

## MINUTES

### PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JUNE 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr. on June 11, 2015 at 9:05 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
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journey person
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journey person
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journey person
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journey person
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

#### Members Absent:

Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member
Joyce Topshe	Public Member

#### Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

#### DCP Board Staff:

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Karen Layman, Secretary

#### Others Present:

Gina Knox, Dept. of Labor  
Brian Zapatka  
William Lussier

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### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2015 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting as corrected. Board Member Melissa Sheffy abstained.

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

William Lussier was present today and participated in conversations with the Board regarding continuing education.

### **APPEARING FOR GUIDANCE:**

#### **Brian Zapatka, Newington, CT**

Mr. Zapatka appeared for guidance on obtaining the (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license. Mr. Zapatka currently holds a (D-2) license. The Board advised that he contact the Department of Labor to inquire about his options for apprenticeship completion for the (P-2) license category, and also to consider completing the required related instruction for the (P-2) license.

### **APPEARING IN PERSON FOR RECONSIDERATION:**

#### **Richard DelPonte, Tappan, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – No action taken**

The Board denied Mr. DelPonte's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor application at the April 9, 2015 meeting due to lack of a (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for the required two year period. Mr. DelPonte was scheduled to appear for discussion and reconsideration of this application.

**Mr. DelPonte was unable to appear today and will attend the July 9, 2014 meeting.**

### **APPLICATIONS:**

#### **Anson Chastain, Oakville, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Referred**

This application was referred to Gina Knox, Department of Labor representative, for further action.

#### **John Taylor, Westbrook, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Taylor's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor application. In addition, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Taylor for the (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination, should he choose to change the category of license sought from (P-1) to (P-2).

#### **Christopher Wierzbicki, Coventry, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied**

Mr. Wierzbicki's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor application was denied due to lack of (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman for two years.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

The Board requested that the Department follow up on the letter dated June 1, 2015 addressed to John Tye, Office of the State Building Inspector, inquiring about Uponor systems, or the equivalent of, being approved for installation in the State of Connecticut.

### **2. Continued discussion on sample license/implementation of changing Connecticut trade licenses to include more information.**

No new discussion took place.

### **3. Continuing education curriculum**

Chairperson Charles Appleby led a discussion regarding the drafting of the next continuing education curriculum. He recommended certain areas in which the continuing education subcommittee may consider addressing when developing this curriculum, such as the recent water heater act and changes with water heaters on a national level, as discussed at the recent design conference at the University of Hartford that he attended. Other items to consider including in the curriculum are the changes in well drilling regulations, subsurface sewage licensing, and dry well water regulations with the Dept. of Public Health and Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the recent adoption of the 2015 Fire Prevention Code, which includes changes to NFPA 54, 31, etc.

The continuing education subcommittee will meet on Monday, June 15 for further discussion.

### **4. PSI Examination**

Board Member Frank DaCato reiterated that, at the May 14, 2015 meeting, 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. Frank DaCato also clarified that this request pertains to all licenses covered by this Board. The Board requested that this matter be followed up on by the Department.

### **5. Evaluation of Continuing Education**

Board Member Christopher Bowman elaborated upon the discussion at the May 14, 2015 meeting, in which he expressed his concern regarding continuing education classes at this time. He suggested that the task of monitoring the continuing education evaluation forms for their valuable feedback they provide has been difficult recently due to the low volume of these forms actually being received for review by the Board. In addition, a discussion took place about the advantages and disadvantages of requiring continuing education every year, versus alternate years only, as it is structured at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Geothermal subsurface piping**

Board Member Christopher Bowman inquired about proper licensure for geothermal subsurface piping. The Board discussed geothermal boreholes and the current regulations within this industry. It was noted that the Department had, at one time, been working on geothermal regulations. The Board requested that DCP Staff Attorney Jerry Padula attend next meeting for clarification of the status of these regulations in order to better understand proper licensing.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1. Continuing Education Evaluation Forms**

A discussion took place regarding continuing education evaluation forms. (See Old Business #5 for further details.)

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

### **3. Letter to John Tye, State Building Inspector, requesting clarification of the following question: Is a Uponor system, or equivalent of, allowed for installation under the State of Connecticut basic building code?**

The Board reviewed this letter and requested that the Department follow up on the status of a response to this inquiry. (See Old Business #1)

### **4. E-mail from DAS dated June 5, 2015 Re: Bonding of Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST).**

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

The Board reviewed complaint reports submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open and closed cases.

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

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

### **2015 Meeting Schedule**

- 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**