

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE
Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room
Cranston, RI 02920**

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007

In attendance Michael St. Martin, Chair

E. Patrick Luther

Leo Champagne

Jeffery Hutton

William Riley

Michael Newman

Anthony Cardarelli

Those not in attendance: William Garcia

Mr. St. Martin, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mr. St. Martin asked if the Board had reviewed the minutes. Anthony Cardarelli made a motion to approve the minutes and Michael Newman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

There was one hearing scheduled for today. Anthony Marandola of Merit Mechanical (#3047) and RIDLT Plumbing Investigator, E. Patrick Luther were sworn in by the Board stenographer.

E. Patrick Luther read the violation: On January 18, 2007, Merit Mechanical of 224 Minnesota Avenue, Warwick, RI did have Mr. Brian Walsh, Plumbing Apprentice No. 17324, working unsupervised at Saugatucket Springs Elderly Housing, 11 Townhouse Road, Hopkinton, RI. This is one (1) violation of RIGL 5-20-9 "Acts for which a journey person license is required". "Acts for which journey person license is required."

Jeffery Hutton made a motion that a Finding of Fact did occur and that one (1) violation of RIGL 5-20-9 "Acts for which a journey person license is required" and that Anthony Marandola of Merit Mechanical is guilty of RIGL 5-20-30. Leo Champagne seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeffrey Hutton made a motion that the fine of \$500.00 be suspended for one (1) year period pending any further violations. William Riley seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Motion carried. Michael St. Martin, Chairperson, advised Mr. Marandola that he will receive a recommendation from the Director in writing. There were no other hearings today.

Other Business:

Leo Champagne advised the Board that we should give some sign of recognition to Mr. William O'Brien, who after many, many years on the Board, has recently resigned. The Board suggested getting a proclamation from the Governor's office for his dedication and many years on the Board. E. Patrick Luther will talk to his state representative about getting this reward for Mr. O'Brien, and if Mr. O'Brien is well enough, he can come before the Board at one of our meetings and have the Director award Mr. O'Brien with the proclamation.

A question was brought to the Board by E. Patrick Luther to discuss if a Master Plumber can sign up an irrigation apprentice, who has 25 years with a company. The answer is yes and the Master Plumber has to keep track of his hours, only if he is doing irrigation work. The Master Plumber cannot sign up an irrigation apprentice as a plumber, since we do not have a ratio to do that. The irrigation apprentice can get hours for plumbing and irrigation and the Company would have to

keep track of all of the hours and then the apprentice would have to sit for the plumbing exam to get licensed to do plumbing work. If the apprentice is doing plumbing work and is not licensed properly, he would be in violation.

E. Patrick Luther passed out material regarding apprenticeship registrations. William Riley made a motion to accept the new apprenticeship registrations and Michael Newman seconded the motion. All other Board members were in favor.

There was no further business before the Board. Review of applications was made after the Board meeting adjourned.

Mr. Riley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeffrey Hutton seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. Board meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Plumbers Board will be June 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, Department of Labor and Training, second floor conference room, Cranston, RI 02920.

Respectively submitted by Elaine J. Heiss, May 15, 2007