

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

DECEMBER 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, at 9:42 a.m. in Room 117 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
John R. Damico, Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino, Journeyperson
Hubert J. Barnes, Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato, Unlimited Journeyperson
John R. Sullivan, Public Member
Joyce Topshe, Public Member
Melissa C. Sheffy, Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer, Public Member

Member Absent: Christopher M. Bowman, Contractor

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Sallie Pinkney, Board Secretary

Public Present: Scot Chevrier
Frank Roland
Tylor James
Corbin Kane
Gary D. Marino
Carl Alterio
Ed Terry

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the October 16, 2008 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Carl M. Alterio, Bridgeport, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Tylor James, Dayville, CT – (W-2) Limited Water Well Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. James' application.

Frank Roland, Cheshire, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATION

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving application.)

Scot J. Chevrier, Prospect, CT – (J-3) Limited Contractor – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Chevrier's application due to a qualifying hardship.

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

Richard Dalling, Trumbull, CT – (W-9) Limited Contractor (Expired 10/31/06) – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Dalling's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (W-9) Limited Contractor license.

Corbin B. Kane, Cheshire, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Kane's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license.

Edward J. Terry, Jr., Redding, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Expired 10/31/05) – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Terry's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license.

REQUESTING WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR 2008

Gary D. Marino, Shelton, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Shelton's request for waiver of his 2008 continuing education to renew his license.

Dan Maus, Jr., Moodus, CT – (P-3) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Maus' request for waiver of his 2008 continuing education to renew his license. Mr. Appleby abstained from voting on this matter.

Jonathan Ramalho, Waterbury, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Ramalho's request for waiver of his 2008 continuing education to renew his license.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Occupational Trade Board Apprentice's Permit Application.
2. Correspondence from Jason R. Nolan dated 11/9/08, concerning his (P-2) application which the Board denied at their 8/21/08 meeting due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Nolan's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate, and that Mr. Nolan not be placed on future agendas until he has acquired a "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

3. Correspondence dated October 2008, from the Connecticut Water Well Association.
4. Correspondence dated 10/20/08, regarding Connecticut Laborers' District Council JATC Construction Craft Laborer.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Plumbing Board Continuing Education Committee to provide a continuing education outline for (2010 – Contractor types) and (2011 – Journeyman types).

The Board unanimously agreed to have the continuing education committee meet January 13, 2009 to discuss this matter.

PRESS RELEASE

Press release dated October 16, 2008, concerning a Bolton man convicted of doing electric and plumbing work without required permits and has paid more than \$6,000.00 in fines and restitution.

Edwin R. Lewis, age 48, of 24 Mount Sumner Drive, Bolton, CT, pled guilty under the Alford doctrine on September 24, 2008, in Rockville Superior Court to one count of Larceny by False Pretense in the Fourth Degree and two counts of Failure to Secure a Building Permit.

Mr. Lewis, operating under the name of ERL Electric, had no electrical or plumbing permit for the work he did or caused to be done at a single-family residence in Hebron in May 2007. The restitution was paid to the owner of the house.

Mr. Lewis has now paid \$2,454.00 in restitution and \$4,000.00 fine imposed by Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Shluger who also sentenced the defendant to a six-month suspended sentence and three years of conditional discharge.

By pleading guilty under the Alford doctrine, Mr. Lewis did not admit guilt but acknowledged that he likely would have been convicted had the case gone to trial. Mr. Lewis does not hold an electrical contractors license.

The case was prosecuted by the Supervisory Assistant State's Assistant State's Attorney for Housing Matters of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in conjunction with the Town of Hebron Building Department and the Trade Practices Division of the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.