

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

MAY 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order by David J. Waskowicz, Acting Chairman, at 9:37 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz, - Unlimited Journeyperson, Acting Chairman
Kevin Wypychoski – Contractor
Anthony D. Moscato - Fire Marshal
Ralph Carl Miller - Fire Marshal
Luis A. Coreano - Public Member
James M. Barry, Public Member

Members Absent: Robert W. Hollis, III – Contractor
William Zisk, Sr. - Public Member

Board Vacancies: One Sprinkler Fitter Journeyperson

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Helen Hillman, Consumer Information Representative

Public Present: Bill Rhodes

Note: The administrative functions of this Commission are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division.
For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the March 27, 2007 meeting, with amendments to page-6 under "New Business", to reflect the Board's concern regarding a letter from Barrieau Oil Company, Inc. dated 12/6/06 and made part of the Board's 1/23/07 meeting agenda, which claims doing fire protection work and the letter does not reflect a fire protection contractor license number on it, and on page-6 under "Formal Administrative Hearings", to reflect Thomas Charles was not present at the 3/27/07 Board meeting concerning his Formal Administrative Hearing.

APPLICATIONS

Richard L. Astacio, Stamford, CT – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor Application – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Astacio's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Chad A. Dubuc, Norton, MA – (F-1) Unlimited Contractor Application – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Dubuc's application due to lack of a required (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

Brian R. Gontarz, Medford, MA – (F-4) Limited Journeyman Application – Denied

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

David G. Jones, Quincy, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman Application – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Jones' application due to non-completion of the required occupational and school related instructional experience.

Joseph F. Spaeder, Drexel Hill, PA – (F-3) Limited Contractor Application – Denied

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

LATE ARRIVING APPLICATION

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

Daniel J. Holiday, Cincinnati, OH – (F-3) Limited Contractor Application – Denied

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

JULY 24, 2007 MEETING CHANGE

The Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting scheduled Tuesday, July 24, 2007 has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, August 21, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Acting Chairman David J. Waskowicz informed the Board that no meeting took place with DCP Commissioner to discuss the Board's opposition to the proposed regulation establishing an (F-7) and/or (F-8) limited residential sprinkler license category and fragmentation of the existing (F-1) Unlimited Contractor & (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license category. However, the two proposed limited residential sprinkler license category have been withdrawn.
2. Board member Ralph Carl Miller informed the Board that Kevin Kowalski, Simsbury Fire Marshal, has been advocating in support of establishing a limited residential sprinkler license category at the recent CT Fire Marshal Association Executive Board meeting. Mr. Miller explained to Mr. Kowalski the Board's opposition to the fragmentation of the existing (F-1) Unlimited Contractor and (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman license category.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Hurlburt informed the Board that Friday, May 25, 2007 is the bidding deadline for the DCP occupational trade vendor testing contract. The bidding vendors in attendance at a mandatory vendor conference were Promissor, Thompson Pro Metric and PSI Examination Services.
2. Mr. Hurlburt asked the Board if a fourth examination can be granted to applicants failing their examination three times. The Board said "we cannot re-write state statutes".
3. The Board asked how applications are handled concerning convicted felons. Mr. Hurlburt informed the Board that all "CHRO" applications are processed internally on a case-by-case basis.

4. The Board requested that DCP Trade Enforcement Division provide them with a report concerning the status of all Fire Protection complaints received. The Board also asked about applications not coming before them. Mr. Hurlburt referenced a letter from Jack Guererra with the CT Department of Labor. The Board said that DCP cannot circumvent the Board.
5. Board member Luis A. Coreano asked if there is a better way of making the application process easier. Mr. Hurlburt informed the Board that information is available on the DCP website regarding the application process and that licensure qualifying requirements are also provided by the CT Department of Labor during registration of apprentices.
6. Board member Ralph Carl Miller informed the Board on the Fire Prevention code moving forward, with a review of twenty five chapters so far, and that his engineering staff is reviewing the remainder of chapters, searching for conflicts in statutes, and hopefully going through legislative review this fall. Mr. Miller reports on an ICC meeting scheduled in Rochester, to be attended by some of his people and that the building and fire codes are almost finished, mostly consisting of technical content.
7. Mr. Miller informed the Board on an Issue in New Haven, CT, relating to where the water supply is coming from, in which they want to supply it from another existing building, which can't be done under the current "NFPA-13" standards adopted. However, there is some talk within the technical committee where they may allow it in the next version.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Board Secretary

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2007, at 9:30 A.M. in Room 117.