

# MINUTES

## PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, at 9:33 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Members Present: Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Contractor, Chairperson  
George C. Sima, Well Drilling Contractor  
James Piccoli, Contractor  
Christopher M. Bowman, Contractor  
John R. Damico, Journeyperson  
Anthony Calandrino, Journeyperson  
Hubert J. Barnes, Unlimited Journeyperson  
Frank J. DaCato, Unlimited Journeyperson  
John R. Sullivan, Public Member  
Joyce Topshe, Public Member  
Melissa C. Sheffy, Public Member  
Carl W. Schaefer, Public Member

Member Absent: None

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary

Public Present: Marty Harrington Joe Hilt Jason Grant  
Scott A. Flint Timothy Smith Robert Hurta  
Ermal Torba Vincent Farina Matt Sipala  
Edward Camara Paolo Palumbo Gary Lopiano  
Joshua Furtado Kris Palmer Eric DiLaurenzio  
Greg Ziegler Craig Truax Tony Latuga  
Joel Rivera Nick Disabella Paul V. Leduc  
Ken Muller, III Scott C. Bradway William G. Wass  
Tom Klich John Landry  
Danny Davis Mike Formiglio  
Randy Botwinis Micah Perkins  
Joseph Palermo Gary Barrett

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the December 18, 2008 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting.

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **David Barnett, Holliston, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Barnett did not appear today and the Board took no action.

### **Raymond Benderer, Windgdale, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Benderer did not appear today and the Board took no action.

### **Randy S. Botwinis, Landenberg, PA – (P-9) Limited Contractor – Approved (P-8)**

The Board voted to approve Mr. Botwinis to sit for the (P-8) Limited Journeyman examination, and if he passes, he may apply and sit for the (P-9) Limited Contractor examination. Board member James Piccoli and Melissa C. Sheffy were opposed.

### **Scott Bradway, Ludlow, MA – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Approved (P-6)**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Bradway to sit for the (P-6) Limited Journeyman examination.

### **Jason Bushnell, Windsor Locks, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Bushnell did not appear today and the Board took no action.

### **Edward Camara, Attleboro, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Camara's application.

### **Jason Cloutier, Pawtucket, RI – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Cloutier did not appear today and the Board took no action.

### **Danny Davis, Newark, DE – (P-9) Limited Contractor – Approved (P-8)**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Davis to sit for the (P-8) Limited Journeyman examination, and if he passes, he may apply and sit for the (P-9) Limited Contractor examination. Board member James Piccoli and Melissa C. Sheffy were opposed.

**Eric Dilaurenzio, Morris, CT – (J-3) Limited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dilaurenzio's application due to lack of a required (J-4) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

**Nicholas Disabella, Milford, CT – (P-9) Limited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Disabella's application due to lack of a required (P-8) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

**Vincent Farina, Enfield, CT – (J-3) Limited Contractor – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Farina's application due to lack of a required (J-4) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

**Scott A. Flint, Vernon, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Flint's application.

**Michael J. Formiglio, Jr., Preston, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Formiglio's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

**Joshua Furtado, Fall River, MA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (P-2)**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Furtado to sit for the (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination.

**Joseph Hilt, Charlton, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hilt's application.

**Robert P. Hurta, Bethel, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hurta's application.

**David E. Kappus, Jr., La Grangeville, NY – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action**

Mr. Kappus did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Tom Klich, Lincoln, NE – (J-3) Limited Contractor – Approved (J-4)**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Klich to sit for the (J-4) Limited Journeyman examination.

**Anthony Latuga, N. Oxford, MA – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Latuga's application.

**Sean J. Lawton, South Windsor, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Lawton did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Johnny M. Lewis, Jr., Bridgeport, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Lewis did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Gary Lopiano, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lopiano's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

**Kenneth C. Muller, III, Norwalk, CT – (J-1) Limited Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Muller's application based on a qualifying hardship.

**Kenneth C. Muller, III, Norwalk, CT – (W-1) Limited Water Well Contractor – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Latuga's application based on a qualifying hardship.

**Leonard Novy, Lincoln, ME – (J-2) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Novy did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Joseph S. Palermo, III, Monroe, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Approved (P-6)**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Palermo to sit for the (P-6) Limited Journeyman examination.

**Kristian Palmer, Litchfield, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Palmer's application.

**Paolo Palumbo, Monroe, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied**

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Palumbo's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate. The Board further ordered that Mr. Palumbo's application be forwarded To DCP Trade Practice Division for investigation of unregistered apprentice and lack of contractor license number on notarized stationary provided by Mr. Palumbo's Connecticut employer (PDQ Plumbing & Heating, LLC in Fairfield, CT).

**Micah B. Perkins, Middletown, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Perkins' New York work experience and approved Mr. Perkins' application. The Board further ordered that Mr. Perkins' application be forwarded To DCP Trade Practice Division for investigation of unregistered apprentice by Mr. Perkins' Connecticut employer (Federal Mechanical in Danbury, CT).

**Chris Prater, Salt Point, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Prater did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**David Quagliaroli, III, Meredith, NH – (W-1) Water Supply Contractor – No Action**

Mr. Quagliaroli did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Joel M. Rivera, South Hadley, MA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (P-2)**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Rivera to sit for the (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman examination.

**Henry Ross, Middletown, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Ross did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Timothy A. Smith, Holliston, MA – (J-3) Limited Contractor – Approved (J-4)**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Smith to sit for the (J-4) Limited Journeyman examination.

**Ermal Torba, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Tabled**

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision, contingent upon receipt of verification from the CT Department of Labor, that Mr. Torba's related instruction experience from Albania is equivalent to the required equivalent experience in CT.

**Craig Truax, Bantam, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Truax's application.

**Jeffrey Wedge, Burlington, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – No Action**

Mr. Ross did not appear today and the Board took no action.

**Gregory Ziegler, Ansonia, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – Tabled**

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision, contingent upon receipt of verification from Mr. Ziegler's labor union, that Mr. Ziegler has satisfied the required school related instruction experience.

**LATE ARRIVING APPLICATION**

(The Board voted unanimously to review the following late arriving applications.)

**Kevin R. Boudreau, Oxford, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Boudreau's application.

**Eric Kuck, New Fairfield, CT – (S-8) Limited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Kuck's application.

**Christopher K. Pompilli, S. Deerfield, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved**

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Pompilli's application.

## **REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE**

### **Gary J. Barrett, S. Windsor, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07).**

The Board voted unanimously to allow reinstatement of Mr. Barrett's license with payment of all back fees due and required continuing education due.

### **Christopher Brewer, W. Hartford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/06).**

Mr. Brewer did not appear today and the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of his license.

### **Peter Brown, Stamford, CT – (P-4) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07).**

Mr. Brown did not appear today and the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of his license.

### **Edward T. Catlin, Bridgeport, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07).**

Mr. Catlin did not appear today and the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of his license.

### **Kevin P. Coffey, Ellington, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07).**

Mr. Coffey did not appear today and the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of his license.

### **Jason Grant, Stratford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/06).**

The Board voted unanimously to deny renewal of Mr. Grant's license and is requiring that Mr. Grant re-apply and re-test for his (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license.

### **Martin Harrington, Troy, NY – (W-4) Non-Water Supply Driller (Lapsed 4/30/07).**

The Board voted unanimously to deny renewal of Mr. Harrington's license and is requiring that Mr. Harrington re-apply and re-test for his (W-4) Limited Journeyman license.

### **John M. Landry, Rocky Hill, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/05).**

The Board voted unanimously to deny renewal of Mr. Landry's license and is requiring that Mr. Landry re-apply and re-test for his (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license.

### **J. Wayne Monroe, Lincoln, RI – (P-7) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/02).**

Mr. Monroe did not appear today and the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of his license.

### **Edgar D. Pascua, Berlin, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07).**

Mr. Pascua did not appear today and the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of his license.

### **Matthew P. Sipala, Manchester, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07).**

The Board voted unanimously to allow reinstatement of Mr. Sipala's license with payment of all back fees due and required continuing education due.

### **Kevin W. Wright, Thorndike, MA – (SP-2) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/07).**

Mr. Wright did not appear today and the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of his license.

## **REQUESTING WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR 2008**

### **Salvatore Marino, W. Haven, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson.**

Mr. Marino is requesting waiver or extension of his continuing education due to lack of available funds because he is out of work and has pending litigation on a workers compensation claim.

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Marino's request for waiver or extension of his required continuing education.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

1. Paul Laduc, Secretary for the Plumbing & Mechanical Inspector Association, has been scheduled to appear before the Plumbing at 11:00 a.m. to discuss issues and concerns regarding continuing education requirements for municipal plumbing inspectors.

After further review and discussion concerning this matter, the Board voted to recommend to DCP Commissioner, to recognize Connecticut municipal building inspectors holding a (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license, who have completed the required thirty hours of training over a three year period to maintain their Connecticut municipal building inspector certification, and that these hours be considered toward the required seven hours of continuing education requirement for renewal of their (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license, contingent upon verification that the thirty hour Connecticut municipal building inspector training covers the same continuing education content matter established by this Board. Board member John R. Damico was opposed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence dated 1/6/09 from the Chatham Health District in Haddam, CT, requesting if the following well construction is permitted as follows:

Under formation description, it is noted that the well is sleeved with a 4" P.V.C. pipe because the well was producing fragments due to the softness of the material (Schist) drilled into. The P.V.C. casing would provide protection to the pump, which would not allow those fragments from entering into the pump. Is this allowed per this situation, to insert a 4" P.V.C. pipe into a 6" Cast Iron Casing for a single family home well?

The Board voted unanimously to approve the above well construction technique.

2. Correspondence dated 3/3/09 from the Northeast District Department of Health, requesting if the following well construction is permitted as follows:

The closed-loop geothermal well on the property has a better water yield than the well drilled for drinking water purposes, so the builder would like to use the geothermal well for drinking purposes. According to the well driller, both locations meet all the separating distances per code to drains, septic, etc.

The well driller's question is that he used a 13 lb. pipe for the geothermal well. If he cannot remove the pipe, can he sleeve the pipe and gout it to make it stronger, or does the 13 lb. pipe have to be totally removed and replaced with the correct weight pipe per code for drinking water wells (which is 17 or 19 lbs.)? If he cannot remove the 13 lb. pipe, would he have to re-drill the well in a new location? He also asked about the piping from the well to the house and was told that if that did not meet code, it would have to be removed and replaced with the correct pipe.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the above well construction technique, and is requiring that the well be constructed in accordance with Chapter 482 of the CT Well Drilling Statutes.

3. Correspondence regarding solar thermal and solar electric license types.

The Board voted unanimously in support of Mr. Appleby creating a task force to include Heating Board members in order to establish a course curriculum in support of the ST-1 and ST-2 solar thermal licenses and to produce a resourceful and respected training course based on needs here in New England.

4. Correspondence regarding plumbing and piping continuing education.

Mr. Appleby provided the Board with a draft 2010 plumbing education curriculum outline for review and input.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Board expressed concern about plumbing license holder not complying with the required continuing education, and is inquiring on steps DCP is taking to conduct a continuing education audit and enforcement.
2. The Board is requesting that DCP conduct verification of medical gas installation and brazer certification concerning license holders renewing their “Medical Gas & Vacuum Systems Work” license.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Board Secretary

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.**