

Forester License Board Meeting – May 8^{th,} 2024 Meeting Opened: 4:00 P.M. (online)

<u>Attendance</u>

Board Members: M. Mueller, S. Wells, C. Mettey, D. Orwig, J. Parrot **Public:** Peter Church, Gabrielle Hardyn, Jeffery Larkin

Public Inquiry

None

Minutes of previous meeting

The Chair (MM) referred members to the minutes of the *March 6th*, 2024 meeting and requested comments or corrections prior to their approval. *A motion was made (MM) and seconded (CM) to accept the March 6th*, 2024 *minutes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of the potential voting members present.*

New Applications

To Review and recommend by the board to the director the new application package(s) submitted by:

Gabrielle Hardyn - Recommended to the Director for Approval –assigned license number 476

Christopher Hinz - Recommended to the Director for Approval –assigned license number 477

Jeffery T. Larkin - Recommended to the Director for Approval –assigned license number 478

Ryan Smith – Requires one more year of EPN, examples ETN and EPN listed within application, and letters of support validating work

Renewal Applications

The following applications were reviewed and recommended to the director for license renewal.

						2024	2024
MFL	Last Name	First	Expire	2024	2024	Cat I 3-	Total 3-
		Name	Date	Cat I	Total	Year	Year
						Average	Average
385	Barker-Plotkin	Audrey	04/10/25	9.75	25.25	14.5	20.7
460	Barrett	Alex	05/12/25	23	25	25.0	25.7
328	Bower	Brian	07/01/25	20	20	17.3	22.6
461	Brown	Adam	05/12/25	22	29	22.2	27.2
433	Clark	Fletcher	04/08/25	17.5	17.5	19.7	24.3
354	Jenkins	Thomas	04/14/25	9	22	10.7	21.7
134	Labossiere	Michael	04/10/25	13.5	21.5	12.3	22.3
441	Macko	Jacob	05/11/25	21.25	24.75	21.9	25.8
422	Marquis	Kate	05/01/25	8	21.5	16.8	23.7
327	Moulton	Gary	04/10/25	17	21	17.8	21.8
392	Parrott Ph.D.	Jonathan	04/10/25	11	34.5	14.5	33.3
414	Randall	John	03/28/25	19.5	23.5	18.0	22.3
200	Rassman	James	05/12/25	28.5	44	21.5	30.7
471	Richardson	H Russell	05/10/25	22.5	24.5	N/A	N/A
211	Ross	Keith	04/10/25	10	24	N/A	N/A
365	Ryan	Thomas	03/24/25	42	61	20.7	39.0
362	Scherer	Kevin	04/28/25	16.25	20.25	16.4	20.4

Note: MM was the second initial for all applicants due to lack of full in person meeting.

A motion was made (MM) and seconded (CM) to recommend the Renewal license applications to the director. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of members present.

Expired/Non-Renewed Licenses – Send Letter

Daniel Reed (Expired 3/27/24)

Foresters who have Retired/Non-Renew:

Robert Tarasuk (Expired 2/23/24)

<u>Complaints</u>

None

Other Business

- Welcomed Jonathan Parrot as Landowner Rep. and David Orwig as Academic Rep.
- Follow up discussion on updating regulations of the current forester license requirements.
 - Discussed Kittredge's plan to extend the forester license for 3 years.
 - As well as updating/ modernizing the educational requirements.
 - Potential for online upload of CEU certification, similar to CT.
- Next meeting is planned for 4:00PM July 17th, 2024 at the Amherst Field Office.

Next Meeting will be a hybrid meeting held in Amherst and online, login instruction will be posted on the agenda.

July 17th, 2024 4:00PM – Hybrid Meeting at DCR Amherst Office 40 Cold Storage Drive, Amherst, MA & Online

Meeting Adjourned at 4:53 P.M. (A motion was made (MM) and seconded (SW) unanimous approval.

Peter Church Cc:

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