

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:35 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:	David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal Luis A. Coreano – Public Member John Michalewicz – Public Member
Members Absent:	None
Board Vacancies:	One Public Member.
Board Counsel Present:	None
DCP Staff Present:	Nelson Leon
Public Present:	Dean Allaire Wade Champagne Wayne Roderick

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the July 21, 2010 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Dean R. Allaire, Hampton, NH – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board denied Mr. Allaire's (F-1) Unlimited Contractor application at their 6/23/09 meeting and again at their 7/21/10 meeting due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. Mr. Allaire has held an (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license since 4/16/10.

After further review of Mr. Allaire's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Allaire's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Jeffrey R. Batterman, Van Dyne, WI – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Batterman's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Wade P. Champagne, North Smithfield, RI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Champagne's application, contingent upon receipt and review of notarized statement from occupational related employer(s) attesting to his specific dates and duties of employment (8,000 Hours). Notarized statement(s) must be received no later than (30) thirty days from today or (F-2) application is considered denied.

Craig A. Cote, Harrisville, RI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

The Board denied Mr. Cote's application at their 2/3/10 meeting due to lack of required school related instruction experience consisting of 576 hours and lack of required on-the-job training consisting of 8,000 hours. Mr. Cote provided course certificates from a non-recognized provider (George W. Gould Construction Institute) and notarized statement from his current employer (Environmental Fire Protection, Inc.) which is only attesting to one year and eleven months of on-the-job training.

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

Douglas R. Ehrhardt, Arlington, TX – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Ehrhardt's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Leonard P. Gemma, Lincoln, RI – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Gemma's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Jonathan P. Maynard, Indian Orchard, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board denied Mr. Maynard's application at their 6/23/09 meeting due to lack of required occupational school related instruction experience (576 hours).

After further review of Mr. Maynard's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Maynard's application due to lack of a required notarized statements from occupational related employer(s) attesting to (8,000 Hours) of occupational related experience.

Brad A. Viola, South Hadley, MA – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved

Mr. Viola currently holds an (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license and has held it since 8/7/08.

After further review of Mr. Viola's application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Viola's application.

Derek J. Vincenzo, Newington, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Karim L. Wells, New Haven, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Kevin E. Wells, Rocky Hill, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Joseph Wierszchalek, Jr., Manchester, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman - Approved

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

Gladys Williams, New Haven, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board previously approved Ms. Williams' (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman application at their April 28, 2009 meeting. However, Ms. Williams has not taken the exam and is re-applying for approval of her (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

After further review of Ms. Williams' application at today's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Williams' application.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board had requested at their 7/21/10 meeting if DCP Commissioner can appear at the meeting today for the Board to communicate their issues and concerns requiring his attention.

Mr. Waskowicz reported to the Board the Commissioner's response for not being able to attend their meeting as requested.

2. The Board had requested at their 7/21/10 meeting a detailed report concerning the complaint report it receives at their monthly meetings, to include specific violations and their locations, and if this is being considered when issuing civil penalties and/or assurance of voluntary compliances.

The Board is requesting a DCP representative to appear at their next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 to address Board's questions and concerns, in addition to a complaint report detailing the Board's requested information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board voted unanimously to seek from their legal counsel, Assistant Attorney Raul Rodriguez, an interpretation concerning the verbiage under CT General Statute, Chapter 393, Section 20-334a(1)(A)

Sec. 20-334a. Types of licenses. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following licenses may be issued by the Department of Consumer Protection, upon authorization of the boards, under the provisions of section 20-333:

(1) (A) An unlimited contractor's license may be issued to a person who has served as a journeyman in the trade for which such person seeks a license for not less than two years and, if such service as a journeyman was outside this state, has furnished evidence satisfactory to the appropriate state board that such service is comparable to similar service in this state, or has furnished satisfactory evidence of education and experience and has passed an examination which has demonstrated that such person is competent in all aspects of such trade to be an unlimited contractor.

2. Mr. Miller reported that residential fire sprinkler codes for 1 & 2 family dwellings for new construction are pending adoption.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT TODAY

Mr. Roderick informed the Board he contacted PSI for an application status and was informed that the Board is holding-up the application. Mr. Waskowicz said the information is inaccurate and that applications are received by the Board for review at their regularly scheduled meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.