

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,
Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member
John Michalewicz – Public Member
Edward Peznowski – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal

Board Vacancies: One local fire marshal

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present: Tammie Whiting, Dept. of Labor

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 Board reviewed the draft minutes of the October 15, 2015 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve with the following amendment: Addition of document entitled, "Additional Information Relating to Occupational Licensing Enforcement (PA 14-210)."

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS:

Teddy Hargrove, Bristol, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

After a review of this application, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hargrove's (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential fire sprinkler systems

- Letter to Keith Flood, Codes and Standards Committee, dated September 17, 2015, including date stamp for proof of receipt

Board so noted.

- Discussion on Federal Bill HF 3591 Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2015; S2068 Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2015

Board members briefly discussed this bill which proposes passing a tax incentive for fire sprinkler systems.

- E-mail from Bob Hanbury to Bill Ethier, CAE, CEO & General Counsel, Home Builders & Remodelers Association of CT, October 26, 2015 regarding liability

A discussion took place as to whether the facts stated in this letter regarding fire-related deaths in Connecticut since the 1980's are accurate. The Board agreed that this information should be verified with the State Fire Marshal's Office before they move forward with any correspondence on this topic.

- Correspondence to Kevin Kowalski, letter dated January 3, 2005; for the Board's information

The Board reviewed this document and a brief discussion took place.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2016 Schedule for board, commission, and council meetings

Board so noted.

2. A Home Fire Safety Technology Demonstration will be held on December 1, 2015 in West Haven, Connecticut

Board members are encouraged to attend this educational forum and live burn demonstration.

3. Applications:

The following applications were added to agenda by board vote:

Owen Walsh, Hamden, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson

After a review of this application, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Walsh's (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application.

James Elwell, Vernon, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson

After a review of this application, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Elwell's (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application.

4. David Waskowicz informed the Board of a recent article stating that former DCP Commissioner Bill Rubenstein has joined the board of directors for the MMCT venture, the company created by Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot tribes to create a new casino in Connecticut.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board will review the complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.

DCP Trade Practices Division reported that there were no new open or closed complaints.

2. David Waskowicz informed the Board that he and Tom Booth had met with Director Richard Maloney regarding Case No. 2008-1703 after last month's meeting. Their concern was that the complaint had been documented as a plumbing related complaint incorrectly, and that it should

have been documented as a fire protection complaint. David Waskowicz stated that he has received correspondence from Richard Maloney following up on this discussion.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- December 17, 2015

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- January 21, 2016
- February 18, 2016
- March 17, 2016
- April 21, 2016
- May 19, 2016
- June 16, 2016
- July 21, 2016
- August 18, 2016
- September 15, 2016
- October 20, 2016
- November 17, 2016
- December 15, 2016

All meetings take place at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, Room 117 at 9:00 a.m.