

Vermont Board of Funeral Service

National Life Building North FL2
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

Unapproved Minutes

March 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Guare, Chair, John Coffin, L yndon Mann,
Members absent: Peter Beck
Staff Present: Judith Griffen administrative assi stant and Investigator, Daniel Vincent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM by Chairman Paul Guare
2. Paul Guare made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2009. Mr. Coffin seconded. Minutes were approved
3. Status of Cases: Ms. Griffen presented the Board with a summary of Funeral Board Cases. Mr. Guare noted that all of the cases are from 2008. Mr. Coffin noted that he liked the new list that was presented.
4. There were no Concluded Reports.
6. Applications: John Ambrosino application for Funeral Director - Mr. Coffin noted that the application was dated in 2006. Ms. Griffen suggested that if every one was in agreement then the Board could approve the application pending an updated application is sent in before the license was issued and providing everything was in order.
7. Discussion Items: Mr. Dan Vincent, the investigator for the Board of Funeral Services, had some additional concerns he wished to share with the Board. The first involved the confusion with the licensees on preparing different ways to handle this issue. It seems the terms being, guaranteed, non-guaranteed, pre-paid and non-guaranteed are terms not used in the laws and rules but are used in the industry. This discussion was lengthy and redundant so the board asked to have Kevin Leahy, the staff attorney, come in to discuss this issue. Mr. Leahy was scheduled in another board meeting and was only present for a brief summary. Since the discussion needed to have the advice of the attorney and the attorney was not present, it was decided that the further discussion would be tabled and will be on the next agenda for the board.
8. Thesecond item brought up had to do with practices funeral directors were dealing with rituals performed at the funeral home by certain religious groups. This was brought up at the previous board meeting. The consensus was then and now is that the professional funeral director need to use his best due diligence in matters dealing with restricted portions of his establishment while attempting to accommodate certain clients. Mr. Vincent was informed that there may be OSHA regulations that say anyone in a prep room needs to be educated before reentering. Mr. Vincent was not aware of this and will look into it to see how this will affect all concerned.
9. The Board will discuss both of these issues again at the next board meeting where Mr. Leahy and Mr. Vincent will both be present.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM

11. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 7, 2009