

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Appleby, Sr., Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. in Room-117 at 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, Unlimited Journeyman
Frank J. DaCato, Unlimited Journeyman
Melissa C. Sheffy, Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer, Public Member

Member Absent: Hubert J. Barnes, Unlimited Journeyman
Anthony Calandrino, Unlimited Journeyman
Joyce Topshe, Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Richard M. Hurlburt
Richard Maloney
Bill Zenga

Public Present: Bonnie Becker
Gerald Torres
Joseph Kingston

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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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2012 meeting as corrected, and approved the minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting as written. Board Member Frank DaCato abstained.

APPLICATIONS

FRANKLIN A. DIAZ, Manchester, CT – (P-2) - Denied

Mr. Diaz did not appear and the Board unanimously denied his application.

JOSEPH A. MASCOLO, JR., Terryville, CT – (P-2) - Denied

The Board unanimously denied Mr. Mascolo, Jr.'s application due to the lack of an apprenticeship completion certificate.

GERALDO O. TORRES, Bridgeport, CT – (P-2) - Tabled

The Board tabled Mr. Torres' application for further information to be obtained by the Trade Practice Division.

JAMES C. COOMBS, JR., Putnam Valley, NY – (P-2) - Tabled

The Board tabled Mr. Coombs, Jr.'s application and requested he appear in person before the Board.

WILLIAM R. MURCH, Mystic, CT P-2 CT – (P-2)

The Board unanimously denied Mr. Murch's application due to the lack of an apprenticeship completion certificate.

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATIONS

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

JUSTIN B CHAFFEE, Springfield, MA – (P-2)

The Board unanimously denied Mr. Chaffee's application due to lack of documentation of 8,000 hours of on the job training and 720 hours of classroom trade-related instruction.

ANTHONY J LOUGHRAN, Huntington, MA – (P-2)

The Board unanimously denied Mr. Loughran's application due to lack of documentation of 8,000 hours of on the job training and 720 hours of classroom trade-related instruction.

OLD BUSINESS

The Plumbing and Piping Board voted in favor of an alternative gas related continuing education course for License P-2 Journeyman for the 2013 renewal year offered by the Department of Construction Services by a vote of six to two, with Board Members Frank DaCato and Melissa Sheffy opposed.

Licensed P-2 Journeymen now have two Board approved course options for 2013 continuing education.

Connecticut Licensed P-2 type Journeyman's may take the following 7 hour course of study and receive Continuing Education credit that is required of the P-2 Licensed Journeyman for license renewal year of 2013 in lieu of taking the Plumbing and Piping Boards specific P-2 course for 2013.

Licensee does still have the option of taking the Board specific course outline of 5 hours at one of the Board approved schools which are listed on the Consumer Protection web site. www.ct.gov/dcp

To all persons interested: Please note that advertisement of such course and the specific contact information and details on course dates, locations and time's will be forth coming in the beginning of the year **2013**.

Course Title: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Properties and Potential Hazards

Cost: "FREE"

School Provider:

Office of Education and Data Management
Department of Construction Services

The Office of State Fire Marshal in conjunction with the Office of the State Building Inspector, DCS, has developed a seven-hour training program, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Properties and Potential Hazards (based on NFPA 58)

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

The Board reviewed the report on the 2011 continuing education audit for P-2 licensees.

As a result of the audit, audit letters were sent to 330 of the active 2430 P-2 license holders requesting they show proof of having taken the Board prescribed course prior to license renewal, or if not taken, or taken after renewal, to produce a copy of their completion certificate and assessing a \$100 civil penalty for the violation. The Board reviewed a report of those cases thus far resulting in a civil penalty assessment as well as other Plumbing complaints closed within the last month.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a notice of retirement of Mr. Raymond Jarema of the Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section, who has retired after 40 years of State service. The Board wishes him their congratulations and best wishes for the future.

The Board discussed changes to the homeowner exemptions pertaining to gas related installation and supply.

The Board further discussed possible proposed legislation limiting the sale of fuel equipment unless such person is licensed or the home owner has a copy of a permit for purchase of such supplies related to oil and gas.

The Board reviewed and discussed Substitute Senate Bill No.1111, Public Act No. 03-172, An Act Concerning the Sale of Electric, Gas and Oil Fired Heating Units.

Remaining 2012 Meeting Schedule

9:00 a.m. in Room-117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

- **October 11 – Thursday**
- **November 8 – Thursday**
- **December 6 – Thursday**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Hurlburt
Director

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room-117.