

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005

In attendance: William Riley

William O'Brien

Leo Champagne

Jeffrey J. Hutton

William Garcia

Michael St. Martin

Anthony Cardarelli

Michael St. Martin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Board member Michael Newman is not in attendance for today's meeting.

The first item on the agenda is approval of the minutes of the previous Board meeting held on Tuesday, September 20, 2005. Mr. William O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Leo Champagne seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There are three (3) appeal hearings on the agenda today for which

there is a court reporter. Mr. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing Investigator, was sworn in by the court reporter.

APPEAL HEARINGS:

1. Standish Heating & Air Conditioning – Violation #2416

The first appeal hearing on the agenda pertains to Standish Heating & Air Conditioning. Mr. Luther informed the board that Mr. Charles Wright, RIDLT Investigator is not available today to provide testimony on this violation therefore it has been postponed until the November meeting.

2. Salvatore Soscia – Revocation of License – Violation # 2466

The second hearing today pertains to Mr. Salvatore Soscia. Mr. Soscia is present and sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. Luther read the revocation notice: On March 24, 2005, Mr. Salvatore Soscia (MP01162) was issued a permit from the City of Warwick, RI for the installation of plumbing at the residence of Mr. Richard Gaynor, 62 Brayton Avenue, Cranston, RI. Mr. Soscia did not install the system. The plumbing work was installed by Mr. Michael Tomaselli, 50 Benson Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888 is not an officer or director of Mr. Soscia's company.

Please appear before the Board of Examiners of Plumbers for a hearing regarding RIGL 5-20-27 (3) "GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE" at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 9:00 am at the Rhode Island department of Labor & Training, Division of Professional Regulation, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 70, Cranston, RI 02920 – 2nd Floor Conference room.

Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Riley made a motion that a finding of fact has been made by the Board that a violation of RIGL 5-20-8 "Practices for which master's license required" did occur, and to recommend to the Director that the fine of \$500 be upheld. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

3. J. Zarrella Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc – Violation # 2443

The third appeal on the agenda pertains to J. Zarrella Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. Mr. Joseph Zarrella is present and is sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. Luther read the violation: It is alleged that on July 26, 2005, Mr. Joseph Zarrella of J. Zarrella Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc., did have Mark E. Bell and Jeffrey C. Calbert, Jr., installing plumbing at Target, Lincoln Mall, George Washington Highway, Lincoln, RI without valid RI Plumbing licenses. This is a violation of RIGL 5-20-9 "acts for which a journey person license is required". (2 Violations)

Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Hutton made a motion that a finding of fact has been made by the Board that two (2) violations of RIGL 5-20-9 "acts for which a journey person license is required" did occur but to recommend to the Director the fine be suspended for a twelve-month period. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

This concludes today's hearings.

Mr. Walter Parker addressed the board to ask for a waiver of the one-year waiting period to test for the master plumber exam based on his past experience.

Mr. Reilly made a motion to recommend that Mr. Parker's past work experience qualify his to sit for the exam. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There was no further business before the Board.

Mr. Riley made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Board of Examiners of Plumbers is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the RI Department of Labor & Training, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 70, 2nd floor conference room, Cranston, RI 02920.