

**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, AUGUST 3, 2005**

**9:00 A.M.**

**In attendance: Stanley Davies**

**Michael Carreiro**

**Chester Stewart**

**Kenneth Aurecchia**

**John Webster**

**Peter Lombardi**

**Ronald Cronin**

**Bobby Joe Harris**

**Board member Frank Babbitt is not in attendance for today's meeting.**

**Mr. Davies called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.**

**There are six (6) hearings scheduled today for which there is a board stenographer.**

**1. RJ Sanders, Inc. – Violation # 2321**

**2. RJ Sanders, Inc. – Violation # 2322**

**The first two appeal hearings today are with RJ Sanders, Inc. Mr. David Sanders, Attorney Daniel Silva, RIDLT Investigators E. Patrick Luther, Edward Whittaker and Charles Wright are present and sworn in by the board stenographer.**

**Mr. Whittaker read the violations: Violation # 2321 – It is alleged that on February 24, 2005, Mr. Charles Wright, RIDLT Investigator did find two (2) alleged employees (Eugene S. Panzitta, 2352 West Shore Road, Warwick RI and David P. Harrison, 116 Wendell Road, Pawtucket RI) of RJ Sanders installing mechanical equipment at the new building (Plat 56 – Lot 257) located at Save the Bay, 100 Bay View Drive, Providence, RI without the proper RI mechanical licenses. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required" (2 Violations). Further, no permit was issued by the City of Providence. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits".**

**Violation #2 – It is alleged that on February 24, 2005, Mr. Charles Wright, RIDLT Investigator did find two (2) alleged employees (Rick Mendes, 651 Pine Street, Fall River, MA and Norman J. Joseph, 1039 S. Main Street, Fall River, MA) of RJ Sanders repairing mechanical**

**equipment at the Incinerator building located at Narragansett Bay Commission, 2 Ernest Street, Providence, RI without the proper RI mechanical licenses. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-28 “practices for which a license is required” (2 Violations).**

**With regard to Violation # 2321 - based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Carreiro made a motion to uphold the fines for violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required" and RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits". Mr. Webster seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**With regard to Violation # 2322 - based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Carreiro made a motion to uphold the violations of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required" for Violation # 2322. Mr. Aurecchia seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

### **3. Fire Guard Systems – Violation # 2399**

**The next appeal hearing today is with regard to Fire Guard Systems. Mr. Albert G. Rose is representing Fire Guard and is sworn in by the board stenographer.**

**Mr. Wright read the violation: It is alleged, that on May 5, 2005, RIDLT Investigator, Mr. E. Patrick Luther, did find two (2) alleged employees (R.T. Sousa, Apprentice #15683 and James Holohen, 14 Meredith**

Drive, Coventry, RI) of Mr. Al Rose of Fire Guard Systems performing work on a fire sprinkler system at Bristol Court House, 240 High Street, Bristol, RI without the proper supervision. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-4.3 "Pipefitter apprentice, Refrigeration/Air Conditioning apprentice, Journeyperson Sprinkler fitter apprentice, journeyperson sheet metal worker apprentice" defined – Duration of apprentice programs. Further, Mr. Holohen is not properly licensed as an apprentice in the State of Rhode Island. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required".

Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Webster made a motion to suspend the fines for violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required" for a 12-month period. Mr. Cronin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

#### **4. Jade Sprinkler Corp. – Violation # 2401**

The next appeal hearing today is with regard to Jade Sprinkler Corp. Ms. Janet Sefakis is representing Jade Sprinkler Corp., and is sworn in by the board stenographer.

Mr. Wright read the violation: It is alleged that on May 31, 2005, a complaint was received from the Town of Bristol that in September 2000, Ms. Janet Sefakis of Jade Sprinkler did contract for and install a fire sprinkler system at the Bristol Court House, 240 High Street, Bristol, RI without a valid RI Fire Protection license. This is a

**violation of RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits".**

**Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Aurecchia made a motion to dismiss the fine for violation of RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits". Mr. Webster seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

#### **5. David Norton – Violation # 2403**

**The next appeal hearing today with David Norton who is present and sworn in by the board stenographer.**

**Mr. Whittaker read the violation. It is alleged that on June 9, 2005, City of Providence Chief Mechanical Inspector, Mr. Frank Babbitt filed a complaint that David J. Norton installed air conditioning with a remote condenser at 215 Academy Avenue, Providence, RI without a valid RI Mechanical License. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required". Further, no permit was issued from the City of Providence. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits".**

**Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Webster made a motion to suspend the fine for violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required" and RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits" for a 12-month period. Mr. Lombardi seconded**

**the motion. All members voted in favor.**

## **6. Northeast Distributors Inc. – Violation # 2405**

**The final appeal hearing today is with Northeast Distributors Inc. Mr. Kenneth G. Peterson is representing Northeast Distributors and is sworn in by the board stenographer.**

**Mr. Whittaker read the violation: It is alleged that on June 14, 2005, RIDLT Investigator, Mr. Edward Whittaker did find three (3) alleged employees (Richard Garden, 137 Fair Acres Drive, Hanover, MA 02339, Daniel Toney, 16 Jenkins Avenue, Apt 2, Whitman, MA and Stephen J. Hunton, 88 Cherry Street, Whitman, MA) of Mr. Kenneth G. Peterson, Sr. of Northeast Distributors, Inc., installing 5” carbon steel refrigeration piping at Seafreeze Corp., 100 Davisville Pier, North Kingstown, RI without valid RI Refrigeration licenses. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required" (3 Violations). Further, no permit was issued by the State Building Commissioner’s office. This is a violation of RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits".**

**Based on the testimony provided today, Mr. Carreiro made a motion to suspend the fines for violation of RIGL 28-27-28 "Practices for which a license is required" and RIGL 28-27-20 "Municipal inspections and installation permits" for a 12-month period. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**This concludes the appeal hearings for today.**

**Mr. Davies asked the board if they have had an opportunity to review the minutes of the July meeting. Mr. Lombardi made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Mr. Wright informed the board that Mr. Maamoun Janoudi is present today and would like to address the board with regard to sitting for the Refrigeration Journey 2 exam.**

**Mr. Wright informed the board that he and Mr. Whittaker have reviewed Mr. Janoudi's resume and work history and feel he is very qualified to take the exam. With that, Mr. Lombardi made a motion to allow Mr. Janoudi to sit for the next RJ2 examination. Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Mr. Michael DiFusco is also present today to ask the board's approval for him to sit for the Gas Serviceman (Natural Gas) exam. Mr. DiFusco informed the board that he has a Propane Gas Service Master II license. He further stated that his work does not differ much with the Natural Gas requirements and he feels confident that he has enough experience to be eligible to sit for the exam.**

**Upon review of the information provided, Mr. Aurecchia made a**

**motion to allow Mr. DiFusco to sit for the exam. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**There was further discussion with regard to what other licenses require board approval for individuals to sit for exams. Mr. Aurecchia questioned Mr. Whittaker as to why individuals who apply for welding exams are not required to come before this board. Mr. Whittaker explained that a Welding Certificate is and always has been sufficient evidence to qualify to sit for the welding exam. Mr. Aurecchia stated that he disagreed with this department's requirements for qualifying individuals for the welding examination.**

**Mr. Wright recognized Mr. Harold "Mickey" Gill and asked that he come forward to accept congratulations and best wishes on his retirement from the RIDLT Mechanical Board. RIDLT Director, Lita Orefice presented Mr. Gill with citations from both the RI House of Representatives and the RI Senate. Ms. Orefice offered sincerest appreciation and very best wishes on behalf of the DLT for Mr. Gill's commitment and dedication to this board and the State of Rhode Island. Many members expressed their best wishes to Mr. Gill and praised him for his fairness and genuine concern for the individuals who appear before this board.**

**On behalf of the Department of Professional Regulations, we wish Mickey the very best. Mickey – you are always welcome!!! And WE WILL MISS YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**With no further business, Mr. Aurecchia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15**

**am. Mr. Gill seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**The next meeting of the Mechanical Board is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Building 70, second floor conference room.**