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**FEBRUARY 4, 2015 BOARD MINUTES**

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
MR. PAUL KENNEDY SR.	Chairman, Journeyman Gasfitter		✓
MR. JOSEPH MCNAMEE	Member, Master Gas Fitter	✓	
MR. BAHIG A. KALDAS, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	✓	
MR. GREG HANLEY	Consumer Member	✓	
MR. STEVE HAROLD	Member, Master Plumber	✓	
MS. RUTH ALFASSO	Member, Department of Public Health	✓	
MR. JOHN MACDONALD	Member, LP Installer	✓	
MR. RICHARD CARTER	Member, Journeyman Plumber	✓	
MR. DAN KILBURN	Member, Public Safety	✓	

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

- Emergency Egress and Cell Phone Policy

**9:05 A.M.: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

- The January 7, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve by Ms. Alfasso, seconded by Mr. Harold

Unanimous

- The January 7, 2015 Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve by Ms. Alfasso, seconded by Mr. Harold

Unanimous

**VARIANCE REQUEST(S)**

*Continued from the meeting of January 7, 2015*

**PV153) CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 2240 IYANNOUGH ROAD – WEST BARNSTABLE**

The applicant, (Tom Lee P.E.), is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 to eliminated the requirement for rest rooms at this facility. As this is a State project a Board of Health letter is not required.

Motion to Approve by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Mr. Kaldas

Unanimous

Notes: The modular building is only about 300 square feet. All of the functions are remotely accessed and during the few times someone would need to be in the building, accessible rest rooms are approximately 300' away.



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PV166) PLYMOUTH SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – 490 LONG POND ROAD - PLYMOUTH**

The applicant, Mr. James Ziobro, is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10, Table 1 to allow a 50% reduction in the facility requirements for a new stadium at Plymouth South High School. The Plymouth Board of health supports this variance request.

Motion to Approve by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Ms. Alfasso 7 for and 1 against Motion Carries

Notes: The proposed ladies room represents a 50% reduction. The proposed men's room needs 8 toilets to meet the 50% reduction. They are proposing to install 5 urinals and 6 toilets making the ratio of toilets to urinals more than 50%.

Conditions: A drinking fountain must be installed per code.

**PV168) DCR-CAMP NIHAN – 131 WALNUT STREET - SAUGUS**

The applicant, Dan Weeder from P.J. Dionne is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10, Table 1 to reduce the requirement of toilets in the ladies room from two to one. As this is a State project, no Board or Health petition is required.

Motion to Approve by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Carter Unanimous

Notes: This is a new comfort station being constructed at a multi use facility with campsites. They would like to install only 1 toilet in the ladies room. The addition is being attached to the main building but does not pass through to the main building.

**PV172) MILLSTONE MEDICAL – 580 COMMERCE DRIVE – FALL RIVER**

The applicant (Brian Germain) is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.09 (1) to not require the installation of a floor drain and a gas/oil/sand separator in the small shipping area of this facility. The applicant provided the Board office with a copy of a petition letter sent to the Fall River Board of Health.

Motion to Continue by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. MacDonald Unanimous

Notes: Applicant failed to appear

*Applicant decided to install bollards prohibiting entrance of a vehicle. Delegated Authority*

**PV174) HOME SHOP PROPERTIES, INC. – 300 BROADWAY - METHUEN**

The applicant (Jason Lopez) is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) to not require the installation of handicapped accessible restrooms. The Methuen Board of Health has approved the variance request for relief from providing two handicapped restrooms and to allow one unisex handicapped accessible restroom.

Motion to Approve by Mr. Harold, seconded by Mr. Kilburn Unanimous

Notes: This is a small real estate company with a foot print of about 1,400 sq ft. They employ 6 people and don't see the need for designated rest rooms.

**~~PV175) VAN BEEVER RESIDENCE – 44-46 KINGSTON STREET – SOMERVILLE~~**

~~The applicant seeks relief from the requirement of 248 CMR 3.04 (1) and allow the installation of a custom made poured concrete sink. The Somerville Board of Health defers to the Plumbing Inspector, Kevin Kline, who does not oppose this variance request.~~

~~**NO BOARD ACTION IS REQUIRED**~~

**PV177) NEW BALANCE CORPORATION BUILDING. – 86 HILL STREET – BRIGHTON**

The applicant (Jeffrey Horn) seeks a variance from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) to allow the installation of Big Dipper grease recovery systems that are not on the current product acceptance list. The applicant has three units in stock and is requesting Board approval to install the units at this location.

Motion to Continue by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Mr. Carter Unanimous

The applicant will return to a future Board meeting with documentation from the manufacturer stating what year this appliance was manufactured and that the cover is sealed tight to the main body of the unit.

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**PV179) RESIDENCE AT CHRISTOPHER HEIGHTS–50 VILLAGE HILL ROAD – NORTHAMPTON**

The applicant (Christopher Howe) seeks a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of unisex restrooms at the common areas of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. The Northampton Board of Health supports this variance request and foresee no public health issues or public nuisances associated the this variance.

Motion to Approve by Mr. Harold, seconded by Mr. Hanley

Unanimous

**PV180 PICCO – 50 FEDERAL STREET, SUITE 1000 – BOSTON**

The applicant (Richard Katz) seeks a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow an increase in seating from 42 to 59 patrons. There are also 24 outdoor patio seats. Boston Inspectional Services noted in its denial letter that a plumbing variance is required

Recused: Mr. McNamee: Mr. Harold presiding

Motion to Approve by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Ms. Alfasso

Unanimous

Conditions: Both existing rest rooms will be designated as unisex.

**DISCUSSION:**

Invitation to the Bay Colony Master Plumbers Association Code Seminar on either March 18<sup>th</sup> or March 25<sup>th</sup>. Board members would prefer March 25<sup>th</sup>

**FYI – Staff Approvals per Board Delegation – Board Vote Not Required**

**Full Authorization for operation of unlisted gas equipment**

DA-GV256- COFFEE ROASTER ASSEMBLIES – 814 EAST STREET – PITTSFIELD

**Drinking fountain requirements waiver in medical and office buildings**

DA-PV170 – RELIANT MEDICAL GROUP – 340 EAST MAIN STREET – MILFORD

DA-PV173 – WOBURN REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER – 18 FRANCES STREET. WOBURN

DA-PV178 - DENTAL OFFICE #1418 – 509 SECOND STREET – FRAMINGHAM

DA-PV182 – DENTAL OFFICE -21 PARK PLAZA - LEE

**Shower waiver requirements waiver in medical and office buildings**

DA-PV178 – DENTAL OFFICE #1418 – 509 SECOND STREET – FRAMINGHAM

DA-PV183 – RELIANT MEDICAL GROUP – 340 EAST MAIN STREET - MILFORD

☞ At approximately 10:15am. the Chairman stated the Board would enter into an Executive Session and would return to Open Session at approximately 10:30am. Participants are asked to leave the room.

Motion to enter into executive session by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Ms. Carter: Roll Call:

Unanimous

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CHARACTER REVIEW(S)**

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☞ The Board returned to the open meeting at approximately 10:30am.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Carter, seconded by MacDonald

Unanimous

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

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

Respectfully Submitted by;



Wayne E. Thomas, Executive Director  
Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;



Joseph McNamee, Acting Chairman  
Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters