

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 30, 2008

Members present:

David Reynolds, New Century Auto Inc
Jeanne McCarthy, DBR
Dennis Gamba, Cranston Collision Center
Charles M. Nystedt, Metropolitan Property & Casualty Ins.
Det. David Doucet, RISP
Richard Berstein, DBR
Gerald Galleshaw, Public

Others Present:

Randy Bottella, Reliable Collision Center
Jina Petrarca-Karampetsos, Providence Auto Body
Bill Burke, Progressive
Rep. Bruce Long
Fred Sananiello, NEIT
Michael Baptiste, Public

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:35 am

Reviewed February minutes Motion DR to pass minutes with amendment that proposed technical certification passed last month was only a framework to work off of seconded CN unanimous

JMC: Announced she will be retiring in June

Regulation 5 Glass installation

DR: Asked for proposed changes to Regulation 5 with intent to protect consumers in adverse weather installations

DG: Questioned 1400 square footage and whether it is enough

CN: This would mean all mobile glass installers need a fixed location.

JMC: They should be able to rent a bay or space from a licensed auto body

RB: This space would be available all year in the event there are adverse weather conditions and to receive mailing.

CN: Dealerships were given one year to comply are these businesses given time?

RB: Once the regulations are accepted there will be a public hearing and the current licenses are not going to expire until 12/31/09. That gives them time.

DR: Motion to accept an outline of changes that were presented to the Board Seconded by JMC unanimous – final copy to be ready for next month

Michael Baptiste comes to the Board to discuss whether or not he needs a special use license

MB: Stated he removes dent on classic cars with a disc to level out surfaces. No painting or body filler, uses a hammer and dolly to shrink metal

DG: Who does the painting?

MB: Claimed it was up to the owner

DG: Where do you do your work?

MB: Stated at the customer's house or garage

DG: This is body work and would have problem getting a license without a building

Rbot: Stated he does need a license I would ask him to submit a business plan

DR: Request on hold until we get a business plan explaining exactly what he does.

JKP: The law 5-38 does not allow body work without a license and that includes fenders and bumpers

MB: Stated that there are many companies doing similar work and it would be unfair If he had to be licensed then everyone should be licensed

JMC: A big question is the mobile nature – this Departmental policy has not been formalized

DG: We are going to have to revisit Dent Wizard and the other similar companies

CN: Suggested that he put in an application and submit a business plan and continue to do what he is doing.

Regulation 3 – Storage

RB: Hearing Officer is working on this and compiling comments should be completed by the end of May

Regulation 42 and 43

RB: Should be on the Web

Article 33

RB: There is a compromise Sub A – insurance industry is aware Rep. Long has been instrumental in crafting

Certification of Technician

FS: Made suggestions for two changes and will send copies to the Board

DR: motion to adjourn 12:05pm seconded CN Unanimous