

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS  
TUESDAY, May 19, 2009  
9:00 A.M.**

**In attendance: William Riley**

**Richard Mandarinini**

**Vincent Walsh**

**Michael Newman**

**Michael Raposa**

**Larry Giorgi**

**Anthony Cardarelli**

**Michael St. Martin, Chairperson**

**E. Patrick Luther, Chief Investigator**

**Ben Copple, Legal**

**Meeting was called to order at 9:12 am by Michael St. Martin.**

**A motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting was made by Anthony Cardarelli and seconded by Michael Newman. Passed unanimously by the board.**

**Hearings:**

1) Steven Divona-viol #3666-Pat Luther and Steven Divona were sworn in. Mr. Luther stated that this is a continuation from last months meeting and Mr. Divona has since removed his name from Butler Property Services.

Date of violation March 23, 2009, location at the Warwick Beacon, the violation is as follows: RIGL 5-20-12-“corporations and firms engaged in business (d), and RIGL 5-20-27-“grounds for revocation of license”. On Thursday, March 5, 2009, Steven Divona did place an advertisement in the Warwick Beacon for Divona Plumbing and Heating. Mr. Divona has on record with the RI Department of Labor a letter and corporate papers stating that he is the Master Plumber representing Butler Property Services inc., Providence, Rhode Island. As per RIGL 5-20-12 (d) Mr. Divona’s Master Plumbers license may only be used for one business that being Butler Property Services Inc. As per RIGL 5-20-12(g) the use of MP 001354 license for more that one business is grounds for revocation. A hearing will be held at the Rhode Island Department of Labor on April 21, 2009, building 70, second floor conference room at 9 am for the revocation of Master Plumber license #MP001354, your attendance is required. Failure to appear will result in the suspension of your license. Mr. Divona addressed the board and the board questioned Mr. Divona. Michael Newman made a motion that viol #3666 did occur on RIGL 5-20-12 (d) seconded by Bill Riley. Passed unanimously by the board. Michael Newman made a motion that Mr. Divona’s license not be revoked, seconded by Larry Giorgi. Passed unanimously by the

**board.**

**End of hearings.**

**Louis Pastore addressed the board, requesting to be allowed to take the journeyman's exam based on experience, according to RIGL 5-20-16 (b) Notwithstanding anything set forth in this section to the contrary, the prerequisites set forth in subsection (a) of this section may be waived, and the requirements of this section met, if the applicant submits evidence, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the department of labor and training, that the applicant possesses the requisite skill, expertise, education, experience, training, and other qualities or qualifications to take the examination for a license as a master plumber or master irrigator. The board questioned Mr. Pastore. Bill Riley made a motion to allow Mr. Pastore to take the journeyman's exam seconded by Larry Giorgi. Passed unanimously by the board.**

**Ben Copple, legal addressed the board regarding apprentices being indentured. Apprentices will no longer be registered with the plumbing board but will go through the State Apprenticeship Council.**

**Bill Riley made a motion that new plumbing apprentices be registered with the SAC as of today, seconded by Michael Newman passed unanimously by the board.**

**Discussion on plumbing appurtenance, anything associated with plumbing in code. Bill Riley made a motion to send Local 94,**

**Carpenters union a letter from plumbing board and a cc to Dimeo Construction regarding the plumbing appurtenance, seconded by Larry Giorgi. Passed unanimously by the board.**

**Anthony Cardarelli addressed the board in regard to landscapers not being license to install lawn sprinklers. Michael Raposa made a motion to bring information to the board regarding this, seconded by Bill Riley. Passed unanimously by the board.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by William Riley and seconded by Michael Newman.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am am.**

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 9 am.**