

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

1511 Pontiac Avenue

Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005

9:00 A.M.

In attendance: Peter Lombardi

Harold A. Gill

John A. Webster

Stanley Davies

Ronald Cronin

Michael Carreiro

Chester Stewart

Board members Kenneth Aurecchia, Frank Babbitt and Bobby Joe Harris are not in attendance for today's meeting.

Mr. Babbitt called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

There are two (2) hearings scheduled for today, for which there is a board stenographer.

HEARINGS:

1. Gem Mechanical Services – Violation # 2228

The first appeal hearing on the agenda pertains to Gem Mechanical Services. Attorney Stephen Brusini is representing Gem Mechanical today. Mr. Charles Wright and Mr. Ted Whittaker (RIDLT Investigators) are present and are sworn in by the board stenographer.

Mr. Whittaker read the violation: It is alleged, that on or about December 15, 2004, an alleged employee (John Marion, 20 Apple House Drive, Cranston, RI) of Gem Plumbing & Heating Inc., repaired a steam boiler at Vinton Avenue, Providence, RI without the proper RI Pipefitter license. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-28 “practices for which a license is required”.

Upon review of the testimony and documents presented today, Mr. Carreiro made a motion to uphold the violations. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

2. Aurie’s Plumbing & Heating – Violation # 1827

The second hearing for today is with regard to Aurie’s Plumbing & Heating. Mr. Ernest Auriemma is present and sworn in by the board

stenographer.

Mr. Whittaker read the violation: It is alleged that in January, 2004, Mr. Ernest J. Auriemma, d/b/a Aurie's Plumbing & Heating did contract with David Studley of Patriot Oil, to install an oil fired hot water heating boiler at 14 Hepburn Street, West Warwick, RI 02893 without the proper RI license. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-5 "practices for which a master or contractor license is required".

Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Lombardi made a motion to suspend the violation for a one-year period. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Mr. Davies informed Mr. Auriemma that should any violation occur within this period, the fine would be activated.

Mr. Davies then asked the board if they have had an opportunity to review the minutes of last month's meeting. Mr. Lombardi made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

This concludes the hearings.

Other Business:

Mr. Wright presented to the board a letter and supporting documentation he has received from Mr. Victor Bergeron requesting

consideration to test for the Master Mechanical License. Upon review of the information presented, Mr. Lombardi made a motion to allow Mr. Bergeron to test. Mr. Webster seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Lombardi then presented a resume from a Newport Naval Base employee to give to the board for consideration for testing. Mr. Whittaker stated that in the past, this board has not granted any requests from Naval Base employees to test, but he would look at the resume.

Mr. Wright then informed the board of some pending legislation to restrict Board members of some their current responsibilities and duties. In particular, a Board Member's right to go on job sites to check RI licenses and their current role in the testing process. Mr. Lombardi stated that he feels the function of this Board is being reduced to hearing appeals of violations and nothing more and is against this legislation.

With no further business, Mr. Carreiro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am. Mr. Lombardi seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The next meeting of the Mechanical Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, second floor conference room.