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MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

January 31, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson at 9:13 a.m. in Room 177 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Contractor
George C. Sima	Contractor
James Piccoli	Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Contractor
John R Damico	Journey person
Hubert J. Barnes	Journey person
Frank J. Dacato	Journey person
Melissa C. Sheffy	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Members Absent:

Anthony Calandrino	Journey person
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

Dept. of Consumer Protection:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Board Secretary

Dept. of Consumer Protection Legal Staff:

Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship Rep(s):

Kenneth Duff, Gina Knox

Public present:

Sergio Girich

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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 MEETING:

The draft minutes of January 3, 2013 were accepted by the Board as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

PREVIOUS APPLICANT APPEARING IN PERSON:

Sergey L. Girich, Westfield, MA – No application pending

Mr. Girich's application has expired and he appeared today to discuss his options regarding a (P-2) license and asked for guidance on to proceed.

Mr. Girich appeared and discussed with the Board the requirement of 720 hours of related instruction as currently required.

APPLICATIONS FOR INITIAL REVIEW:

Brent M. Bassi, Bethany, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor

Mr. Bassi has been the holder of the (P-2) license since 1/7/2012. He provides a copy of his current (P-2) license, however no letter of explanation for his early (P-1) application is provided.

The Board denied Mr. Bassi's application. He must hold a P-2 for two years first, as required.

Jeffrey R. Stilley, Dallas, GA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor

Mr. Stilley provides a copies of licenses held in Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Minnesota, Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, Sarasota County (FL), as well as notarized employment information and numerous training certificate documentation. He does not hold a Connecticut (P-2) license.

The Board denied Mr. Stilley's application. He must apply and hold P-2 for two years first, as required.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Items for Discussion:

1. Proposed House Bill 5611: An Act Repealing the Federal, State, or Municipal Agency Employee License Exemption for Certain Trades

Board so noted this proposed bill.

2. Proposed changes to the Requirements for Renewal of Medical Gas State of Connecticut Certification

A proposed bill for 2013 legislative session was discussed requiring proof of welding and class hours updates at time of renewal of a medical gas license.

3. Re-constitution of the CEU subcommittee for curriculum development with special regards to 2015 Code changes.

The Board decided to create a Continuing Education Subcommittee consisting of the following members: Frank DaCato, Carleton Pember, John Stronkowski, Chuck Appleby, Melissa Sheffy, and James Piccoli. This Board will meet to discuss the continuing education outline for the period of 2014 to 2015.

4. Proposed legislation for Water Treatment & Waste Water Discharge

“General Permit for the Discharge of Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater” draft created by DEEP. The Board will request, by letter, that a representative from DEEP and/or Dept. of Health attend our next meeting on February 28 to further discuss this proposal before the March 7 public hearing.

5. Proposed legislation regarding additional business courses to be taken as a requirement for licensing.

The Board had a discussion again today regarding previous proposed legislation on suggesting that a person who has obtained a journeyman license should, in addition to holding such license for the two years, that such person should also take an additional course related to “business and law” of at least 30 hours of instruction.

6. Oil, gas, and equipment permits

The Board discussed previously proposed bill requiring permit to be obtained before any heating equipment may be purchased at retail or wholesale level for unlicensed persons (homeowners) as allowed.

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

The Trade Practice Division report on two complaints was reviewed.

Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule:

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

- February 28 - Thursday
- March 28 – Thursday
- April 25 – Thursday
- May 23 – Thursday
- June 20 – Thursday
- July 18 – Thursday
- August 15 – Thursday
- September 12 – Thursday
- October 10 – Thursday
- November 7 – Thursday
- December 5 – Thursday

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary