act and that the public act only serves to increase the cost of constructing a home which benefits the builder. Mr. Miller said that a committee has been formed to review the impact of the residential sprinkler public act and the history of the fire protection statute and its implementation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Miller reported of Bill No. 1010 which transfers removes the fire marshal out of Public Safety and into the Department of Administrative Services under Construction & Inspection Services.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesdays --- January 19, March 16, May, 18, July 20, September 21, November 16.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.