

**MAINE FUEL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: February 28, 2014
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room
Time Meeting Began: 9:10 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Board Chair, Barry Austin, called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

Barry Austin
Paul McClay
Lionel Landry
Jeffrey Choate
Charles Martin
Dale Canning
David Foster
Jonathan Klages
Mark Bossie

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Vickey Gray, Board Clerk
Peter Holmes, Senior Inspector

AAG Present:

Judith Peters

OLD BUSINESS

Action on Board Minutes of December 12, 2013 - A motion was made to approve the December 12, 2013 minutes.

Motion: Paul McClay
Second: David Foster
Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

A motion was made to re-elect Barry Austin as Chair.

Motion: Mark Bossie
Second: David Foster
Abstained: Barry Austin
Motion carried

Complaint Presentation

2013-FUE-9633

Judith Peters presented the case in which the respondent's license was renewed in response to an application that the respondent indicated that he had not been convicted of any crimes since the last renewal of his license. The respondent submitted a statement after receiving a renewed license that he had indeed been convicted of a crime since his last renewal. The Board was asked what action they wanted to take.

A motion was made to dismiss the complaint and issue a "Letter of Guidance". The Board didn't find that the conviction, even though it was disclosed after the renewal was issued, would have resulted in a different outcome if the conviction was disclosed on the renewal application.

Motion: Dale Canning
Section: Mark Bossie

Jonathan Klages requested for a State Bureau of Information (SBI) report on the respondent before taking action in the matter. Specifically, Mr. Klages wanted to review the report to further understand why the respondent is restricted from possessing a firearm, which is in a court docket report submitted by the respondent.

Dale Canning withdrew his motion. Mark Bossie withdrew his second on the motion.

A motion was made to have staff run a SBI report on the respondent and review the contents of the report later in the meeting.

Motion: Jonathan Klages
Second: Paul McClay
Barry Austin recused
Unanimous

Later in the meeting, the Board reviewed the SBI report which revealed a history of criminal convictions that are aged and explained the reason for the firearm possession restriction. A motion was made to dismiss the complaint and issue a Letter of Guidance.

Motion: Jonathan Klages
Second: David Foster
Barry Austin recused
Unanimous

Administrator's Report – Catherine Carroll informed the members that the pellet boiler stakeholders group has met twice and is making progress. Chairman of the stakeholders group, Lee Landry, reported that the group is currently reviewing the solid fuel rules to identify any existing hindrances or flaws in the rules for installing and servicing pellet boilers.

Catherine reminded the members of the Occupational Licensing Job Fair being held in Portland on March 4th, 2014 which is open to the public but is specifically aimed at assisting Veterans.

The members were advised that the staff has been very busy processing new license applications for propane and oil/solid fuel since the beginning of the year.

Senior Inspector's Report - Peter Holmes reported on the following:

- **Emerging Tech Pilot Program**
 - Three applications for Pilot program
All in process no completions at this point.
 - Asked by Efficiency Maine to inspect all installs under their rebate program to assure that their funding is used for code compliant systems.
 - Agreed to inspection program but with availability to re-visit inspections program if volume taxes our resources.

- **SFMO Assistance**
 - 1 fire at a Manufactured home – could not R/O furnace
 - Assist in CO poisoning at motel 7 to hospital 14 treated on scene- Gas

- **Acceptance of Mega Press System**
 - We have reviewed the Mega Press gas fitting system for use w/ BI pipe.
 - On market for 1-2 years w/ trials in MA and elsewhere no issues
 - Recently finished listing to LC-4 (Fittings for BI Pipe)
 - NFPA 54 allows for proprietary fittings where acceptable to AHJ
 - Previously (5-6 years ago) we accepted the copper version under same acceptance to AHJ provision – next addition added to 54
 - Recommend approval for use in Maine as AHJ unless Board does not approve of acceptance.

- **CNG**
 - CNG compressor station being built in Eliot to supply trailer loads to daughter stations
 - This one will have a CNG dispenser similar to the one in Portland at Metro Bus depot
 - They have contacted me on licensing that dispenser and we are currently working together to effect orderly and safe construction and use of station.

- **Natural Gas**
 - Summit NG projecting 4500 conversions to NG over the next year and same rate for several years down the road – 125 / week
 - Very good positive meeting at DOL Wednesday 2/26 with reps from Unions/ Community Colleges / MEMA / Career Centers / DOL etc. .
 - Very productive on how to get people interested and trained.
 - No one had intent on trying to skirt around the MFB requirements, everyone agreed that licensing and training needed to maintain safety
 - All amazed that there was no apprentice program requirement – explained that as it is in statute there is no such requirement and that change to that is being worked on by the industry. Also explained that the Helper license was a chance for a company to get someone working in the field under direct supervision while taking CETP classes.

Adoption of Recodification of Rules

Peter Holmes and Catherine Carroll presented the February 28, 2014 Basis Statement and Response to Comments and recommended editorial changes and clarifications to Chapters 3, 4, and 13.

A motion was made to accept the Basis Statement and Response to Comments, as amended.

Motion: Jonathan Klages
Second: Paul McClay
Unanimous

A motion was made to adopt the rules.

Motion: Jonathan Klages
Second: David Foster
Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:06 p.m.

Motion: Jonathan Klages
Second: Paul McClay
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Vickey Gray