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FEBRUARY 3, 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	✓	
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 January 27, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

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

- January 27, 2015 Executive Session Minutes

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

DISCUSSION(S):

D1) Mr. John Rattenbury would like to discuss flushing of water lines feeding emergency eye wash systems at MIT in Cambridge

A motion was made to continue by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Knight

Condition(s): Applicant failed to appear

Result: Unanimous



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VARIANCES

PV201) TOWN NORTH READING – 189 PARK STREET – NORTH READING

The Petitioner notes a new turf field was started in North Reading in 2009, with stands/bleachers seating capacity for 1000. In April of 2009, a letter was sent by the Board advising them that, based on the renovation being done at the time, upgrading the restrooms would not be necessary at that time. Since then, the Town razed the old High School, where the locker rooms and bathrooms were located, and built a new building with locker rooms and storage rooms, but no bathrooms. Porta-Pottys have been used whenever the field was in use. The North Reading Board of Health is in favor of this request

Meeting Notes: Jim Decolla building commissioner spoke. Town built a new turf field in 2009. The existing high school was 60' away. They have now built a new high school and added three more fields. The new high school is 900' away. A field house has been built. They are proposing 8 toilets for the ladies room and 2 toilets with 3 urinals in the men's room. Both rest rooms would have 2 lavatories.

A motion was made to allow this variance as requested by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Hanley

Result: Unanimous

PV204) ONE FRANKLIN TOWER – 1 FRANKLIN STREET – BOSTON

Mr. Thomas requests a variance from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) to allow the installation of a custom fabricated Spa/Shower within their unit dwelling. The fixture is custom made and does not have a product acceptance number. The applicant properly petitioned Boston Inspection Services / Health.

Meeting Notes: Fred Thomas addressed the Board regarding the proposed installation of this equipment. All components are Product Accepted. This is a custom built unit which has not been 3rd party tested.

A motion was made to accept as requested by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

Result: Mr. McNamee abstained (City of Boston Inspector), Unanimous

PV205) MASS STATE POLICE – 125 WILLIAM DAY BLVD. - BOSTON

DCAMM is requesting to install accessible cold water and hot water shut off valves on the water lines feeding the detention area. The hot water return piping stops at the shut off valves leaving approximately 58 feet of hot water piping serving the lavatories in the detention area without recirculation. The valves are required to prevent detainees from flooding the detention area. ~~In addition 10.10 (18) Table 1 waiting area to provide ADA compliant toilet rooms and fixtures in the Public Lobby area, the removal of one urinal and one lavatory from the existing men's room and one lavatory from the existing women's room is necessary.~~ Also, requesting relief from the shower requirement. As this is a state project no Board of Health petitioning is required.

Meeting Notes: They are upgrading the toilets in each cell and installing combination toilet/sink.

1. Re-circulating System

A motion was made to allow the recirculation system to end at the valve box and not at the furthest fixture by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Kaldas.

2. Showers

The staffing of this facility is very small and there is not much room for a shower. They don't see the need to have a shower.

A motion was made to allow the elimination of the shower requirement for detainees by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

Result: Unanimous

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PV206) SPEEDWAY, LLC – 15 EASTERN AVENUE – FALL RIVER**

The Petitioner (Mr. Thaddeus Heuer, Partner) requests a variance from 248 CMR Section 10.10 (18) (i) to install a single unisex ADA compliant employee restroom at this location. The Petitioner notes that the maximum employee count at any given time will be two employees. Mr. Heuer properly petitioned the Fall River Board of Health.

Meeting Notes: This facility is approximately 2,000 square feet.

A motion was made to allow the installation on one unisex rest room by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

Result: Unanimous

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Full Authorization for operation of unlisted gas equipment.

DA GV192 – GENTILE BREWING COMPANY, LLC – 58 PARK STREET-UNIT 1 - BEVERLY

Re-Designation of Rest Rooms on State School property as Gender Neutral

DA PV210a – BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY – 131 SUMNER STREET – BRIDGEWATER

DA PV210b – FRAMINGHAM STATE UNIVERSITY – 100 STATE STREET - FRAMINGHAM

DA PV210c – MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART – 621 HUNTINGTON AVENUE - BOSTON

DA PV210d – MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS – 375 CHURCH STREET – N. ADAMS

DA PV210e – MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY – 101 ACADEMY AVENUE - BOURNE

DA PV210f - SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY – 352 LAFAYETTE STREET - SALEM

DA PV210g - WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY – 577 WESTERN AVENUE - WESTFIELD

DA PV210h - WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY – 486 CHANDLER STREET - WORCESTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:30 a.m., the Chairman stated the Board would enter into a closed Executive Session. The purpose of the Executive Session was, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21 to discuss individual's character, rather than competence. He noted that the Board would return to Open Session at approximately 10:30am. A motion was made by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. MacDonald to enter Executive Session. Thereafter, the roll call was summoned and the following is the result:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	RECUSED	ABSTAINED
Mr. Paul Kennedy Sr.	X				
Mr. Joseph McNamee	X				
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas	X				
Mr. Greg Hanley	X				
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	X				
Mr. John MacDonald	X				
Mr. Harold Knight	X				
Mr. Dan Kilburn	X				
Open Seat					

See Separate Minutes

The Board returned to open session at 9:50 a.m.

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

Patrick Fedora from Canplas, who was in the audience, requested that the Board answer a question regarding how to size Grease Interceptors outside of a building. Members noted that the code mandates interior grease interceptors in many types of installations, however, as exterior grease interceptors are not mandated, the code does not regulate their size. No formal action necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn.

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