

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JANUARY 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Chairperson, at 9:18 a.m. in Room-117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz – Unlimited Journeyperson, Chairperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony D. Moscato – Fire Marshal
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor
Ralph Carl Miller – Fire Marshal
Luis A. Coreano – Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

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

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 5, 2012 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Michael J. Petrocelli, Waterbury, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Petrocelli's application due to lack of a required notarized statement from the (F-1) Contractor license holder who supervised him, attesting to his dates and duties of employment, lack of documentation concerning his school related experience, and lack of a required "Apprenticeship Completion Certificate". The Board recommended forwarding Mr. Petrocelli's application to DCP Trade Enforcement Division for investigation concerning fire protection work being performed without proper licensure and/or apprenticeship registration.

Todd O. Shaw, Holden, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Shaw's application due to lack of required notarized statement(s) from his occupational employers attesting to his dates and duties of employment, and lack of required documentation concerning his school related experience.

Miquel A. Vasquez, Stamford, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved

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

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

1. There was no complaint status report provided for today's meeting.
2. The Board was to receive monthly complaint status reports and expressed concern about not receiving a complaint status report for the past two meetings.
3. The Board is requesting Richard Maloney, DCP Trade Enforcement Director, to appear before them at their February 23, 2012 meeting to provide them with an annual update concerning Fire Protection complaints in 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Waskowicz reported that the Board was provided with an exam result report from PSI which reflected 42 (F-2) exams and only 27 passing the exam.
2. Mr. Waskowicz reported that the Board has been requesting Richard Maloney, DCP Trade Enforcement Director, to appear before them in order to provide an annual update concerning Fire Protection complaints in 2011, and has yet to appear.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Booth inquired on backflow preventing testing on a sprinkler system and said that Aquarium is performing such test with unlicensed people. The Board expressed concern with people impairing sprinkler systems to conduct a backflow test on a fire sprinkler system without the required fire sprinkler license. Mr. Waskowicz said that to test a backflow on a fire sprinkler system, the valve must be closed, thereby impairing the system which requires a fire sprinkler license. The Board also discussed the (P-6) and (P-7) plumbing license categories which permits the installation, repair, replacement, alteration or maintenance of piping limited to water, sewer and storm lines from the point of utility responsibility to a point immediately inside a structure. Mr. Booth said he will be filing a complaint with DCP Trade Enforcement Division concerning testing of backflow prevention devices being performed in Shelton, CT without proper licensure.

The Board discussed other states having a current NFPA code and Mr. Moscato said that current CT NFPA code was adopted in 2005 with revisions in 2009 and that it is a 3-4 year legislative process involving input from the general public, trades and enforcement entities in order to get to another code cycle. The fire code is intended for life saving.

2012 Meeting Schedule

9:00 a.m. in Room-117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

- **January 26 – Thursday**
- **February 23 – Thursday**
- **March 22 – Thursday**
- **April 19 – Thursday**
- **May 17 – Thursday**
- **June 14 – Thursday**
- **July 12 – Thursday**
- **August 9 – Thursday**
- **September 6 – Thursday**
- **October 4 – Thursday**
- **November 1 – Thursday**
- **November 29 – Thursday**
- **December 27 – Thursday**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in Room-117.