

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Members Present: Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Contractor, Chairperson
George C. Sima, Well Drilling Contractor
James Piccoli, Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman, Contractor
John R. Damico, Unlimited Journeyman
Hubert J. Barnes, Unlimited Journeyman
Frank J. DaCato, Unlimited Journeyman
John R. Sullivan, Public Member
Joyce Topshe, Public Member
Melissa C. Sheffy, Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer, Public Member

Member Absent: Anthony Calandrino, Journeyman

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
Richard M. Hurlburt
Richard Maloney

Public Present: Amalio Salerno
Charles Deforge
James Kennedy
Thomas Cassidy
Krzysztof Plonka
Daniel King
John Gillis

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 24, 2011 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Matthew Bogacz, Chicopee, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Bogacz did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Charles T. Deforge, Oxford, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Deforge's application due to lack of required documentation regarding his (720 hours) of occupational school related instruction experience.

James Kennedy, Wilton, CT – (SP-1) Limited Spa and Pool Contractor – Approved (SP-2)

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Kennedy's application due to lack of a required (SP-2) Limited Spa and Pool Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. Mr. Kennedy changed his license category to (SP-2) Limited Spa and Pool Journeyman and the Board voted unanimously to approve his (SP-2) Limited Spa and Pool Journeyman application. If he passes the (SP-2) Limited Spa and Pool Journeyman exam, he may apply for the (SP-1) Limited Spa and Pool Contractor license and appear before the Board for waiver of the two year requirement as an (SP-2) Limited Spa and Pool Journeyman license holder.

Daniel King, Waterford, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. King's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate". Mr. Appleby abstained from voting.

Michael S. Merithew – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

Mr. Merithew did not appear today and the Board took no action.

Krzysztof W. Plonka, Derby, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Plonka's application due to lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate".

Amalio Salerno, Wallingford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board tabled Mr. Salerno’s application at their 1/24/11 meeting, contingent upon receipt and review of notarized statements from his occupational employer(s) in Italy attesting to his dates and duties of employment for credit consideration toward his occupational related experience.

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

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

John M. Gillis, Trumbull, CT – (SP-1) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/09)

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Gillis’ 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. Correspondence dated February 17, 2011 from the CT. Department of Public Health, concerning “Grease traps / interceptors near public drinking water sources” (Section 19-13-B51(d) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) requires that wells meet separating distance to sources of pollution.)
3. Correspondence dated March 3, 2011 from the Town of Plymouth Water Pollution control Authority, concerning plumbing license classification needed to perform certain work within the trade (Low Pressure Sewer Systems).
4. The Board unanimously concluded that the (P-7) Limited Contractor or (P-6) Limited Journeyman (only while in the employ of a contractor) may install water, sewer and storm lines from the mains up to thirty inches to a structure and thirty inches from a structure to the mains. The Board unanimously concluded that the thirty inch threshold is compliant to building code. The (P-1) Unlimited Contractor or (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (only while in the employ of a contractor) may install and connect water, sewer and storm lines from the structure to the main, including all necessary connections inside a structure.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cassidy reported aeration piping work being performed by unlicensed individuals even after the Board unanimously concluding at the August 21, 2008 and December 17, 2009 meeting that aeration piping work is licensure work pursuant to CT General Statutes Chapter 393, requiring a (P-1) Unlimited Contractor or (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license.

After further discussion and input on this matter, the Board reiterated their previous position and unanimously concluded at today's meeting that the scope of work concerning the installation of aeration piping work falls under the jurisdiction of CT General Statutes Chapter 393, requiring a (P-1) Unlimited Contractor or (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license, including sludge and all associated equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hurlburt reported on a proposal to establish licensure for limited residential fire sprinkler work in one and two-family dwellings and manufactured homes. Information concerning this matter was provided to the Board in addition to confirmation of a Residential Sprinkler Working Group meeting scheduled for March 25, 2011 from 9:00 -12:00 at the Department of Public Safety, Room-348.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mondays --- January 24, March 21, May, 16, July 18, September 19, November 21.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.