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JANUARY 6, 2016 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	✓	

JANUARY 6, 2016 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

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

• The November 18, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Ms. Alfasso

Result: Unanimous

The November 18, 2015 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Ms. Alfasso

Result: Unanimous

DISCUSSION(S):

D1) Allen Mathurin would like to address the Board requesting consideration for his work and school experience as a plumber in Florida

A motion was made to table by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Hanley

Condition(s): Applicant failed to appear

Result: Unanimous



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D2) Status update on proposed regulation revisions voted on by the Board at the December 2, 2015 meeting.

Meeting Notes: Attorney Kilb noted that section 10 of the proposed regulation changes, because it is a construction code, required review of the Building Code Coordinating Council (“BCCC”) prior to promulgation (this was not required for licensing/administration sections of the regulations). On December 17, 2015, Executive Director Thomas obtained the requisite BCCC review, which resulted in some suggestions Legal Counsel noted were not binding on the Board and will be reviewed prior to final promulgation. Once approved by the administration, a public hearing will be scheduled to obtain any industry feedback on the changes themselves.

PRODUCT REVIEW(S)

P1) Bob Torbin from Omegaflex would like to request the Board allow the installation of CSST in systems above ½ PSI.

Meeting Notes: Mr. Torbin stated that Omegaflex is tested to the LCI standard and is certified by CSI tested to 25 PSI. They have been using CSST at 2 PSI as common practice throughout the United States. They would like it approved for up to 5 PSI going forward. 5.05 (8) (l) currently restricts the use of CSST to ½ PSI or less. Staff noted that Mr. Torbin’s request would directly contradict a provision in the gas code, thus to approve it, the Board would need to change the regulations.

A motion was made to deny the request by Mr. McNamee and seconded

Result: Unanimous

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT(S)

V1) DIMAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – 251 STONEHAVEN ROAD - FALL RIVER

On Campus Project: Applicant is not required to attend. (Backflow Preventor and water line)

Meeting Notes: Mr. Thomas explained the nature of this project to the Board by summarizing the application.

A motion was made to approve this project by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

Result: Unanimous

V2) WORCESTER TECHNICAL SCHOOL – 1 SKYLINE DRIVE – WORCESTER

Meeting Notes: Mr. Thomas explained the nature of this project to the Board by summarizing the application.

A motion was made to approve this project by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Ms. Alfasso

Result: Unanimous

VARIANCES

PV181) NATHAN LISKOV – 111 LINCOLN STREET - WALTHAM

Mr. Nathan Liskov is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section.10.10 (7) to allow the installation of a custom built shower with an inside turning radius of less than 30”. The Waltham Board of health is in favor of this variance request.

Meeting Notes: The floor space in the shower is in excess of 900 square feet but it’s too narrow.

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

Condition(s): The drain must be increased to 2”

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Result: Unanimous

PV189a) LIFETIME FITNESS – 490 CONNECTICUT PATH – FRAMINGHAM

The Petitioner (Mr. Jeffrey Coulstring, Plumbing Manager) requests a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.06 (2) to allow the use of PVC piping for the indoor pool area drains. The applicant properly petitioned the Framingham Board of Health.

Meeting Notes: The applicant stated that they are concerned about the possible detrimental effects of chlorine with copper and cast iron and they would like to use schedule 40 PVC. These are the area drains around the pool. Mr. Hanley noted that there are other Board approved products that may be used.

A motion was made to Deny this request by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Hanley

Result: Unanimous

PV189b) LIFETIME FITNESS – 490 CONNECTICUT PATH – FRAMINGHAM

The Petitioner (Mr. Jeffrey Coulstring, Plumbing Manager) requests a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.06 (2) to allow the use of PVC piping for the outdoor pool area drains. The applicant properly petitioned the Framingham Board

Meeting Notes: The applicant stated that they are concerned about the possible detrimental effects of chlorine with copper and cast iron and they would like to use schedule 40 PVC. These are the area drains around the pool. Mr. Hanley noted that there are other Board approved products that may be used.

A motion was made to Deny this request by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Hanley

Condition(s): Unanimous

A motion was made to reconsider the motion by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. MacDonald.

Because the outdoor pool drains into a system that is distributed on the property, it may not fall within the Board's jurisdiction. A decision on the variance request was thus not needed. Motion passed unanimously.

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. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Hanley

Result: Unanimous

~~PV189c) LIFETIME FITNESS – 490 CONNECTICUT PATH – FRAMINGHAM~~

~~The Petitioner (Mr. Jeffrey Coulstring, Plumbing Manager) requests a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.06 (2) to allow the use of PVC piping for the underground water main.. The applicant properly petitioned the Framingham Board~~

~~*Withdrawn*~~

PV190) GREAT ADVENTURE PRESCHOOL – 2 GROVE STREET - LEICESTER

Jason Kurtz is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to allow the installation of one single user, unisex staff rest room in lieu of the required two. The applicant properly petitioned the Leicester Board of Health.

A motion was made to allow the installation of one single user unisex rest room for staff use only by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

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Result: Unanimous

GV191) THOMAS PAYNE RESIDENCE – 34 STATION STREET – BROOKLINE

Petitioner seeks a variance from 248 CMR 3.04. The owner (Thomas Payne) purchased a non-product-accepted gas appliance. The petitioner seeks relief to allow the installation of this product. As this is a Gas variance, no Board of Health letter is required.

Meeting Notes: The applicant bought a gas fireplace and didn't realize it is not Board Accepted.

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

Condition(s): Applicant must provide the Board office with the proper documentation from CSA showing it is tested to the proper standard.

Result: Unanimous

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Drinking fountain requirements waiver in medical and office buildings.

DA PV188 - TUDOR GLEN VILLAGE LLC – 111 LOCUST STREET – WOBURN

DA PV182 – CORETELLIGENT – 34 SOUTHWEST PARK DRIVE – WESTWOOD

DA PV162 – GARDEN MEMORIES – 307 AIRPORT ROAD - FITCHBURG

BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

ADJOURNMENT

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

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