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DECEMBER 30, 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	✓	
Open Seat	Member, Master Plumber		
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	✓	
Mr. John MacDonald	Member, LP Installer	✓	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	✓	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, Public Safety	✓	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Paul Kennedy

DISCUSSION(S)

D1) Discussion regarding the Gastite installation guide and their request at the November

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of allowing online training for recertification of licensees doing CSST training for Gastite products. It was noted that the current installation guide does not contain the Mass modifications.

A motion was made to require classroom recertification training only by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Results: Unanimous

D2) Invitation to the PHCCMA Trade Show March 5th

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT(S)

V1) MINUTEMAN HIGH SCHOOL – 758 MARRETT ROAD – LEXINGTON

Lexington Housing Assistance Board – Single family Home – 11 Fairview Avenue – Lexington

Applicant is not required to attend

A motion was made to allow this project by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Results: Unanimous

V2) GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL SCHOOL – 250 PAWTUCKET BLVD - TYNGSBORO

Habitat for Humanity – Single family Home – 124 Main Street - Westford

Applicant is not required to attend

A motion was made to allow this project by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Results: Unanimous



V3) BAYPATH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – 57 OLD MUGGETT HILL ROAD – CHARLTON

Water line installation on school property – 57 Old Muggett Hill Road - Charleton

Applicant is not required to attend

A motion was made to allow this project by Mr. Kaldas and seconded by Mr. Hanley

Results: Unanimous

VARIANCE REQUEST(S)

PV104) GARY ROME HYUNDAI – 150 WHITTING ROAD - HOLYOKE

Mr. Rome is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.09 (1) to allow construction of a showroom area without floor drains. The applicant properly petitioned the Holyoke Board of Health and the Plumbing Inspector indicated he is in favor of this request.

A motion was made to allow a showroom with 13 cars maximum not to have floor drains or a separator by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Kaldas

Results: Unanimous

PV140) PV140 – NORFOLK HOUSE – 19 COURT STREET - DEDHAM

Peter Smith is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section.10.16 (16) (d) to install an air admittance valve at room #320 kitchen sink on the 3rd floor-unit 4. Mr. Smith properly petitioned the Dedham Board of Health.

A motion was made to deny the use of an air admittance valve by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

Results: Unanimous

A motion was made to allow a bow vent for this installation by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Results: Unanimous

PV163) VISTA MOTEL – 22 THATCHER ROAD – GLOUCESTER

Gary Dow is requesting a variance from 10.10 (18) Table 1 to install a single unisex handicapped accessible bathroom inside the pool area. The Gloucester Board of Health has no objection with the request.

A motion was made to allow a single use handicap accessible unisex rest room by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Results: Unanimous

PV164) BRIDGE BOSTON CHARTER SCHOOL – 435 WARREN AVENUE – ROXBURY

Laura Wernick, Senior Principal JMFH Architects is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) Table 1 to have a single unisex student rest room on each floor. The reduction in quantity from 2 toilets to one toilet for each of these classrooms increases the usable square footage of educational space for the students in the building. There is a unisex adult toilet on the third floor. The applicant properly petitioned Boston Inspectional Services

a) A motion was made to allow rest room facilities at this location as requested by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

Results: Unanimous

b) A motion was made to allow a single use unisex rest room for kitchen staff by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

Results: Unanimous

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PV166) VA ADMINISTRATION – OUTPATIENT CLINIC – 199 MAIN STREET – GLOUCESTER

Mr. Richard Griffin is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18). A variance is sought from the inferred requirement in Section 10.10 (18) (i) 6, regarding single user toilet rooms in this facility cannot be designated as Unisex, or as useable by all sexes. The proposed VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in question does provide the minimum Table 1 fixture requirement, by providing one single user Men’s and tow single user Women’s accessible toilet rooms in its clinic, for a 65 person capacity of office occupancy, or for 145 persons for Medical Building occupancy. The actual occupancy load is 47 people and the tenants wish to have an additional 3 toilet rooms which are available as unisex toilet rooms. These include a toilet room for specimen collection in their lab and blood draw area, a single user unisex toilet room in the exam room area, and a sing user unisex toilet room in the staff area. The Gloucester Board of Health notes the project does not require any variances related to the Massachusetts Environmental Code or local Board of Health regulations. Therefore, the Health Department has no objection with the request.

A motion was made to allow the installation as requested by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Kaldas

Results: Unanimous

PV167) ERIK SHAW – 130 FETHERSTON AVENUE – LOWELL

Mr. Nicholas Savva is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 3.04 (1) (b) to allow a bathtub that was purchased by the homeowner which is not product accepted. The owner had the plumber install the tub. The plumber installed the tub and was given an approval number by the owner that is not valid. The Lowell Board of Health and the Plumbing Inspector are in favor of this request.

A motion was made to allow the installation this tub as requested by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr.

Knight

Conditions: Applicant provides the local inspector with a copy of the 3rd party test certificate

Results: Unanimous

PV168) ARTERIOCYTE – 45 SOUTH STREET – HOPKINTON

Mr. Eyal Mark is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (15) to allow 2 sink pumps in the laboratory, and to allow the ejected gray water to be pumped to a floor drain between 40 and 60 feet from the sinks at this facility.. The Hopkinton Board of Health approves this variance request, with conditions.

A motion was made to allow this installation as code complaint by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr.

Knight

Results: Unanimous

PV170) ROSEMARY LUCAS – 19 CAREY ROAD - MILFORD

Ms. Rosemary Lucas is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 3,04. The Petitioner is applying a variance because she is in the market for a claw foot tub. There is one five foot tub that is still on the market on the accepted plumbing products list. It is the Esperanza tub. This tub requires plumbing at one end of the tub, which she does not have room for. Ms. Lucas is requesting a variance to use the 60” Randolph Morris claw foot tub package. It includes all of the necessary accessories for the tub. The petitioner provided a documentation for the Randolph Morris claw tub package. The p Milford Board of Health has been properly notified.

A motion was made to allow this installation by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

Results: Unanimous

PV171) STEWARD HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL– 70 EAST STREET - METHUEN

Mr. Michael Driscoll, (Plumbing Supervisor) is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to remove a water fountain and install a hand washing sink in its place. Patients and visitors are offered water and ice from the dispensers in the middle of the unit. The applicant properly petitioned the Methuen Board of Health.

A motion was made to table this request as the applicant failed to appear by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr.

Kilburn

Results: Unanimous

PV175) GRAY BROTHERS AUTO DETAILING – 230 NEEDHAM STREET – NEWTON

Mr. James McManus is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to use two common employee restrooms in the access hall to the building less than 150 feet away accessible at all hours for employee use. Mr. McManus is seeking a variance to not construct restroom facilities within the 870 square foot addition amenity, previously approved by a Special Permit

A motion was made to deny this request because the employees would have to travel outside to teach the rest rooms by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Results: Unanimous

PV177) JOHN HANNIGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 33 EMERY STREET – NEW BEDFORD

Mr. Peter Turowski is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow a single unisex toilet within the kitchen for the 4 employees. The New Bedford Board of Health and the local Plumbing Inspector support this variance request.

A motion was made to allow a single use unisex rest room for kitchen staff by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

Results: Unanimous

PV178) PROPOSED LUMBERYARD WAREHOUSE – HIGH POINT ROAD - TISBURY

Mr. Christopher Dias is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of one (1) unisex handicapped accessible bathroom in his proposed lumberyard warehouse.. The Tisbury Board of Health notes the request was supported as the office space in the warehouse will be for temporary use while plans are developed for the construction of the permanent office structure.

A motion was made to table this request as the applicant failed to appear by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Ms. Alfasso

Results: Unanimous

PV184) HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH – 250 WASHINGTON STREET – NORWOOD.

Mr. John Donovan, Jr. is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 3.04 to allow the installation of a baptistry fixture for their religious services. The church was unaware that is was not product accepted fixture. During the final inspection the Inspector, Edward Forsberg informed the plumber, John Donovan that the Baptistry was not Product Accepted. The Church is requesting a variance to allow the installation of this Baptistry. The Norwood Board of Health has been properly notified.

A motion was made to allow the installation of a non “Product Accepted” baptistry by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kaldas

PV185) MARINE GENOMICS INSTITUTE – 55 BLACKBURN CENTER – GLOUCESTER

George Marsh is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.12 (13) to not require the installation of an acid neutralization tank for plumbing system for this renovation. Petitioner notes the Payette Associates have designed many teaching facilities, and in discussion with GMGI, we recommend not installing this system. The reason is the teaching program uses very limited amounts of chemicals, and they have a professional disposal service for any chemicals. No waste will be flushed into sinks in the facility. The applicant provided the Board with a list of chemicals elaborating on their program. The Gloucester Board of Health supports the request, with conditions and the right to revisit the proposal.

A motion was made to deny this request by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Hanley

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Drinking fountain requirements waiver in medical and office buildings.

DA PV162 – GARDEN MEMORIES – 307 AIRPORT ROAD – FITCHBURG

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DA PV179 – COMM. MA – DEPT. MENTAL HEALTH – 60 HODGES AVENUE – TAUNTON
DA PV180 – QUALITY BEVERAGE – 12 MAIN SAINT MARK STREET - AUBURN

Shower requirements waiver in medical and dental office buildings.

DA PV183 – Existing Medical Building – 275 Varnum Avenue, unit 101-102 – Lowell

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

DA PV160 – HERB CHAMBERS LINCOLN/VOLVO – 1120-1130 PROVIDENCE HWY. – NORWOOD

Floor drains and gas/oil/sand separator waiver for a showroom with six or less automobiles

DA PV169 – JIM & TOMMY REALTY – 24 WEIR STREET – TAUNTON

Designate existing single user unisex gender specific restrooms as gender neutral.

DA PV174 – UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS - LOWELL

Full Authorization for operation of unlisted gas equipment.

DA GV52 MIT CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT – 69 VASSAR STREET – CAMBRIDGE
Compliance for rebuilt gas trains on boilers 3, 4 and 5

DA GV159 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES – 456 FLAX POND ROAD – BREWSTER
Bronze check valve on Gas Train – 1000 WOG

DAGV229 DRS TECHNOLOGIES – 166 BOULDER DRIVE – SUITE 201 – FITCHBURG
Heat-Tek custom fabricated oven

DA GV88 – US TSUBAKI POWER TRANSMISSION – 821 MAIN STREET – HOLYOKE
Heat Treating Equipment

DA GV333 – TABLE TALK PIES – .120 WASHINGTON STREET – SHREWSBURY
2nd unlisted custom built oven

DA GV280 – ACME LAUNDRY – 124 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE - HYANNIS
Certification of used gas equipment relocated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CHARACTER REVIEW(S)

CR1) CP CR2) PAL CR3) JH CR4) CW – 2nd Notification

QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION

PL-15-045 – Final Decision

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Hanley.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes from prior meeting

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3. Variance applications for above referenced agenda items
4. Draft of Amendments to 248 CMR 3.00, 10.00, and 11.00

Respectfully Submitted By;

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Respectfully Authorized by;

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