

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, on November 10, 2016 at 9:08 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Members Absent:

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present:

Paul St. Pierre, Respondent
Jerry Padula, DCP Staff Attorney
John Mesner, DCP Inspector
Leslie O'Brien, DCP Legislative Liaison
Director
Janita Hamel, DCP, Supervisor
Larry Satchell, Dept. of Labor
William Lussier, CODE/PHCC

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the October 13, 2016 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DOL apprenticeship requirements for business owners

Assistant Attorney Raul Rodriguez had been invited to today's meeting, per the Board's request, to provide further clarification on the October 13, 2016 Interoffice Memorandum from Heidi Lane, Principal Attorney, Department of Labor, on this topic.

The Board reviewed an email submitted by Assistant Attorney General Raul Rodriguez on October 31, 2016 regarding this matter which states that if the Board is not satisfied with Attorney Heidi Lane's informal opinion, then the Board can ask her for a more formal opinion.

Board so noted.

2. OSHA four-hour refresher training course

The Board reviewed documentation provided by Richard Hurlburt, Director, including Connecticut Statutes and Regulations regarding OSHA requirements for plumbing license holders in response to discussion on such topic at the October 13, 2016 meeting.

Board so noted.

3. Memorandum of Understanding

The Board noted that there is an informational meeting scheduled for November 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, Room 126 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). DCP Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris will be in attendance at this meeting.

4. Update on status of geothermal regulations

DCP Legislative Liaison Director Leslie O'Brien provided the Board with an update on the status of the revision of the geothermal regulations.

5. PSI Examination Review

Discussion took place regarding additional plumbing math and blueprint questions for the P-2 trade examination to be brought forth at the 2017 PSI Examination Review Workshop for consideration to be added to the exam.

FORMAL HEARING TO BE HEARD:

1. Matter of Paul St. Pierre – Case No. 2013-665

This matter was heard before the Board. In attendance was the Respondent, Paul St. Pierre, representing himself, DCP Attorney Jerry Padula, Complainant Counsel, and John Mesner, DCP Occupational Inspector, as a witness.

At 10:03 the Board went into Executive Session; the Hearing reconvened at 10:27

The Board voted to suspend Mr. St. Pierre's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license until such time that restitution is made to the consumer and all fines and penalties are paid in full. Board Member Christopher Bowman abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Exemptions from Well Drilling regulations

DCP Occupational and Professional Enforcement Unit have gathered facts regarding a well location at 1 Easy Street, Sterling, Ct. The yield at such location is less than the required minimum yield. At today's meeting, the Board is to consider size of home to be served, number of bedrooms, and total count of plumbing fixtures, well location, depth, casing, static water level, yield, and amount of space available for potential storage capacity.

The relevant Statutes are as follows: CHAPTER 482 WELL DRILLING Sec. 25-133. Exemption. Where the board finds that compliance with all requirements of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant thereto would result in undue hardship, an exemption from any one or more of such requirements may be granted by the board, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, to the extent necessary to ameliorate such undue hardship and to the extent such exemption can be granted without impairing the intent and purpose of this chapter.

The Board reviewed well permits and completion reports for the two wells located on the property and determined that additional information will be needed to properly address this matter.

The Board voted unanimously to request Ted Doolittle of the DCP Enforcement Unit get further information from the homeowner, including the following items: Lot size, size of the house, results of the 18 hour yield test, yield test results on properties close to this lot, elevation of pumps, and the date of the issuance of the building permit.

2. CEU Evaluation Forms for review

Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

1. Abandonment of a hand-dug well

Board ruled that abandonment must be done according to State of Connecticut Statutes and Regulations, and that such abandonment must be approved by the local director of health.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP OCCUPATIONAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT:

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report submitted by Richard M. Hurlburt, Director for the period of January 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016 consisting of open, closed, and dismissed cases.

Board so noted.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

1. William Lussier, CODE/PHCC

Mr. Lussier inquired as to when a continuing education audit will take place for the 2014-2015 cycle, and what the ramifications will be for those who did not comply with the continuing education requirements.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to request that Rick Maloney of the DCP Trade Practices Division perform a CEU audit for the 2014-2015 cycle.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- February 9, 2017
- April 13, 2017
- June 8, 2017
- August 10, 2017
- October 12, 2017
- December 7, 2017

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.