

Plumbing Board
Product and Code Review Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2009
Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) – Isanti Room
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Members Present:

Karl Abrahamson
Lawrence G. Justin
Allen J. Lamm
John A. Parizek
Jim Peterson (DLI Commissioner's designee)

Members Absent:

None

Board Members Present:

None

Staff Present:

Cathy Tran
Wendy Legge
Annette Trnka
Jim Lungstrom
Brad Erickson
Colleen Erickson

Visitors:

Paul Granos
Craig Johnson
Brian Soderholm
Luther Westman
John Gunderson
Jeff Keogh

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Justin at 9:31 a.m.

- i. Announcements were made and introductions were done.

II. Approval of Agenda

Parizek made a motion, seconded by Abrahamson, to approve the meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

III. Regular Business

- i. January 28, 2009 Minutes – Peterson made a motion, seconded by Parizek, to accept the previous Minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Peterson stated that the Minutes for all the meetings have become more of a transcript and had become lengthy and time consuming and stated that the Minutes drafted by Annette Trnka will now be condensed. Most meetings have audio tapes for review should the Secretary of the Boards/Committees, or any member of the public, choose to review them.

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- ii. Expense Reports – The Chair reviewed the expense reports and Per Diems, found them in order, and declared them approved.

IV. Special Business

- A. RFA's Reviewed in past Committee Meetings – Updated information
 - i. 4715.2110I: Vista Clear Dental Units (File PB0012/01-30-08) (from 8-27-08 meetings). Justin will notify Mr. Chandler that the Presenter is to provide draft language for their product to DLI staff for their review and assistance. Justin will collect the information presented by Visa Clear to present to the Minnesota Department of Health's Ron Thompson for opinion on the medical claims under item 4.

Justin made a motion that Chair Justin will provide a letter to Mr. Chandler outlining what is needed for items 1, 2 & 3 of their letter dated March 16, 2009. The letter from Justin will also address how the Committee is reviewing items 4, 5, & 6. The Chair will also collect information and send on for the Department of Health opinion. The motion was seconded by Abrahamson.

Justin made a friendly amendment to add a request to the Presenter to provide a draft copy of ASSE 1026 (with written copyright permission), that the product does meet the draft copy of ASSE 1026, and also an update on current status of the Standard. The friendly amendment was approved by Abrahamson. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- ii. 4715.2430, 4715.2440: Macerating Toilet Systems (File PB0035/7-22-08) (from 8/27/08 and 10/29/08 meeting). The Presenter's response letter and attachments were reviewed and discussed.

Justin made a motion to table this item with the understanding that the Presenter will come back to the Committee with further information, seconded by Parizek. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The Presenter is requested to have the Presenter provide draft language to DLI staff. The language should include the following items:

- a. The proposal should include a statement that the product will be approved for use only when a gravity line is not available. Refer to 4715.2430 for similar language.
- b. The product is for residential use only.
- c. The discharge pipe size needs to be addressed. Submitted information, International Plumbing Code Section 712.42, exception number 2, provides an exception for macerating

toilets. Presenter is requested to confirm that the discharge pipe size is either part of the Standard or listing and report findings to Committee.

- d. Vent size needs to be addressed.
- e. Provide a written description of the Need and Reasonableness for the proposed code revision. A Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) is required by the State of Minnesota for all proposed plumbing code changes.

The Committee requests that the next submittal has all of the items and supporting documentation required for Committee review. The items should be submitted for Committee and DLI staff review 7 or more business days prior to the April 29, 2009 meeting, or the item will be placed on a subsequent meeting's agenda. Any copyrighted material should have written permission for use from the publisher.

- iii. 4715.1115 Exterior Grease Interceptors by Schier Products (File PB0037/1/15/09)(from 01/28/09 meeting.) At the request of the Presenter, this item was tabled to a subsequent PCRC meeting.

B. New RFA's

- i. 4715.2550 Wet Venting by Jeff Keogh, City of Chanhassen (File PB0038 – 02/23/09). The submitted RFA was reviewed and discussed.

Parizek made a motion, seconded by Abrahamson, to pass this item on to the Plumbing Board without comment. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting took a break at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

V. Open Forum

There were no requests for Open Forum.

VI. Discussion

A. New Request For Action items.

- i. DLI to provide updated list of RFAs for Committee to schedule review date. Tran stated that DLI staff feels it's appropriate to have any Presenter submit their draft rule language to DLI staff. DLI staff will not write language for Presenters, rather, DLI staff will assist the Presenter after language has been drafted.

PB0009 was discussed and the meeting Minutes from 06/25/08 were reviewed. The Minutes are quoted as stating:

“4715.2440: Grinder Pumps discharge pipe size – 1 ¼” minimum. (PB0009/revised 0-/13-08) Jeff Mogush presented. Subparts 2 and 3 should have had underlining to indicate new language. Ellingboe stated that there is a current code barrier regarding buried pipe size. The buried pipe size needs to be a 2 inch minimum. Mr. Mogush’s product currently can’t be used because it’s under 1 ¼”. Ellingboe stated that perhaps a section needs to be developed in the Code for pressurized systems. Abrahamson made a motion to table this RFA until DLI staff can report back on their concerns (adding sections to the Plumbing Code concerning pressurized sewer systems, pipe size, material and cleanout concerns and sump capacity size), seconded by Justin. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.”

Justin requested DLI staff coordinate with Presenter on proposed language and present back to the Committee. Tran stated that DLI staff will provide a response on staff’s concerns. Parizek recommended DLI staff provide an updated RFA status table, if possible, at the April 21, 2009 Board meeting.

Justin stated that he feels that when Presenters have multiple presentations to the Committee(s), the packets from Presenters become confusing as they add more information to what is being requested from each Committee meeting. He stated he would like to have Presenters provide a new packet 7 business days prior to the meeting date, which would weed out unneeded information and have all requested information included.

- ii. DLI Response to PB0036 (Plumbing Plan Review) – Cathy Tran stated that a response is being drafted by DLI staff and is expected to be available sometime next week.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:
 - i. Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – Minnesota Room – DLI

XI. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Justin

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