

## MINUTES

### PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

FEBRUARY 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr., on February 19, 2015 at 9:09 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present:**

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

**Board Vacancies:**

One Public Member

**Dept. of Consumer Protection:**

Commissioner Jonathan Harris  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Karen Layman, Secretary

**Dept. of Labor:**

None

**Public present:**

None

**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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## **DCP COMMISSIONER JONATHAN HARRIS**

Newly appointed DCP Commissioner Jonathan Harris attended this meeting and introduced himself to the Board. He thanked the Board for their time spent serving the residents of the State of Connecticut by serving on this Board. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Board's concerns and ideas specific to licensure, codes and standards, and enforcement within the plumbing trade. Commissioner Harris stated that he has an open door policy, and that Board Members are welcome to contact him at any time.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board reviewed and voted to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2015 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as amended.

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

None

## **APPLICATIONS:**

### **Michael Frost, West Warwick, RI – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Conditionally approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Frost's (P-2) application, contingent upon further review of related instruction by the Department.

### **Marc Maletton, Stratford, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Maletton's (P-1) application due to lack of proof of the required registered hours of on-the-job training and related instruction, and lack of required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a period of two years.

The Board voted unanimously to refer this application and related documentation to Trade Practices for further investigation into advertising in Connecticut as a licensed contractor.

### **Barry Von Deusen, Canaan, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Van Deusen's (P-2) application due to lack of proof of required registered hours of on-the-job training and related instruction pertaining to plumbing work.

### **Eric Ackerman, Grand Island, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor - Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Ackerman's (P-1) application due to lack of required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a period of two years.

## **APPLICATIONS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:**

### **Mark Malcuit, N. Scituate, RI – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Malcuit's (P-2) application due to lack of proof of required registered hours of on-the-job training and related instruction pertaining to plumbing work.

### **Richard White, Bristol, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. White's (P-1) application due to lack of required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a period of two years.

## **APPEAL:**

### **Victor Llaja, Fishkill, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Llaja's (P-2) application due to lack of proof of required registered hours of on-the-job training and related instruction.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirement**

- Chairperson Charles Appleby attended the January 8, 2015 Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition meeting and reported that the coalition continues to move forward with proposed legislation in favor of 13D systems for residential buildings. Mr. Appleby referenced Raised Bill No. 6777 – An Act Requiring the Installation of Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems in New Residential Buildings, and discussion followed.
- The Board reviewed the following document:  
"13D System Installations, 2015 Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Board Interpretation, Guidelines for the Installation of NFPA 13D Multipurpose Piping Systems That Exclusively Use Potable Water"

### **2. State of Connecticut Legislation**

Public Act 14-199, Substitute Senate Bill No. 235 - An Act Concerning Revisions to the Transportation Statutes.

**No action taken at this time.**

### **3. State of Connecticut Regulation**

Regulation of the Department of Consumer Protection Concerning Aeration Piping System Work

**No action taken at this time.**

## **NEW BUSINESS :**

1. Proposed Bill No. 5253 An Act Concerning Apprenticeship Ratios; for the Board's information

2. Proposed Bill No. 81 An Act Concerning Journeymen and Apprentices; for the Board's information

**The Board reviewed Proposed Bill No. 5253 and Proposed Bill No. 81 and discussed concerns regarding public safety if this proposed change in the allowable hiring ratio takes place, and also noted that there is a mechanism for ratio relief through the Department of Labor. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to draft a letter stating that their opposition to Proposed Bill No. 5253 and Proposed Bill 81.**

3. Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations, Title 20, Chapter 393; for the Board's information

**Board so noted.**

4. DEEP General Permit for Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater Workgroup Meetings; for the Board's information

**Board so noted.**

5. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Council Subcommittee

**Board Member Frank DaCato informed the Board that he has been appointed to the Department of Labor Apprenticeship Council subcommittee created for the purpose of reviewing apprenticeship credit for veterans.**

6. Proposed Bill No. 464 – An Act Concerning Well Drilling

**Proposed Bill No. 464 would change the regulation of well drilling from the Department of Consumer Protection to the Department of Public Health. Board Member George Sima shared his concerns regarding this proposed bill with Board Members and Commissioner Harris. The Connecticut Water Well Association will be drafting a letter stating their opinion on this proposed bill, which Mr. Sima will forward to Commissioner Harris so he may be informed.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms

Board so noted.

## **DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT REPORT:**

1. The Board reviewed the current complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division dated 2/18/15.
2. The Board reviewed a report of closed complaints for the entire year of 2014, as requested by the Board at the January 8, 2015 meeting and submitted by DCP Trade Practices Division Director Richard Maloney.
3. The Board reviewed a report of open cases dated 2/18/11 to 2/18/15 submitted by DCP Trade Practices Division Director Richard Maloney.
4. Further discussion regarding referrals from the Board to DCP Trade Practices for investigation in the year 2014.  
**It was noted the Board referred two applicants to DCP Trade Practices Division in 2014.**

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

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

### **2015 Meeting Schedule**

- February 19, 2015
- March 12, 2015
- April 9, 2015
- May 14, 2015
- June 11, 2015
- July 9, 2015
- August 13, 2015
- September 10, 2015
- October 8, 2015
- November 12, 2015
- December 10, 2015

**Meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut**