

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD

OCTOBER 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Christopher M. Bowman, Acting Chairperson at 9:30 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
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Anthony Santoro, Administrative Hearings Attorney
Helen Hillman, Consumer Information Representative

Public Present: Jaroslaw Galezowski Duane Blische
Adam Nietupski David Moahley
Jane Carier Geoffrey Dubuc
Danny Larrier James Przyborowski
Craig Lund Chris Scinto
Rick Buge Ken Duff
Jason Trick Owen Golding
Jerald Sanborn
Thomas Mahau

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APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Christopher M. Bowman as Acting Chairperson for today's meeting due to Mr. Appleby's late arrival to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the August 21, 2008 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting.

APPLICATIONS

Duane Blische, Winsted, CT – (W-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Danny Carrier, Bristol, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

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

Scot J. Chevrier, Prospect, CT – (J-3) Limited Contractor – No Action

Mr. Chevrier was not present at today's meeting and the Board took no action on his application.

Geoffrey K. Dubuc, Ledyard, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dubuc's application due to lack of a required (P-6) Limited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years. Mr. Dubuc was informed by the Board that he may appear before them after passing his (P-6) Limited Journeyman examination for waiver consideration of the two year requirement.

Jaroslav Galezowski, Stamford, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Approved (P-2)

Applicant changed license category to (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Galezowski's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman application.

Joseph W. Lovejoy, Cheshire, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Lovejoy's application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate, and that Mr. Lovejoy not be placed on future agendas until he has acquired a "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate.

Adam Nietupski, Stamford, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

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

Jonathan Piela, Tolland, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – Approved (W-8)

Applicant changed license category to (W-8) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Piela's (W-8) Limited Journeyman application.

James J. Przyborowski, Colchester, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Approved (W-8)

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Przyborowski's (P-7) Limited Contractor application due to lack of a required "Letter of Apprenticeship Completion" certificate. Applicant changed license category to (W-8) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Przyborowski's (W-8) Limited Journeyman application, and if he passes the (W-8) Limited Journeyman examination, he may apply for the (W-9) Limited Contractor license and must appear before the Board for waiver of the six month requirement as a (W-8) Limited Journeyman.

Jerald Sanborn, Windsor, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision on Mr. Sanborn's application, contingent upon receiving notarized statements from his occupational related employers attesting to dates and duties of employment (2,000 hours) and transcripts concerning his school related instruction experience (144 hours).

Jason Trick, Avon, CT – (P-6) Limited Journeyman – Tabled

The Board voted unanimously to table their decision on Mr. Trick's application, contingent upon receiving notarized statements from his occupational related employers attesting to dates and duties of employment (2,000 hours) and transcripts concerning his school related instruction experience (144 hours).

Errol Walker, Hartford, CT – (P-7) Limited Contractor – Tabled

Applicant changed his license category to (P-6) Limited Journeyman. The Board voted unanimously to table their decision on Mr. Walker's application, contingent upon receiving notarized statements, on company stationary, from his occupational related employers attesting to dates and duties of employment (2,000 hours) and transcripts concerning his school related instruction experience (144 hours).

REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED LICENSE

Ronald A. Abate, Hope Valley, RI – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/06) – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Abate's reinstatement request and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license. Board member Hubert J. Barnes was opposed.

Steve E. Cook, Harwinton, CT – (J-4) Limited Journeyman (Lapsed 10/31/05) – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Cook's reinstatement request and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (J-4) Limited Journeyman license. Board member Hubert J. Barnes was opposed.

Craig Lund, Higganum, CT – (J-3) Limited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/05) – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Lund's reinstatement request and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (J-3) Limited Contractor license. Board member Hubert J. Barnes was opposed.

Joseph P. Maiorana, Salem, CT – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor (Lapsed 10/31/05) – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Maiorana's request and is requiring him to re-apply and re-test for his (P-1) Unlimited Contractor license. Board member Hubert J. Barnes was opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter date 9/14/08 from Steven J. Grudzien, CT Plumbing Contractor, expressing his overall poor evaluation and displeasure of a plumbing continuing education course he participated in.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Plumbing Board Continuing Education Committee to provide continuing education outline for the following:

- 2010 – Contractor types.
- 2011 – Journeyman types.

The Board unanimously tabled this matter to their next meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2008, for discussion and review of draft outline to be prepared by the Continuing Education Committee.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In the Matter of Christian M. Scinto Docket No. 06-2121

A Formal Administrative hearing was held on this matter 2/15/07 and the hearing was concluded. The Board recommended at their 2/15/07 meeting to issue an Immediate Order of Discontinuance consisting of a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$14,500.00 and revocation of Mr. Scinto's (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license if the Civil Penalty is not paid in full within ninety days or Mr. Scinto fails to establish a payment plan agreeable to DCP. The Board decided at their 6/21/07 meeting to agree with the recommendation made by the Board at their 2/15/07 meeting. Mr. Scinto requested a reconsideration of the Board's 6/21/07 decision and his reconsideration was scheduled for the Board's 12/20/07 meeting, which Mr. Scinto was a no-show. After further review and discussion on this matter at the Board's 12/20/07 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to agree to a payment plan consisting of a \$7,000.00 initial payment within sixty days of 12/20/07 and monthly payments of \$500.00 until the \$14,500.00 Civil Penalty is paid in full.

Mr. Scinto appeared before the Board at their 8/21/08 meeting and provided testimony in support of his request for reconsideration, which he claims financial hardship, poor health condition and work restrictions. After further input and discussion concerning this matter at the 8/21/08 meeting, the Board voted to table their decision until their next meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008, subject to receipt and review of medical documentation from Mr. Scinto's as it relates to his current health condition and work restrictions. Board member Hubert J. Barnes recused himself from participating on this matter.

Mr. Scinto appeared today before the Board and presented them with medical reports for their review. After further discussion on this matter, the Board voted to table the matter for six months and have Mr. Scinto appear before them for re-evaluation of his employment capacity. Board member Hubert J. Barnes recused himself from participating on this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117.