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**JULY 29, 2015 BOARD MEETING 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 Paul Kennedy

- Emergency Egress and Cell Phone Policy

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

• **THE JUNE 24, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kaldas. Unanimous*

• **THE JULY 1, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kaldas.  
Abstained: Mr. MacDonald – (absent)*

• **THE JULY 1, 2015 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

*A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kaldas.  
Abstained: Mr. MacDonald – (absent)*



**DISCUSSION(S):**

**D1) Inspector authority to enforce current code when no permitted work is performed**

Atty. Kilb did some research on this subject and found that there really isn't anything that allows an inspector to require changes to bring existing plumbing or gas fitting up to current code unless there is a permit taken out for that location. The inspector has no authority to enforce the code until there is a permit taken out unless there is a case of health and human safety. Atty. Kilb will provide something in writing to address this issue. The executive director will send out a notification to the local inspectors.

**D2) Temperature/Pressure relief valves on indirect water heaters**

Mr. Thomas passed out some documentation regarding the requirements of a T&P valve when installed in an indirect water heater when said heater does not have a specific tapping for the relief valve. Typically, the male outlet uses a tee with the T&P valve installed in the outlet. Mr. Dulac asked for clarification. Mr. Kilb read the section of Chapter 142 that deals with the installation of a T&P valve above the heater.

*A motion was made to accept the document by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Knight. Unanimous*

**D3) Possible revisions to existing Policy (Lavatory Installed Outside of a Bathroom)**

Mr. Thomas passed out the existing Policy. Mr. Kennedy suggested a re-write removing the industrial and the commercial installation.

*A motion was made to remove the reference to commercial and industrial by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Harold. Unanimous*

**VARIANCE REQUEST(S)**

**PV004) CRONIN LANDING MULTI-RESIDENTIAL UNITS—25 CRESCENT ST. - WALTHAM**

The Petitioner, Mr. Brian J. Flynn is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) to install a fine (40) mesh strainer immediately after and adjacent to each of the building's two existing water meters. The Waltham Board of Health is aware of this variance.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of a 4" fine mesh strainer by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Harold. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: None

**PV005) SIX FLAGS N.E. – OFFICE SPACE – 1664 MAIN STREET – AGAWAM.**

The Project Manager, Mr. David Jenks is requesting a variance from 248 CMR (10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of one unisex handicapped accessible restroom for the 7 proposed offices in lieu of the required two. The Agawam Board of Health supports this variance request.

*A motion was made to table by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Harold: Unanimous:*

*Applicant did not appear*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of on unisex rest room by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. McNamee. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: Opening a building for marketing purposes with 7 offices. There will be only 7 people working there.

**PV010a) STORAGE GARAGE – 6 JEWETTS STREET – ROCKPORT**

The owner, Mr. Joseph Frontiero is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of a single unisex rest room in lieu of the required two. The Rockport Board of Health has no issues with this variance request.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of a unisex rest room by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Unanimous*

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Meeting Notes: The building is just under 2,000 square feet and will be used by the owner himself. The building is zoned as commercial.

### **PV010b) STORAGE GARAGE – 6 JEWETTS STREET – ROCKPORT**

The owner, Mr. Joseph Frontiero is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.09 (1) (a) to allow the elimination of floor drains at this location. The Rockport Board of Health is aware of this variance request.

*A motion was made to deny the elimination of the required floor drains by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Knight. Unanimous*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of an alternative system by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Hanley. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: None

### **PV011a) NEW PHYSICAL SCIENCE BUILDING – NORTH PLEASANT STREET - AMHERST**

Mr. Peter Radzim, Chief Engineer is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.13 (1) to allow feeding of the hand-washing sinks with tempered water and also to allow the waste from these sinks be discharged to the special waste system. As this is a State Project, no Board of Health letter is required.

*A motion was made to allow feeding of the hand-washing sinks with tempered water and also to allow the waste from these sinks be discharged to the special waste system by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: Mr. Lima advised the Board this was done through Board approval at a similar location on this campus.

### **PV011b) NEW PHYSICAL SCIENCE BUILDING – NORTH PLEASANT STREET - AMHERST**

Mr. Peter Radzim, Chief Engineer is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.13 to allow the re-routing the existing special waste piping underground at reduced pitch to the exterior of the Goessmann Hall building.

The existing piping pitches at a slope of 1/32 inch per foot. A plumbing variance was previously granted regarding the slope. The university reports that there is no history of blockage associated this line. The variance request is to maintain the current slope. As this is a State project, no Board of Health letter is required.

*A motion was made to allow the re-routing the existing special waste piping underground at reduced pitch to the exterior of the Goessmann Hall building by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Hanley. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: They are rerouting the existing line and need to keep the same pitch in order to make the invert.

### **PV014) HOFFS BAKERY – 35 GREEN STREET – MALDEN**

Mr. Couto is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.06 (2) to allow the installation of schedule 40 Polypropylene pipe and fittings for the waste and vents in the food production areas in lieu of cast iron or copper. The Malden Board of Health is aware of this variance request.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of polypropylene piping for waste and vents in the food production area by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kaldas. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: They will be using ORION piping which is currently product accepted

### **PV015) GENERAL HOSPITAL SAINTS CAMPUS – 1 HOSPITAL DRIVE – LOWELL**

Mr. Michael Kelly is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.06 (2) to allow the installation of ABS piping for the replacement of both storm risers in the parking garage which are failing because of the use of salt. The Lowell Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

*A motion was made to deny the installation of ABS piping for the replacement of both storm risers in the parking garage by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. McNamee. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: They will be replacing two risers in the 7 story garage. They are replacing the floor drains, traps, vents and 8" risers.

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**GV016) SWEENEY ROGERS GERAGHTY – 250 RICHMOND STREET - RAYNHAM**

Mr. Stephen Milligan is requesting a variance from NFPA54-2012 Section 6.2 to allow the installation of an undersized gas line for service to five gas appliances. These appliances are used for training and will not all be operating at the same time. As this is a gas variance, no Board of Health letter is required

*A motion was made to allow the installation of an undersized gas line for service to the gas equipment at their training facility by Mr. Harold and seconded by Ms. MacDonald. Unanimous: (Mr. Hanley recused himself)*

Meeting Notes: None

**PV017a) NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 84 ANDREW AVENUE – WAYLAND**

Mr. Mike McKay is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the elimination of showers at this location. Mr. McKay. The applicant properly petitioned the Wayland Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the elimination of showers by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Unanimous*

**PV017b) NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 84 ANDREW AVENUE – WAYLAND**

Mr. Mike McKay is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of two unisex handicap rest rooms for patients. The applicant properly petitioned the Wayland Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of two unisex handicap rest rooms for patients by Mr. Harold and seconded by Mr. Hanley. Unanimous*

*A motion was made to rescind the original approval to allow the installation of two unisex handicap rest rooms for patients by Mr. Harold and seconded by Mr. Hanley. Unanimous*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of three unisex handicap rest rooms for patients by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. McNamee. 1 opposed*

Meeting Notes: The applicant stated that this location is approximately 3,100 square feet.

**PV017c) NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 84 ANDREW AVENUE – WAYLAND**

Mr. Mike McKay is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for staff. The applicant properly petitioned the Wayland Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for staff by Mr. Harold and seconded by Mr. Hanley. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: None

**PV018a) NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 2108 SHOPS WAY – NORTHBOROUGH**

Mr. Mike McKay is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the elimination of showers at this location. Mr. McKay. The applicant properly petitioned the Northborough Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the elimination of showers by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Knight.*

*Unanimous*

**PV018b) NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 2108 SHOPS WAY – NORTHBOROUGH**

Mr. Mike McKay is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of two unisex handicap rest rooms for patients. The applicant properly petitioned the Northborough Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of three unisex handicap rest rooms for patients by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. McNamee. 1 opposed*

**PV018c) NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 2108 SHOPS WAY – NORTHBOROUGH**

Mr. Mike McKay is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for staff. The applicant properly petitioned the Northborough Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for staff by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Unanimous*

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PV019) WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 10 NORTH VINE STREET – MILFORD**

Ms. Laura Wernick (HMFH Architects, Sr. Principal) requests a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (h) 15. The variance is to construct a single unisex employee toilet room for the kitchen employees rather than constructing 2 toilet rooms. Ms. Wernick notes the school will have no more than 5 kitchen employees. The applicant properly petitioned the Milford Board of Health in accordance with MGL c.142 § 13.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of a unisex staff rest room in lieu of the required two by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Ms. Alfasso. 1 opposed*

Meeting Notes: Mr. Hanley noted that the project went out to bid with only one toilet and questioned what the hardship was. Mr. Kilb noted that this Board should focus on whether or not there is a hardship. Mr. Hanley asked if they are willing to give municipality a credit for this installation.

**PV021) MIT – 100 MEMORIAL DRIVE - CAMBRIDGE**

Mr. Jeffrey Horn is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 3.04 to allow the installation of a Grease Guardian Automatic Grease Recovery System with a capacity of 126 GPM. The applicant states that neither PDI nor ASME have a standard to test grease recovery units in excess of 100GPM. The applicant properly petitioned the Cambridge Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of a Guardian 125 GPM unit as a test site by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Ms. McNamee. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: Mr. Kennedy stated that, in a previous meeting, the Board instructed the manufacturer to come back with some test sites. **There will be a maximum of eight test sites.** All sites will file quarterly reports

**PV022) SAINT JOHN'S PREP SCHOOL – 72 SPRING STREET - DANVERS**

Mr. Jeffrey Horn is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 3.04 to allow the installation of a Grease Guardian Automatic Grease Recovery System with a capacity of 126 GPM. The applicant states that neither PDI nor ASME have a standard to test grease recovery units in excess of 100GPM. The applicant properly petitioned the Danvers Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of a Guardian 125 GPM unit as a test site by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Ms. McNamee. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: Mr. Kennedy stated that, in a previous meeting, the Board instructed the manufacturer to come back with some test sites. **There will be a maximum of eight test sites.** All sites will file quarterly reports

**PV023) BRIGHAM & WOMEN'S HOSPITAL – 75 FRANCIS STREET - BOSTON**

Mr. Jeffrey Horn is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 3.04 to allow the installation of a Grease Guardian Automatic Grease Recovery System with a capacity of 126 GPM. The applicant states that neither PDI nor ASME have a standard to test grease recovery units in excess of 100GPM. The applicant properly petitioned Boston Inspectional Services.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of a Guardian 125 GPM unit as a test site by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Ms. McNamee. Unanimous*

Meeting Notes: Mr. Kennedy stated that, in a previous meeting, the Board instructed the manufacturer to come back with some test sites. **There will be a maximum of eight test sites.** All sites will file quarterly reports

**PV024) SEWER DEPARTMENT – 9 DEPOT STREET – GRAFTON**

Mr. John Sheehan is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for staff. The applicant properly petitioned the Grafton Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for staff by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Unanimous*

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

Drinking fountain requirements waiver in medical and office buildings.

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DA PV357 – BOSTON MEDICAL PRODUCTS – 70 CHESTNUT AVENUE – SHREWSBURY

DA PV001 – BRIGHTVIEW CANTON LLC – SUITE 220 – 125 TURNPIKE STREET – CANTON

DA PV020 – ELOVIC DENTAL ASSOCIATES – 209 HARVARD STREET, SUITE 5 – BROOKLINE

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

DA PV009 – ORTHODONTIC'S OF CAMBRIDGE -603 CONCORD AVENUE – CAMBRIDGE

**Floor drains and gas/oil/sand separator waiver when installing permanent bollard(s).**

DA PV358 - BOSTON MEDICAL PRODUCTS – 70 CHESTNUT AVENUE - SHREWSBURY

**Floor drains and gas/oil/sand separator waived when installing an alternate system.**

DA PV356 – COASTAL REALTY ASSOIATES – 62 TAUNTON AVENUE – SEEKONK

DA PV006 – SW MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY – 559 SOUTHWEST - WORCESTER

DA PV013 – BROTHERS GARAGE – 217B CHANDLER STREET – WORCESTER

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

DA GV348 – FORGET-ME-NOT PET CREMATORY – 80 LYMAN STREET – NORTHBOROUGH

At approximately 10:55am, the Chairman stated the Board would enter into an Executive Session  
The public was asked to leave the room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CHARACTER REVIEW(S)**

CR1) JRC    CR2) OTG    CR3) JEH – 2<sup>nd</sup> request    CR4) KMC    CR5) DD

**QUASI JUDICIAL SESSION**

- 1) PI-12-008 & PL-12-016
- 2) PL-15-035

The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 11:50am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. MacDonald*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:**

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

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Respectfully Submitted By;

*Wayne E. Thomas*

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

Respectfully Authorized by;

*Paul Kennedy, Sr.*

Paul Kennedy Sr., Chairman  
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters