

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

APRIL 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr. on April 12, 2018 at 9:03 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room J.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
Jay More	Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Members Absent:

Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson

Board Vacancies:

Public Member

DCP Board Staff:

Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present:

Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
Tiziana Shea, Sanitary Engineer, Department of Public Health
Marcie Addy, Education Director, Construction Education Center

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) 706-1202.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the December 12, 2017 and February 8, 2018 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meetings and approved as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Well Drilling and Geothermal Systems Regulations - Continued discussion on adding variances for well locations to proposed regulations

Tiziana Shea, Sanitary Engineer, Department of Public Health (DPH) appeared to speak with the Board regarding the updating of the well drilling regulations. In particular, the Board and DPH would like to discuss ways in which to assist homeowners in pursuing the granting of an exemption to the rule that states that a homeowner cannot have a well drilled closer than 75 feet to a septic system. The Board had two homeowners come before them seeking the granting of this exemption in 2017, and DPH also receives numerous requests from homeowners for this exemption, therefore, both agencies have an interest in updating current regulations.

The review and proposal of changes in regulations requires communication between DCP and DPH, as the regulations are closely related. Charles Appleby and Tiziana Shea are have been involved in Private Well Task Force meetings, a forum in which members have discussed this topic as well, and are interested in going forward with proposing changes.

Charles Appleby proposed that the Board, representatives from DPH, local health districts, and local sanitarians meet at the regularly scheduled June 21, 2018 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting for further discussion. Charles Appleby will notify Karen Layman of the names and contact information for those persons that the Board would like to notify to attend this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Continuing education provider regulations and statutes

The Board reviewed an email from Director Richard M. Hurlburt to Marcie Addy, Construction Education Center, dated April 9, 2018 addressing Department's policy for acceptable locations for continuing education classes.

Marcie Addy appeared to clarify with the Board the policies for classroom locations, and discussion took place regarding the continuing education provider regulations and

statutes that are currently in place. The option of offering online classes for future cycles was also discussed.

The Board will review the applicable regulations at the June 21, 2018 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting and discuss potential changes. The Board requested that Karen Layman inquire of Richard M. Hurlburt whether changes could be made by the Board, or if such changes would go through the legislative process.

2. Review of continuing education evaluation forms

Board so noted.

3. Occupational Licensing Enforcement Report for Calendar Year 2017

Board so noted.

4. Continuing education audit

The Board voted unanimously to request that the Department consider conducting a continuing education audit for the 2016-2017 cycle.

5. Exam update

Frank DaCato will contact Richard M. Hurlburt regarding additional questions pertaining to blueprint and math calculations that he feels needs to be added.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

1. Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Occupational and Professional Enforcement, Investigations Division, appeared and discussed recent changes in the Department's staff, including the hiring of Pamela Brown, currently a supervisor in the Investigations Division, to the role of Director of the Investigations Division. Two inspection aides have been hired as well.

Janita distributed the 2017 Quarter 4 complaint report, which had previously been distributed to the Board at the February 8, 2018 meeting by former Director John Neumon, and addressed the Board's concerns regarding complaints included in this report. Janita also provided a verbal summary of complaints from January 2018 to date.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- June 21
- August 9
- October 11
- December 13

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