

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr. on August 13, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Joyce Topshe	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Members Absent:

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present:

Richard Maloney, Director
Gina Knox, Dept. of Labor
Richard DelPonte
William Lussier, CODE

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to table the review of the July 9, 2015 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting minutes to the September 10, 2015 meeting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING IN PERSON FOR RECONSIDERATION:

Richard DelPonte, Tappan, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved with change in category

At the April 9, 2015 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. DelPonte's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor application due to a lack of a (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license for the required two-year period. In addition, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. DelPonte for the (P-2) examination, should he choose to amend the category of the application from (P-1) to a (P-2).

Mr. DelPonte appeared today to speak with the Board regarding obtaining the (P-1) license. After discussion, he chose to change the category of license sought from the (P-1) to the (P-2) license category, therefore, he is now approved for the (P-2) examination.

APPLICATIONS:

Taurean Zanella, Charlestown, RI – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Zanella's (P-2) application due to lack of related instruction and on the job training.

APPLICATION ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

David Sclamo, Worcester, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Sclamo's (P-2) application due to lack of related instruction and on the job training.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirement

- **Letter dated June 1, 2015, addressed to John Tye, Office of the State Building Inspector, inquiring about Uponor systems, or the equivalent of, being approved for installation in the State of Connecticut.**

The Department sent a follow-up email regarding this letter, per the request of the Plumbing Board at their June 9, 2015 meeting. The Office of the State Building Inspector has not responded.

- **Article: Uponor AquaSAFE First PEX Fire Sprinkler System to Receive Exposed Listing.**

Board so noted

2. Legislative Working Group Meeting 9-23-15

There will be an Occupational Legislative Working Group Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 for board members for the purpose of a general discussion on the implementation of certain changes that may be needed regarding occupational licensure laws within Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The meeting will take place at the State Office Building located at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106 in Room 126 at 9:00 a.m.

Board so noted.

3. Continuing education curriculum

A meeting will be scheduled to continue to work on the 2016-2017 curriculum.

4. Draft Copies of Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems regulations submitted by DCP Staff Attorney Jerry Padula.

Jerry Padula, DCP Staff Attorney, submitted two copies of draft regulations concerning well drilling and geothermal systems, a marked-up version and a clean copy, for the Board's review. Chairperson Appleby read into the record an e-mail submitted by Gary Berner, DCP, stating that Board members are free to provide their comments/mark-ups, and that such comments or mark-ups will be taken under advisement.

5. Current list of total number of active plumbing licensees sorted by credential type

The Board reviewed the number of licensees provided in this list and a brief discussion took place in which the Board shared their concerns over what may be a decreasing number of licensees for the plumbing trade in Connecticut. Richard Hurlburt will provide the Board with a report including the number of licensees from previous years for comparison at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairperson Charles Appleby expressed his concerns regarding directional drilling taking place in Connecticut. The Board noted that directional drilling is not licensable work at this time, and that legislative action would be required to change the current statutes and regulations to include horizontal directional drilling.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms

Board so noted

2. E-mail from Gary Berner, DCP, dated August 13, 2015 Re: Draft Well Drilling and Geothermal Regulations

(See "Old Business #4")

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed a complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices for the current reporting period including open and closed cases.

2. At the July 9, 2015 meeting, the Board requested that Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices Division appear to provide additional information regarding Case No. 2013-761.

Mr. Maloney appeared and distributed the case file and related notes, provided background on Case No. 2013-761, and a discussion ensued. Trade Practices will continue to follow up on this case and report back to the Board in a few months.

At the July 9, 2015 meeting, the Board also requested that Richard Maloney address the following question: Are fines issued to the company, the respondent, or both?

This matter was not addressed.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 Meeting Schedule

- **September 10, 2015**
- **October 8, 2015**
- **November 12, 2015**
- **December 10, 2015**

Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut