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JANUARY 27, 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	Arrived at 9:30 a.m.	
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	✓	
Open Seat	Member, Master Plumber		

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 December 2, Board Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Ms. Alfasso
Abstained: Mr. MacDonald (not present at that meeting) Result: Unanimous*

- The December 30, Board Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. Kilburn
Result: Unanimous*

- The January 6, Board Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Ms. Alfasso
Result: Unanimous*



DISCUSSION(S):

D1) Allen Mathurin addressed the Board regarding his plumbing work and school experience in Florida.
A motion was made to table this matter by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn as Mr. Mathurin Failed to attend. Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed

D2) Scott Hamilton from ASSE would like to address the Board regarding the possible scald hazards associated with low flow shower heads
Meeting Notes: Mr. Hamilton advised the Board of the dangers of scalding in showers which do not have either pressure balanced or thermostatic mixing valves. There could be scalding issues with the installation of low flow shower heads in conjunction with ASSE 1016 rated shower valves. ASSE is providing promotional materials to educate the public regarding these dangers.

D3) Bay Colony Master Plumber's Association 2016 Annual Code Review Seminar – March 30, 2016 – Holiday Inn – Rockland – 7:00pm
Mr. Thomas advised the Board of their annual code review and requested any members who were planning on attending let him know as soon as possible.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT(S)

V2) WORCESTER TECHNICAL SCHOOL – 1 SKYLINE DRIVE - WORCESTER

On Campus Project: Install a new washing machine connection in the field house. Applicant is not required to attend.

Meeting Notes: Executive Director advised the Board that this was an on campus project where they would like to install a laundry connection at a field house. The Instructor explained in his written request that it was a good project to show students an installation using commercial materials.

A motion was made to approve this project as requested by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Knight.

Result: Unanimous. Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed

VARIANCES

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

Michael Driscoll is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section.10.10 (18) to allow the removal of an existing, unused drinking fountain and replace it with a hand washing sink. The applicant cited infection control issues. The Methuen Board of Health has approved for the above variance request. The Plumbing inspector sent a letter supporting the variance

A motion was made to table this request by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. MacDonald as the applicant did not appear. Unanimously approved – vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed (The applicant arrived late)

The Applicant arrived at 9:50 a.m., the Board re-opened the matter.

Meeting Notes: The plumber addressed the Board. The existing water cooler is never used and it is a very good location for a hand washing sink as it is in an area right before you enter the room.

A motion was made to approve this installation by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

Result: Unanimous – Vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed

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PV194) PUP CAKES – 366 MAIN STREET – HYANNIS**

Holly Lemieux is requesting a variance from 10.06 (2) (o) to use PVC piping above grade and inside walls with lint traps for her day washing (self serve) business. The petitioner notes there will be 4 dog wash tubs which she would like to have piped with PVC for purposes of service ease and product longevity. The Barnstable Public Health Division has no objections to the applicant's proposal.

A motion was made to table this request by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. McNamee as the applicant did not appear. (The applicant arrived late). Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Applicant arrived at 9:50 a.m. the Board re-opened the matter.

Meeting Notes: Ms. Lemieux advised the Board that there is no basement but the existing bathroom that was there is being removed and converted to the new dog washing stations.

A motion was made to allow the installation of PVC for the waste piping on the four dog washing stations. They must transition back to commercial material on the venting 6" above the flood level rim of the fixture by Mr.

McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

Result: Unanimous. Vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed

PV197) – MBTA – 1 SOUTH STATION, 2ND FLOOR - BOSTON

Frederick Thomas, Senior Project Manager is requesting a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.15 (10) (a) to allow the installation of a point of use ejector pump system for a single pantry location. The pantry is located on the 2nd floor above the food court. The existing location would make it very difficult to install a gravity drain. Access would require staging over and around the serving areas of the food service vendors, which would force several of them to shut down operations for the installation of a gravity drain. As this is a state project, no Board of Health letter is required.

Meeting Notes: This is an area that would be extremely difficult to get a gravity drain installed above the food court. Mr. Thomas noted that the Board voted a similar installation a few years ago at this location

A motion was made to approve this installation by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Knight

Result: Unanimous. Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed

PV198) RICHARD THEODORE RESIDENCE – 11 LOUIS ROAD – FRAMINGHAM

Mr. Richard Theodore is requesting a variance to allow a laundry in the hall closet that will discharge into an ejector pump. Mr. Theodore notes this would require jack hammering up 10' by 2' of hallway. The Framingham Board of Health has been properly notified.

Meeting Notes: This is a slab house built in 1959. Mr. Theodore would like to install a laundry connection approximately 10' away. They were advised by the inspector that there was a gravity drain available and a variance would be needed.

A motion was made to allow the installation of a sewer ejector pump for the laundry in lieu of breaking open the concrete floor by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

Result: Unanimous. Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed

PV199) STATE HOUSE – 24 BEACON STREET – BOSTON

Mr. Peter Radzim, Chief Engineer-Vav International is proposing a partial renovation the Gardner auditorium. Seating will be reduced from 600 seats to 547 seats. There are existing to remain non-compliant restrooms with 5 toilets and 3 lavatories on the sub-basement level. There is one female staff restroom on the basement level with 2 toilets and 2 lavatories. The project will convert the existing female staff restroom on the basement level to one new HC unisex restroom and one new female employee restroom. As this is a state project, no Board of Health letter is required.

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Meeting Notes: The project is in the sub basement of the east wing. There are currently, existing, non compliant rest rooms. They would like to provide a new female employee restroom and convert an existing female staff rest room to a unisex rest room. There will now be a unisex handicap rest room for public access. The new rest room will be for female staff use.

A motion was made to allow this variance by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn.

Result: Unanimous. Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Drinking fountain requirements waiver in medical and office buildings

DA PV195 – UMASS MEMORIAL MEDICAL. CENTER. – 306 BELMONT STREET - WORCESTER.

DA PV196 – MIKE GAGLIARDI – 1151 ROBESON STREET – FALL RIVER

Shower requirements waiver in medical and dental office buildings

DA.PV196 – MIKE GAGLIARDI – 1151 ROBESON STREET – FALL RIVER

Full Authorization for operation of unlisted gas equipment.

DA GV081 –LA NINA TORTILLERIA – 10 CHARLES STREET – NEEDHAM – TORTILA OVEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:30am, the Chairman stated the Board would enter into an Executive Session and would return to Open Session at approximately 9:50am. The purpose of the Executive Session was, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21, to discuss individual’s character, rather than competence. Participants are asked to leave the room until called in for their agenda item.

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Paul Kennedy Sr.	Chairman, Journeyman Gasfitter	X	
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	X	
Mr. Greg Hanley	Consumer Member	X	
Open Seat	Member, Master Plumber		
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Mr. John MacDonald	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, Public Safety	X	

CHARACTER REVIEW(S)

CR1) C.P. CR2) J.H CR3) ~~S.M.~~ moved to February 3rd CR4) D.J.D. CR5) D.A.W.

Upon returning to open session, the Chair announced that the Board needed to enter quasi-judicial session per M.G.L. c. 30A, §18. A motion was made to enter quasi-judicial session by Mr. McNamee, seconded by Mr. MacDonald. Result: Unanimous

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QUASI JUDICIAL SESSION

PL-15-047 PL-15-042

Upon conclusion of quasi-judicial session, the Board reported the following for the record:

A motion was made by Mr. McNamee, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to issue final decisions in the above captioned cases. Result: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:15am by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. Knight

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