

## MINUTES

### PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MAY 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr. on May 14, 2015 at 9:19 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

#### Members Present:

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| Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson | Unlimited Contractor          |
| James Piccoli                     | Unlimited Contractor          |
| Christopher M. Bowman             | Unlimited /General Contractor |
| George C. Sima                    | Well Drilling Contractor      |
| Frank J. DaCato                   | Unlimited Journeyman          |
| John R. Damico                    | Unlimited Journeyman          |
| Anthony Calandrino                | Unlimited Journeyman          |
| Peter Alfieri                     | Unlimited Journeyman          |
| Joyce Topshe                      | Public Member                 |
| Carl W. Schaefer                  | Public Member                 |

#### Members Absent:

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| Melissa Sheffy | Public Member |
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#### Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

#### DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Karen Layman, Secretary

#### Others Present:

Gina Knox, Dept. of Labor  
John Tye, State Plumbing Inspector  
John Doucette, Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Gzim Kastrati

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**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2015 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as written.

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

None

**APPEARANCE ADDED TO THE AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:**

The Board voted unanimously to add the appearance of John Tye, State Plumbing Mechanical Inspector and John Doucette, State Fire Marshals Office to the agenda to discuss new regulations which went into effect on effect May 7, 2015 concerning the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code.

Mr. Doucette provided an overview of the amendments. These amendments, along with the 2012 Edition of NFPA1, make up the Connecticut Fire Prevention Code. Mr. Tye elaborated on this discussion and stressed the importance of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board maintaining a dialogue with the Codes and Standards Committee to work together toward the goal of keeping codes updated so that they are in alignment with current products and technology. It was also noted that it is important that the Office of the State Building Inspector and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board to continue to communicate for purposes of developing a continuing education curriculum that would be successful in keeping contractors and journeypeople informed of the most recent codes, products, and technology.

**APPEARING FOR GUIDANCE:**

**Brian Zapatka, Newington, CT**

Mr. Zapatka was scheduled to appear for guidance on obtaining the (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson license; however he was unable to attend today.

**APPEARING IN PERSON FOR RECONSIDERATION:**

**Gzim Kastrati, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied**

Mr. Kastrati's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson application was denied by the Board on January 8, 2015 due to lack of registered apprenticeship. Additional documentation was submitted and reviewed at the April 9, 2015 meeting. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Kastrati's application due to lack of registered apprenticeship.

Mr. Kastrati appeared today for reconsideration of this application. After a review of documentation and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny this application due to lack of completed apprenticeship.

## **APPEARING FOR DISCUSSION ON CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS:**

### **David Vecchitto, Meriden, CT**

Mr. Vecchitto was scheduled to appear for discussion on continuing education provider requirements; however he was unable to attend today.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

### **Michael Bernier, Waterbury, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Conditional Approval**

The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve Mr. Bernier's (P-2) application contingent upon the receipt of apprenticeship completion letter.

### **Derek Perigard, Hamden, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Conditional Approval**

The Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve Mr. Perigard's (P-2) application contingent upon the receipt of apprenticeship completion letter.

### **Donald Tanquay, Grand Island, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Chairperson Charles Appleby provided feedback on the May 2, 2015 live burn demonstration presented by the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition in West Hartford, Connecticut.

### **2. Sample license with picture**

Discussion took place regarding this sample license from Australia and the benefits of Connecticut adopting this type of license for all occupational trades. Chairperson Charles Appleby will follow up with Commissioner Harris on this matter and this item will be placed on the June 11, 2015 meeting agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Continuing Education Classes**

Board Member Christopher Bowman brought to the Board's attention recent feedback regarding continuing education classes and the concern that there is not enough material for the current requirement of seven hours of continuing education. Further discussion ensued regarding the curriculum being taught in approved continuing education classes, and ways in which to ensure quality of these classes.

## **2. PSI Test**

After a lengthy discussion on the current type and amount of questions contained in the current PSI test for plumbing, the Board voted unanimously to propose to increase the number of questions on each test by ten questions, five blueprint reading questions and five trade math questions.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. E-mail and attachment from Ryan Tetreault, Department of Public Health, dated March 31, 2015, regarding Private Well Regulations Workgroup meeting

**This item will be tabled to the June 11, 2015 meeting.**

2. E-mail from Richard Hurlburt, Director, to Joseph Summers, Building Official, Town of Marlborough, dated April 30, 2015 regarding licensing requirements for the installation of a multipurpose 13D sprinkler system, which states:

*Joseph J. Summers  
Building Official*

*13D sprinkler system (standalone system)*

*Can be installed by Homeowner or an F-1 Licensed Contractor with F-2 licensed employees.*

*13D multipurpose sprinkler system (IRC Section P2904)*

*Can be installed by a Homeowner or license Contractor that holds dual types P-1 and F-1 license with employees that hold dual types P-2 and F-2.*

*Thank you,  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director*

The Board reviewed this document and discussion took place regarding current licensing requirements for the installation of a multipurpose residential sprinkler system. In addition, it is unclear as to whether or not a Uponor system, or the equivalent of, is approved by the State of Connecticut allowing contractors to install such systems at this time.

The Board voted unanimously to submit a request for clarification in writing to John Tye on the question: Is a Uponor system, or equivalent of, allowed in the State of Connecticut?

3. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms  
**Board so noted.**

**DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT REPORT:**

1. Upon review of the complaint report at the April 9, 2015 meeting, the Board requested that Trade Practices provide clarification on the time limits for the statute of limitations.  
**DCP Trade Practices Division is to provide clarification for the July 9, 2015 meeting.**

2. Chairperson Charles Appleby requested, at the April 9, 2015 meeting, that Trade Practices provide him with a complaint report including open, pending, closed, and dismissed cases from the period of January 2015 until present.  
**DCP Trade Practices Division is to provide this report for the July 9, 2015 meeting.**

3. The Board will review the complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.  
**The Board reviewed complaint report submitted by DCP Trade Practices Division dated 5/09/11 to 5/11/15 consisting of closed cases.**

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

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

**2015 Meeting Schedule**

- **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**