

Minutes: *Approved 09/10/18 Meeting*
Saratoga Springs Board of Plumbing Examiners
Meeting of August 28, 2018

Present: Board members Patrick Cogan, Matt Zeno, Bill Benton, Jason Kelsey, Kevin Potter.

Also Present: Mayor Meg Kelly, City Attorney Vincent DeLeonardis, Asst. City Attorney Anthony Izzo (also acting as clerk).

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM

Vincent DeLeonardis made introductory remarks about past history of the Board and the need to update and continue its procedures. He asked if anyone was familiar with procedures used by other municipalities, especially their testing procedures.

Recollections from several Board members that other municipalities use both multiple choice questions and exercises such as identification of pictures, drawings, etc. Other places also vary as to requirements for years of experience and years of employment by master plumbers. Variations in fees were also discussed.

Board members agreed that procedures differ significantly between municipalities. Some tests are very difficult, others less so. Most have a 2-class licensing system – one for original licensees, the other for plumbers who are already licensed somewhere else.

The Board stated the need to create a new exam is most urgent. City Attorneys V. DeLeonardis and A. Izzo will research whether plumbing board sections in state General City Law can be superseded by a city. The Board will ask to review examples of exams now in use by the cities of Albany and Schenectady. All information gathered will be transmitted to Patrick Cogan who will maintain a central records base.

The Board will consider defining categories of work that will not even require a license or permit. Possible categories were discussed but no final determinations were made yet. Issues regarding street openings outside of buildings were discussed.

Next meeting date will be established in a few weeks.

Meeting adjourned 4:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony J. Izzo
Acting as Clerk to the Board