



CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR

KARYN E. POLITO
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

JAY ASH
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Professional Licensure
BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

1000 Washington Street • Boston • Massachusetts • 02118

JOHN C. CHAPMAN
UNDERSECRETARY OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND
BUSINESS REGULATION

CHARLES BORSTEL
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF
PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

APRIL 1, 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	✓	
Mr. John MacDonald	Member, LP Installer	✓	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	✓	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	✓	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, Public Safety	✓	

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

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

The March 25, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Ms. Alfasso, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

Motion carries

Abstained Mr. Kaldas

PRODUCTS

P1) Ilios Dynamics – subsidiary of Tecogen – Heat Pump Water Heater

This is a new technology Gas Engine Driven High Efficiency Water Heater.

Discussion: This is essentially a COGEN unit that heats domestic hot water.

Motion to approve by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Mr. Harold:

Unanimous

Conditions: *This unit may be installed outdoors only*



BOARD POLICIES

Technical amendments to the current Board Policy “Adjustment and Replacement of Gas Controls”

This is only a change based on the NFPA referenced version which changed in December of 2014

Motion to approve by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Ms. Alfasso: Unanimous

VARIANCE REQUESTS

PV226) AGAWAM CINEMAS – 866 SUFFIELD STREET - AGAWAM

The Petitioner (Mr. Michael Bergdoll, Manager) requests a variance from 248 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulation) 10.00, the Uniform State Plumbing Code, Section 10.10 (18) Table 1. The Petitioner is seeking relief to reduce the fixture count for this project. The Agawam Board of Health supports this variance request.

Discussion: Jay Galant who is the architect on the project stated that it is a small theatre built in the 70’s. It has been closed for over a year. Now it has been taken over by someone new. They are now adding handicap accessibility but are proposing not to add the required additional fixtures. The current code requires 8 toilets and 3 lavatories in the women’s and men’s rooms. Currently they only have 4 ladies room toilets and 3 toilets/2 urinals for the men.

Motion to deny by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Hanley: For 5, Opposed 3, Motion Carries

A proposal was suggested to add 2 toilets in the ladies room and 1 toilet and 1 urinal in the men’s room. Although this would not bring the facility up to current code requirements, it would provide an increased number of fixtures closer to the required amount.

Motion to approve by Mr. Kilburn, seconded by Mr. Hanley: Unanimous

PV235) PREMIER FENCE, LLC – 1010 TURNPIKE STREET - CANTON

The Petitioner (Mr. John Feerick, President) requests a variance from 248 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulation) 10.00, the Uniform State Plumbing Code, Section 10.10 (18) Table 1. The Petitioner is requesting a waiver from providing a drinking fountain at this location. They would like to install bottled water stations in lieu of the drinking fountains. The Canton Board of Health has no objection regarding this request.

Discussion: Mr. Thomas mentioned that this variance would have been done through delegated authority however, they were coming in anyway.

Motion to approve by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Kilburn: Unanimous

Condition: *Must rough for future drinking fountain*

PV236) PREMIER FENCE, LLC – 1010 TURNPIKE STREET - CANTON

The Petitioner (Mr. John Feerick, President) requests a variance from 248 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulation) 10.00, the Uniform State Plumbing Code, Section 10.10 (18) Table 1. The Petitioner is requesting a waiver from providing showers at this location. The Canton Board of Health has no objection regarding this request.

Discussion: This building is a partial F use group and nobody will be using the showers.

Motion to approve by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Kilburn: Unanimous

PV237) PREMIER FENCE, LLC – 1010 TURNPIKE STREET - CANTON

The Petitioner (Mr. John Feerick, President) requests a variance from 248 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulation) 10.00, the Uniform State Plumbing Code, Section 10.09 (1) (b). The Petitioner is requesting a waiver from providing floor drains, bollards and a gas/oil/sand separator at this location. The Canton Board of Health has no objection regarding this request.

Discussion: This building has seven overhead doors and multiple vehicles could be in the building at one time.

Motion to deny by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

Unanimous

PV238) MBTA COMMUTER RAIL STATION – 100 ARTHUR STREE - BOSTON

The Petitioner (Ms. Judith OMara, Designer) requests a variance from 248 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulation) 10.00, the Uniform State Plumbing Code, Section 10.10 (18) Table 1. The Petitioner requests relief from providing plumbing fixtures at this location. As this is a State project, no Board of Health letter is required.

Discussion: Although Mr. Roth was not in attendance, he recently stated to the ED that this has been allowed by the Board in the past and he has no issues with it.

Motion to approve by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Knight:

Unanimous

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

Drinking fountain requirements waiver in medical and office buildings

DA-PV217 – CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL – 500 FAUNCE CORNER – NORTH DARTMOUTH

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to approve by Mr. Harold, seconded by Ms. Alfasso:

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

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

Respectfully Authorized by;

Joseph McNamee

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