

## MINUTES

### FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Waskowicz on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 9:01 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Board Vacancies:** One local fire marshal

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

**Others Present:** Paul Femia, Dept. of Labor  
John Livingstone  
David LaFond

**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 voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2015 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting as written.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

## **APPLICATIONS:**

### **Shawn Thaller, Northford, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Thaller's (F-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Residential fire sprinkler systems**

- Article: *Uponor AquaSAFE First PEX Fire Sprinkler System to Receive Exposed Listing*

The Board reviewed this document and a discussion take place. The Board requested that the Department send correspondent to the State Fire Marshal and State Building Inspector asking the following question: With this listing, is this product approved for use in the State of Connecticut, including exposed applications?

### **2. Occupational Legislative Working Group Meeting – September 23, 2015**

There will be an Occupational Legislative Working Group Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 for board members for the purpose of a general discussion on the implementation of certain changes that may be needed regarding occupational licensure laws within Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The meeting will take place at the State Office Building located at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106 in Room 126 at 9:00 a.m.

### **3. Request for appearance from Trade Practices Division**

At the July 16, 2015 meeting, the Board reviewed the current complaint report dated 7/14/11 to 7/14/15 consisting of closed cases. Upon review of this report, the Board was concerned about the minimum amount of fines issued for the serious nature of violations reflected in this report and voted unanimously to request that Trade Practices Director Richard Maloney attend today's meeting to supply the Board with information on the cases included in this report, which are as follows: Case No. 2014-101, Case No. 2015-154, and Case No. 2015-153.

Richard Maloney submitted an e-mail stating that he will not be available to appear at today's meeting however he will be attending the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board voted unanimously to add the following application to the agenda:

**Matthew Wekerle, Stafford Springs, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

2. A PSI test review is scheduled for October 8, 2015 at the Farmington Marriott for the (F-3)/(F-4) license categories.

3. Paul Femia reports that Vinnie Valente, Apprenticeship Program Manager at the Department of Labor will be leaving this position as of September 1, 2015.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:**

1. The Board reviewed the complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open cases. The Board noted that there were no new closed cases to report for this reporting period.

**COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

David LaFond, NFSA, informed the Board of a class on September 30, 2015 at the Connecticut Fire Academy on inspections for sprinkler systems. Mr. LaFond also provided an update from the most recent Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition meeting regarding residential fire sprinkler systems. The Coalition recently received a \$10,000 grant through the NFPA to assist in sprinkler advocacy and the use of this grant was discussed at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

### **2015 Meeting Schedule**

- September 17, 2015
- October 15, 2015
- November 19, 2015
- December 17, 2015

**All meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT in Room 117**