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FEBRUARY 24, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Paul Kennedy Sr.	Chairman, Journeyman Gasfitter	✓	
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter	✓	Arrived 9:05
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	✓	
Mr. Greg Hanley	Consumer Member		
Mr. Joseph Waskiewicz	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

- Emergency Egress and Cell Phone Policy

Chairman Paul Kennedy introduced the newest Board member Joseph Waskiewicz

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

- The February 3, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Result: Unanimous

- The February 3, 2016 Executive Session Minutes

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

Result: Unanimous

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECTS

Postponed to March 2, 2016 meeting

~~V1a) BAY PATH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL — 57 OLD MUGGETT HILL ROAD — CHARLTON~~

~~Commercial Project: Oxford Community Center. Renovate existing unisex rest room to make handicap accessible Applicant is required to attend.~~



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Mr. Don Montville explained to the Board that this is an existing Community Center. The electrical and cabinetmaking programs within the school will also be working on this project. Their proposed ration of student to teacher is 6 to 1.

~~*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*~~

V1b) BAY PATH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – 57 OLD MUGGETT HILL ROAD – CHARLTON

~~*Commercial Project: Bartlett Junior/Senior High School-Webster. Renovation of four classrooms to turn them into office space for the Webster School Department. Applicant is required to attend.*~~

~~Mr. Don Montville explained to the Board that the Bartlett School is eliminating some classrooms and turning them into offices. Work will include installation of a ladies room, men's room and a break room. The electrical program within the school will also be working on this project. Their proposed ration of student to teacher is 6 to 1.~~

~~*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*~~

V2) SMITH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – 80 LOCUST STREET - MORTHAMPTON

Residential Project: 593 Elm Street – Northampton. Installation of a new gas boiler. Applicant is not required to attend.

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

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

V3) QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL – 100 CODDINGTON STREET - QUINCY

On Campus Project: Installing a bottle filling station. Applicant is not required to attend.

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

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

DISCUSSION(S):

D1) Josh Broyles would like to address the Board regarding his request for apprentice education and work experience acquired outside of Massachusetts

Meeting Notes: Mr. Broyles passed out documentation to the Board members showing his experience within the industry in California. Medical gas work was a large part of his experience. Attorney Kilb read the policy to Mr. Broyles.

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

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

D2) Allen Mathurin would like to address the Board regarding consideration for his work and school experience as a plumber in Florida

Meeting Notes: Mr. Mathurin stated that he had a substantial amount of experience in Florida and wanted to know how much apprentice time the Board would be willing to grant.

A motion was made to grant Mr. Mathurin one year work experience and one tier based on his current certifications in Florida by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Hanley.

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

D3) Update on the April 6, 2016 Board meeting to be held on Cape Cod

Peter DeFreitas updated the Board on the meeting to be held in April.

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PRODUCT REVIEW(S)

P1) SPP Manufacturing will be addressing the Board regarding their Sure-Seal Vent Guard products

Meeting Notes: Rick Ensley presented his product to the Board. This is essentially the same as their other product that is currently approved. There is a little more restriction but the grate on the floor drain already creates a substantial amount of restriction.

A motion was made to grant Product Acceptance of Sure-Seal Plus Vent Guards by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kaldas.

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

P2) William Batten from Thermaco would like to address the Board regarding their current Big Dipper test site at Bay Path Vocational School in Charlton.

Mr. Hanley recused himself

Meeting Notes: Mr. Batten reported the results of their 6 month Test Site which, in fact turned in to 8 months. The units in question were installed June 23, 2015. The original problem showed up when sewer gases came back into the building through the ventilation system. The covers were not air tight at the time. The installation manual now shows the proper installation of the unit. Mr. Kennedy read a letter from the local Plumbing Inspector stating his concerns with the new redesigned units. They are currently sealed with silicone.

A motion was made to extend the Test Site for another 6 months of the W-200-IS-SS, W-250-IS-SS, W-350-IS-SS and W-500-IS-SS Big Dipper by Mr. Waskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Kaldas.

Vote: 2 for and 5 against: Motion fails

A motion was made to approve the four units by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

Vote: 5 for and 2 against: Motion carries

VARIANCES

PV207) ANNA ANDERSSON - 199 BOYLSTON ST, SUITE 5103-CHESTNUT HILL

The Petitioner notes Hanna Anderson is a children's clothing store and typically only has two employees working at one time. The store is only 1700 square feet. Installing two restrooms will be a hardship because it will reduce the sales area. The petitioner would like to install rough plumbing for a second restroom. The applicant properly petitioned the Board of Health.

A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex employee rest room with rough plumbing installed for a future second rest room by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. McNamee.

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

PV209) VAN RENSSELAER'S RESTAURANT– 1029 STATE HIGHWAY – SOUTH WELLFLEET

The Petitioner notes that the plumbing in the building was completely redone, in 1999 and the water piping currently has many pinhole leaks resulting in costly maintenance. They are proposing the use of PEX piping. The applicant properly petitioned the Board of Health.

Meeting Notes: The average ph of their water is 5.3 which is very low and acidic. Mr. McNamee asked the applicant if he was aware there is another product (Aquatherm) that is currently Board approved for commercial installation.

A motion was made Tby Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. McNamee.

Result: Unanimous

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PV213) BAYSTATE INVESTMENT FUND, LLC – 1 KELLEY SQUARE, 3RD FLOOR – WORCESTER

The petitioner notes in order to install a common area service sink it would have to be located in one of the two means of egress. The building has an elevator that accesses the basement through the fourth floor. Based on the limited space to put a service sink on each floor or one between two floors they are proposing to place a service sink in the basement near the elevator door. The Worcester Board of Health has been petitioned

Meeting Notes: This is a four story mill building being renovated with four floors of office space. The elevator goes from the basement to the top floor. The building is approximately 30000 square feet. This only effects 6000 square feet.

A motion was made to allow the installation of one service sink in the basement as there is elevator access to each floor by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Ms. Alfasso

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

PV217) MANSIONS AT BRUSH HILL CONDO ASSOCIATION – 333 BRUSH HILL RD. - MILTON

The petitioner is seeking a variance to install one unisex bathroom rather than two bathrooms in a new condo association pool house believing that one bathroom is enough in this case, because the number of pool users will be small and their home bathrooms are a short walk away from the pool site. The applicant properly petitioned the Milton Board of Health.

Meeting Notes: This is a small pool house. Although it's technically a public pool, the only people using it will be residents who may use their own bathrooms.

A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for the pool area by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn

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

PV220) VISION WORKS #1174 – 1 WORCESTER ROAD, UNIT 5 – WORCESTER

The petitioner notes the addition of a second restroom would greatly affect the business model set forth for Vision Works. The current standard business model/layout is two exam lanes; one Pre-test room, one contact lens room; a finish lab; and hosting a SKU count of 2,599. Any change to this business model would have a significant negative effect on the projected store performance. The applicant properly petitioned the Framingham Board of Health.

Meeting Notes: 1900 square feet. There will be a maximum of 4 employees.

A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex employee rest room with rough plumbing installed for a future second rest room by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Hanley.

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

PV PV225) AMHERST COLLEGE – 25 EAST DRIVE - AMHERST

The petitioner is seeking a variance to allow staff and students to use common restroom facilities. The college is taking steps to promote equality by providing single user gender neutral bathrooms throughout the building. The applicant properly petitioned the Amherst Board of Health.

Meeting Notes: This is a four story building. They are planning on having 25 single user rest rooms and would like to label them all as gender neutral. 248 CMR requires 18 and they are proposing 25.

A motion was made to allow the use of single user gender neutral rest rooms throughout the building for student use only by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. McNamee

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Result: Vote was 7 in favor, 1 opposed

PV226) AMHERST COLLEGE - 25 EAST DRIVE – AMHERST

The petitioner is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (28) (h) (5) to allow the kitchen staff employees to share use of the single user gender neutral bathrooms provide throughout the facility. The science center contains a small café' that does not contain a full kitchen as the space is only suited to accommodate limited food preparation. The applicant properly petitioned the Amherst Board of Health.

Meeting Notes: There is a small café for sandwiches and coffee and will only have 3 staff at any one time. The staff will have to travel about 290' to use these rest rooms.

A motion was made to deny the use of the single user gender neutral rest rooms approved in PV225 by kitchen staff employees by Mr. Waskiewicz and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

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

PV228) PATRICK McKEON RESIDENCE - 4 BALDWIN LANE – HOPKINTON

The proposed bathroom is located on the 2nd floor of the residence. A 3" PVC drain is directly accessible in location of proposed bathroom. In order to be compliant with the code, approximately 30' of finished space in basement would have to be demolished, as well as walls and ceilings on the first floor. All water closets in residence are TOTO 1.6 GPM or less. On January 11, 2016 the Hopkinton Board of Health voted to approve this request.

Meeting Notes: They would have to completely open the full basement ceiling in order to increase the drain from 3" to 4". They would have 29 FUV with the additional fixtures

A motion was made to allow the use of the existing 3" PVC sanitary waste line for the new 2nd floor bathroom by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Hanley

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

PV231) BRIDGE BOSTON CHARTER SCHOOL – 420 TOWNSEND STREET – ROXBURY

The Petitioner is requesting a variance to reduce the number from 2 staff toilets to a single adult unisex toilet. The adjacent school building has the appropriate number of toilets for the entire staff. The petitioner notes if the variance is granted, the school will use square footage saved to create a small physical therapy space adjacent to the remaining rest room. The applicant properly petitioned Boston Inspectional Services.

Mr. McNamee recused himself

Meeting Notes: The staff at the gym would be a maximum of 2 people.

A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex staff rest room and rough plumbing for a second future rest room by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Ms. Alfasso.

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

~~**PV232 – CAMDEN FOODS – TERMINAL CE CONNECTOR SPACE CE7 – BOSTON**~~ **See 030216**

~~Petitioner is seeking a variance for the installation of sanitary waste and vent piping related to the installation of floor drains at this location. The existing structure at the site includes double slab construction. As such, the distance between the new floor drain outlets and the trap weir for each drain exceeds the 24" maximum distance required by code. They propose installing the sanitary piping below the second slab rather than running in between the two structural slabs. As this is a State project, no Board of Health letter is required.~~

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Meeting Notes: Applicant failed to attend

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

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

PV233 – STARBUCKS COFFEE-LOGAN AIRPORT 300 TERMINAL C, SPACE CE6 – E. BOSTON

T Petitioner is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.08 (1) (a). Starbucks restaurant is located on a double floor slab and the space between the slabs is inaccessible for piping construction. All drain piping will be below the second slab. This forces the floor drain traps to be more than 24" from the floor drain. As this is a State project, no Board of Health letter is required.

.Meeting Notes: the physical conditions won't allow the minimum 24" space to work between the 2 slabs. They will be installing trap primers on all of the floor drains. The drop is approximately 36".

A motion was made to allow the installation of trap primers for this location by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Waskiewicz

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

PV 236 - Q-STATE BIO LAB – 179 SIDNEY STREET – CAMBRIDGE

At the proposed Q-State Bio Lab there is a high ground water in the existing basement where the lab is being built. If we cut the slab to run the sanitary the resealing of the slab to maintain the existing water proofing would be difficult to do and would not be able to be warranted, due to the patching. We are requesting that we use two 5-gallon chip tanks, one located under each sink. The chip tanks will waste into their respective ejector pumps (2) and the pump outlets will connect to the overhead gravity sanitary drain. The Cambridge Board of Health was properly petitioned.

A motion was made to allow this installation by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. MacDonald

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

Mr. Hanley suggested that the Board may want to delegate authority to the Board office when any post secondary school applies to have their existing single user student rest rooms re-designated as gender neutral

A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Ms. Alfasso

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

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

DRINKING FOUNTAIN REQUIREMENTS WAIVER IN MEDICAL AND OFFICE BUILDINGS.

DA PV212 – WINCHESTER SAVINGS BANK – 573 MAIN STREET – WOBURN

DA PV219 – TEWKSBURY DENTAL ASSOCIATES – 1438 MAIN STREET – TEWKSBURY

DA PV221 - COSTELLO BENEFITS GROUP – 320 WASHINGTON ST. – W. CUMMINGS PARK,
SUITE 4300 - WOBURN

DA PV224 - NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 648 OLD WEST CENTRAL ST. – FRANKLIN

SHOWER REQUIREMENTS WAIVER IN MEDICAL AND DENTAL OFFICE BUILDINGS.

DA PV219 – TEWKSBURY DENTAL ASSOCIATES – 1438 MAIN STREET – TEWKSBURY

DA PV224 - NATIONAL URGENT CARE – 648 OLD WEST CENTRAL ST. - FRANKLIN

FLOOR DRAINS & G/O/S SEPARATOR WAIVER WHEN INSTALLING BOLLARD(S)

DA PV223 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS – 152 ORSWELL STREET – FALL RIVER

FLOOR DRAINS & G/O/S SEPARATOR WAIVER WHEN INSTALLING ALTERNATE SYSTEM.

DA PV222 – KEVIN KURT, LLC – 1287 RODMAN STREET – FALL RIVER

FULL AUTHORIZATION FOR OPERATION OF UNLISTED GAS EQUIPMENT.

DA GV037 – LUKE ADAMS GLASS – 416 LENOX STREET – SUITE 2 - NORWOOD

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to G.L. c 30A, §18 - Board Training

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:41am by Mr. MacDonald 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
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