

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS
TUESDAY, March 16, 2010
9:00 A.M.**

In attendance: Michael St. Martin, Chairman

Michael Newman

Michael Raposa

William Riley

Larry Giorgi

Vincent Walsh

E. Patrick Luther, Chief Investigator

Ben Copple, Legal

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Michael St. Martin.

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

Hearings:

1) Mike Baird, Mike's Professional Tree Service Inc. (viol#3815). All parties are sworn in. Pat Luther read the violation:

On or about September 29 thru 30th, Mike's Professional Tree Service, Mike Baird contracted was contracted to install a water line at Greenwich Village, 217-227 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI by the State of RI Water Resources board. Mr. Baird does not have a Master Plumber License in the state of Rhode Island, this is a violation of RIGL 5-20-8-"practices for which a masters license required", Mike's Professional Tree Service does not have a Master Plumber within its firm or corporation, this is a violation of RIGL 5-20-12-"Corporations and firms engaged in service", and at the time of the inspection no permit was taken in the State of RI for the water line installation at the building code commission as required by law, a violation of RIGL 5-20-26-"Municipal inspectors and installation permits". Three violations at \$500.00 each for a total fine of \$1500.00. The board questioned Mr. Luther. Atty Fred Volpe representing Mike's Professional Tree Service questioned Mr. Luther. Atty Volpe also addressed the board and questioned Mr. Baird. Mike Raposa made a motion that violation #3815 of RIGL 5-20-8, 5-20-12, and 5-20-26 did occur, seconded by Vincent Walsh. Passed unanimously by the board. Mike Raposa made a motion the fine of \$500.00 for RIGL 5-20-8 be raised to the maximum of \$950.00, RIGL 5-20-12 be raised to the maximum of \$950.00 and RIBL 5-20-26 be raised to the maximum of \$950.00 for a total of \$2850.00, seconded by Vincent Walsh. Passed unanimously by the board.

End of hearing.

Two applications before the board: 1) Raymond Cardoza, journeyplumber asking to take exam has a license in California, needs more information.

2) Carl Taylor has journeyman asking to take Master exam, has to wait until August.

Applications were submitted for apprentices; a motion to accept was made by William Riley and seconded by Michael Newman. Passed unanimously by the board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Newman and seconded by Bill Riley. Passed unanimously by the board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 9 am.