

## **MINUTES**

### **FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:41 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson  
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal  
Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal  
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor  
Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor  
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon  
Richard Hurlburt

Public Present: Tammie Whiting, CT Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep.

**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 MEETINGS**

Review and approve minutes of the July 20, 2011 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-5 under “Old Business” to reflect correct spelling of names concerning Barry Richert, Chris Guari and Joe Cassidy; and to reflect that Mr. Waskowicz asked the Board for permission, if contacted by the residential sprinkler committee, to write a letter as the Chairman of the Fire Sprinkler Board regarding his opinion as to whether there is sufficient amount of fire sprinkler licensees to perform such anticipated residential sprinkler work.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **David J. Allen, Oxford, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Allen’s application due to lack of required documentation concerning his occupational school related instruction experience.

### **Craig A. Brown, Jr., West Greenwich, RI – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Brown’s application.

### **Jonathan C. Koenig, Seymour, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Koenig’s application.

### **Daniel J. Mohamed, Framingham, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Mohamed’s application.

### **John E. Nadeau, Jr., Portland, CT – (F-4) Limited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Nadeau’s application due to lack of a required current Apprenticeship Completion Certificate. Applicant provided an Apprenticeship Completion Certificate dated July 26, 1994 and never examined for his (F-4) license. The Board is requesting a current certificate and documentation concerning his completed occupational school related experience and any additional school related instruction experience acquired within the past 17 years in order to verify completion of current subject matter area in (dry chemical systems, carbon dioxide systems, foam systems, clean agent systems, halon, etc.). The Board is requiring Mr. Nadeau to appear before them for reconsideration of his (F-4) application.

**Christofer A. Palmer, Ludlow, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Palmer's application due to lack of required notarized statement from occupational employer(s) attesting to his specific dates and duties of occupational related experience and lack of required documentation concerning the completion of required occupational school related experience.

**Todd M. Perri, Wappingers, NY – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

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

**Roger K. Piacentini, Stonybrook, NY – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

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

**LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS**

(The Board voted unanimously to add the following late arriving applications)

**Thomas A. Agnitti, Clinton, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

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

**Stephen M. Cunningham, Fitchburg, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

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

**Eric P. Eckstein, Fitchburg, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Eckstein's application due to lack of required documentation concerning his occupational and school related instruction experience.

**James A. Lamprey, Worcester, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board suggested mailing a letter to Jeffrey A. Cogswell, Vice President of Cogswell Sprinkler Co., Inc. outlining errors in his notarized statements on behalf of his applicants David J. Allen (lack of related instruction experience documentation while statement claims "attached"); Eric P. Eckstein (lack of related instruction experience documentation while statement claims "attached" and attesting to former employer hours of occupational related experience which have to be attested by such former employer).

## **DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT**

1. The Board expressed concern about the minimal fines assessed against violators, including blatant and repeat offenders. The Board also questioned the issuance of Assurance of Voluntary Compliance agreements to settle complaints, which they feel does not serve as a deterrent. The Board is still waiting for DCP Trade Enforcement Director Richard Maloney to appear before them to answer questions and inquiries concerning the monthly complaint status report.
2. The Board discussed the complaint concerning John Abate (2008-1276).
3. The Board received no complaints for review today.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Miller reports that Ignatius “Ziggy” Kapalczynski is retiring October 1, 2011.

## **2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays --- January 19, March 16, May, 18, July 20, September 21, November 16.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.**