

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JANUARY 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Chairperson, at 9:38 a.m. in Room-126 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
John R. Damico, Unlimited Journeyperson
Hubert J. Barnes, Unlimited Journeyperson
Frank J. DaCato, Unlimited Journeyperson
Melissa C. Sheffy, Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer, Public Member

Member Absent: Anthony Calandrino, Journeyperson
John R. Sullivan, Public Member
Joyce Topshe, Public Member
Christopher M. Bowman, Contractor

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon

Public Present: Chris Sanseverino
Russell Andren
Michael Bellantoni
William Lussier
Laurence Masse
Jacob Dudzik
Elliot Brandofino, Sr.
Craig Cilley
John F. Crowe, III
Amalio Salerno
Manuel Rodriguez

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the November 15, 2010 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting with amendments to page-2 under "Applications" regarding Brain Sheehan, to reflect Mr. Sheehan rather than Ms. Sheehan and to reflect denial of Mr. Sheehan's (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license application.

APPLICATIONS

Russell Andren, Wappingers Falls, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Andren's application due to lack of required documentation regarding his occupational school related instruction experience.

Michael Bellantoni, White Plains, NY – (J-3) Limited Contractor – Denied

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

Drew A. Bencivenni, Chicopee, MA – (J-4) Limited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Bencivenni's application due to lack of required documentation regarding his occupational school related instruction experience.

Elliot J. Brandofino, Chicopee, MA – (J-4) Limited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Brandofino's application due to lack of required documentation regarding his occupational school related instruction experience.

Nathan J. Brown, Greenfield, MA – (P-7) Limited Contractor – No Action

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

Craig Cilley, Chicopee, MA – (J-4) Limited Journeyperson – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Cilley's application due to lack of required documentation regarding his occupational school related instruction experience.

Jacob W. Dudzik, Southington, CT – (SP-1) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dudzik's application due to lack of a required (SP-2) Limited Journeyperson license for a minimum of two years.

Joseph N. Guedes, Trumbull, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – No Action

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

Laurence E. Masse, Wolcott, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Zackary McFadden, Milford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – No Action

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

Amalio Salerno, Wallingford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table Mr. Salerno's application, contingent upon receipt and review of notarized statement from his occupational employer(s) in Italy attesting to his dates and duties of employment for credit consideration toward his occupational related experience.

Christopher Sanseverino, Poughkeepsie, NY – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sanseverino's application, contingent upon receipt of notarized statement from (K. Mason) verifying his occupational school related instruction experience.

Francesco Scaturchio, Stamford, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – No Action

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

Nick Vitiello, Norwalk, CT – (SP-1) Limited Contractor – No Action

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

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

Manuel Rodriguez, Plainfield, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/09).

The Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of Mr. Rodriguez's license and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his license.

COMPLAINT REPORT

The Board expressed frustration and concern about the number of complaints being closed without any imposed fines or penalties concerning a variety of violations warranting fines and/or penalties for the occurring activity by unlicensed individuals and employers not following CT occupational trade licensing laws and regulations, which such activity may have the potential of wiping out half of a town. The Board feels that while the Plumbing Board is turning applicants away for lacking required credentials and their employers not following CT licensure and apprenticeship laws and regulations, violators are continuing to operate in CT without required licensure. The Board feels that DCP needs to send a strong message that violators will not be tolerated.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. DaCato informed the Board about correspondence he received from Richard M. Hurlburt, DCP Licensing Division Director relating to combustion testing work and indicating that there is no licensure requirement to perform such test. The Board expressed concern with having unlicensed individuals putting a pin hole on the ventilation apparatus and not having knowledge about the required necessary adjustments that need to be made. The Board mentioned a lawsuit thirteen years ago against Southern Gas, which resulted in the requirement of a Public Service Technician license to perform similar type of work.

The Board was informed that the Heating Board will be addressing "Combustion Testing" work and required licensure for such work at their meeting scheduled for March 2, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126, located at the Department of Consumer Protection, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mondays --- January 24, March 21, May, 16, July 18, September 19, November 21.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room-126.