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JANUARY 8, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member, Journeyman Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	X	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		X
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber	X	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DPL Designee	X	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Joseph McNamee

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

February 5, 2020 – Office of Public Safety & Inspections – 365 East Street – Tewksbury

March 4, 2020 – Bristol Plymouth Vocational – 207 Hart Street - Taunton

March 7, 2020 – Royal Plaza Trade Center – 181 Boston Post Road W – Marlboro (Code Seminar)

April 1, 2020 – Greater Lowell technical – 250 Pawtucket Blvd. - Tyngsborough

PUBLIC HEARING

At approximately 9:065 am, the Chairman opened a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. c. 142, §4, 13 and c. 30A, §2, relative to proposed promulgation of amendments to the Board’s regulations at 248 CMR 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 10.00, and 11.00. By these amendments, the Board seeks to clarify permitting requirements, the scope of gas fitting, requirements for gas piping, materials used in plumbing, and the time required to obtain plumbing licensure. A small business impact statement is on file with the Secretary of State’s Office regarding these changes.

A total of 18 individuals testified at the hearing, two provided written comments.

248 CMR 3.00: No comments on language

248 CMR 4:00: Non-substantive wording suggestions only



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248 CMR 5.00: Non-substantive wording suggestions only

248 CMR 10:00:

1. Suggestion to allow installation of "resilient gaskets" in drainage systems (inadvertently removed in draft)
2. Several public comments involved either agreement or disagreement with plastic piping restrictions. The basis of these comments were either general support for plastic piping or concern over toxic fumes if the plastic piping is exposed to fire.

248 CMR 11.00:

1. Most who testified indicated support for the regulations as drafted.
2. A few individuals testified to indicate support for the Board dropping work experience requirements from 5 years to 4 years, however, they indicated that the Board should retain 1,700 hours per year as a requirement rather than 2,000 hours, which they testified was impractical.
3. One individual testified that he was opposed to continuing education requirements being required after the age of 65, he indicated that by that age, additional education was, in his opinion, unnecessary.

At approximately 10:25 a.m., the Chairman closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting of the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

PV-114-RAW SEAFOOD-481 CURRANT RD. FALL RIVER

Applicant Larry Couto is requesting to install Schedule 40 Polypropylene pipe and fittings for waste and vent systems in process areas in lieu of code requirement of cast iron for waste and vent system in commercial building. The Fall River Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: Unanimous

PV-115 – FB PACKING – 5 FIFTH STREET - PEABODY

The applicant, Larry Couto was requesting to install Schedule 40 Polypropylene pipe and fittings for waste and vent systems in process areas in lieu of code requirement of cast iron for waste and vent system in commercial building. The Peabody Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: Unanimous

PV-129 – E. BROOKFIELD DISTRICT COURT – 554 EAST MAIN ST – E. BROOKFIELD

The applicant, Seshappa Chandrashekar was requesting a variance to allow for the continued use of existing unvented roof drains in the four mechanical rooms of the East Brookfield District Court building. The project will involve replacing HVAC units with units designed as outdoor rooftop equipment, thus a variance is needed as the State Plumbing Inspector determined the rooms are considered enclosed. As this is a state facility, no Board of Health petition is required.

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Meeting Notes: The facility has four mechanical rooms. There are current roof drains which do not have traps and the enclosures will be built over the drains. Sewer gas may now collect in the new structures as they will not be protected with traps.

A motion was made to deny this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Dan Kilburn

Result: Unanimous

PV-134 – MARBELLA LOFTS – 5-7 HAMPSHIRE ST. – METHUEN

This is a post installation variance. The applicant, Leoandy Guzman was seeking a variance for plumbing fixtures which do not appear on the Board’s list of items which are accepted. The Methuen Board of Health has been petitioned.

Meeting Notes: There are fourteen residential units with proposed toilets which are not product accepted.

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Dan Kilburn

Result: 8 for and 1 against: Motion Carried

Condition: The approval is contingent on the applicant providing the Board office with the proper third party test report.

PV-143 - WATERSIDE PLACE - 505 CONGRESS STREET – BOSTON

Applicant John Del Tufo is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (k) Medical and Health Care Building Toilet Facilities. The proposed project will be occupied by a veterinary Facility. The applicant states the existing concrete slab is structural and does not allow for four (4) bathrooms and other required plumbing fixtures. The space is approximately 3600 square feet. This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health documentation is required.

A motion was made to approve this request by Dan Kilburn and seconded by Ruth Alfasso

Result: 8 for: Motion Carried: Recused: Joseph McNamee

BOARD DELEGATED STAFF APPROVAL – BOARD VOTE NOT REQUIRED

Continued use of 1-1/2” drain waste for a tub to shower conversion

DAPV-140 – ANDREA RICHMAN – 280 BOYLSTON STREET – NEWTON (CHESTNUT HILL)

Applicant Andrea Richman is installing a shower into an existing 1-1/2” tub drain. The variance package included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head. The Newton Board of Heath has been notified.

High School Stadium / Field Fifty Percent Reduction of Toilet Facilities

DAPV-98-BARNSTABLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS-835 FALMOUTH RD.-HYANNIS

David Kanyock is requesting a variance form 248 CMR 10.10 (18) table 1 minimum facilities in

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stadiums. The stated total capacity of the proposed bleachers construction project is 400 persons. The proposal is to install 7 women water closets and 2 lavatories and 2 men toilets, 2 urinals along with 2 lavatories, resulting in a 50 percent reduction in the required fixtures. This project was approved in office through Board Delegated Authority. The Barnstable Board of Health has been properly notified.

Vocational School Projects

RPA-6-189 LAKESHORE DRIVE, LOT 1B, ASHBURNHAM

This project is a new construction single family dwelling, consisting of two full bathrooms, a kitchen, and laundry. Students will apply for necessary permits, design and install the DWV and water distribution system, install all fixtures and stand all inspections with instructor. There is no gas work associated with this project. The Ashburnham plumbing inspector has been notified.

RPA-6-189 LAKESHORE DRIVE, LOT 1A, ASHBURNHAM

This project is a new construction single family dwelling, consisting of two full bathrooms, a kitchen, and laundry. Students will apply for necessary permits, design and install the DWV and water distribution system, install all fixtures and stand all inspections with instructor. There is no gas work associated with this project. The Ashburnham plumbing inspector has been notified.

CPA-14 - B P R V T H S - 57 OLD MUGGETT HILL ROAD – CHARLTON

This project will be performed at the Field House on the school campus. It will consist of the installation of plumbing for bathrooms. The first stage will consist of cast iron drainage pipe and fittings underground. The second stage will continue roughing the DWV system for the field house. The waste and vent system will consist of no-hub cast iron DWV copper pipe and fittings. Water piping will consist of pro-press type fittings and coper piping. The third stage the students will install the finish plumbing fixtures, water closets; wall hung sinks and urinals. Students will install point of use electric water heater. There is no gas fitting work associated with this application. The Charlton Plumbing Inspector has been notified.

CPA-8 – ASSABET VALLEY RTHS – 215 FITCHBURG ST. – MARLBOROUGH

This project is to renovate a commercial kitchen for the Culinary program at Assabet Valley RTHS. For plumbing, students will be upgrading equipment such as an ice-maker and hand-wash sinks. For gas fitting, the students will be upgrading equipment such as a cooktop grill, a salamander, and a fryolator. The Marlborough Plumbing Inspector has been notified.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 11:05 a.m., the Chairman stated the Board would enter into a closed Executive Session per M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 to conduct character reviews. He noted that the Board would return to Open Session at approximately 11:20 a.m. A motion was made by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight to enter into Executive Session. Thereafter, the roll call was summoned and the following is the result:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	RECUSED	ABSTAINED
Mr. McNamee	X				
Mr. Thomas	X				
Mr. Kaldas	X				
Mr. Waskiewiez	X				

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Ms. Alfasso	X				
Mr. Knight	X				
Ms. Badway			X		
Mr. Dan Kilburn	X				
Mr. Cruz	X				

BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am by Harry Knight and seconded by Joe Waskiewicz

Result: Unanimous

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes from prior meeting
3. Variance applications for above referenced agenda items

Respectfully Submitted By;

Laurent Lemieux

Laurent Lemieux, Executive Director
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;

Joseph McNamee

Joseph McNamee., Chairman
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters