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**MAY 4, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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	✓	
Joseph V. Waskiewiez	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)** Shawn McGaffigan is petitioning the Board to allow additional attempts to pass the Journeyman Plumber Exam

*A motion was made to table as the applicant had not yet arrived by Mr. Kaldas and seconded by Mr. Hanley*

**PRODUCT(S)**

**P1)** Charlotte Pipe and Davenport Associates to discuss with the Board their CHEMDRAIN CPVC piping system which has been approved by the Board since 2007

*Meeting Notes: Sal Taranova and Jeff Hamilton spoke about their Chem-Drain product. A situation came up on a small product underway in Framingham where the local inspector did not pass a job. The solvent cement joint in question is where the issue arises. This type of joining method is not acceptable in 248 CMR as a primary installation. Mr. Taranova stated that when they were approved in 2007, there were no conditions put on the product. The solvent cement is manufactured under their name. Mr. Hanley asked if the cement causes a chemical reaction. Yes it does. Alan Lunt from Spears manufacturing. They have the same product approved since 2006.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Waskiewiez that the Board stand behind their original approval of 2007 as an alternative method or technology. Unanimous*



**VARIANCE REQUEST(S)**

**PV301) MA DCR – SHANNON BEACH – MYSTIC VALLEY PARWAY – WINCHESTER**

The Petitioner (Thomas Iskra) is seeking a variance from the requirement to install indoor showers at this location. The project is a seasonal bath house at the Charles E. Shannon Memorial Beach (Shannon Beach) in Winchester.. DCR will be constructing a new bathhouse with public toilet and lavatory facilities as well as a separate structure for staff use, including a toilet room, break room, first aid area and an office. DCR is applying for a variance that would allow them to NOT install any indoor showers as required by code (Section 10.10, Table 1). They will be installing outdoor rinse off stations (Potable cold water supply.). The petitioner met with Scott Padden on April 8, 2016 to review the preliminary design and discuss this issue, and inform him that we would be proceeding with the variance request. All other fixture requirements will be met and/or exceeded. We have been presented with a tight timeline by DCR for this project and were hoping to be added to the next Board meeting. As this is a State Project, no Board of Health petition is required.

*Meeting Notes: This is a DCR park that has very small facilities. They are now building new rest rooms. They would like to install showers outside of the building instead of inside. Where this is seasonal, it appears to be a better option to have the showers outdoors.*

- 1. A motion was made to deny this request by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kilburn: Unanimous*
- 2. A motion was made to allow either one single unisex rest room inside for patrons equipped with a shower or one private single user rinse station installed outside with hot water by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kilburn*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV303 – HOME DÉCOR GROUP – 149 COCHITUATE ROAD - FRAMINGHAM**

The Petitioner (Joseph LaGrasse) is requesting a variance to allow the installation on one unisex restroom in lieu of the required men's and ladies rest rooms The applicant properly petitioned the Framingham Board of Health

*A motion was made to allow a single user unisex rest room for employees by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. Hanley*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV304) CRESSET GROVE, LLC – 65 GROVE STREET – WATERTOWN**

The Petitioner (Keith Rhodes) is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.09. The Petitioner notes the parking garage.gas/sand interceptor outlet pipe is lower than the city sewer. The Watertown Board of Health was properly petitioned regarding this variance request.

*Meeting Notes: Mr. MacDonald recused himself. The Plumber connected the discharge from the oil/water separator back into the sanitary system inside the building.*

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

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV307) BOSTON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL – 885 RIVER STREET – HYDE PARK**

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The Petitioner (Sylvia Mihich) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 with regard to the distribution of fixtures in the building. The applicant properly petitioned Boston Inspectional Services.

*Meeting Notes: The variance is to eliminate one of the required urinals in the student rest room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from this project. There are separate staff rest rooms.*

*A motion was made to allow the eliminate one of the urinals from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor student rest room by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kilburn*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV308) KATHERINE WEINSTEIN – 159 ELM STREET – NORTHAMPTON**

The Petitioner (Christopher Silva) is requesting a variance to install a non-product accepted Signature Hardware 41" Siglo Japanese soaking tub. The petitioner notes the manufacturer is foreign and unwilling to apply for product acceptance. The petitioner also notes he has been unable to find a product-accepted tub that will work with the space/design restrictions. The Northampton Board of Health does not foresee a public health issue and/or public nuisance associated with this variance request, therefore, the Board of Health takes no position on said request.

*Meeting Notes: The plumber stated that the homeowner purchased the tub and cannot return the product. It's an acrylic tub that does not have any equal currently Product Accepted by the Board.*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of this tub by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. MacDonald.*

*Result: 8 for and 1 against*

**PV) 310 – ERIN JOHNSON – 15 WEDGEWOOD ROAD – WELLESLEY**

The Petitioner (Michael Lynch) is seeking a variance to install a non-product accepted concrete counter top with an integral trough sink. He also notes this sink will be manufactured as a single custom piece. The sink is designed to meet all of the plumbing codes that are relevant to a residential vessel style lavatory. The petitioner is requesting the variance to install the sin. The installation will be in a residential bathroom. The applicant properly petitioned the Wellesley Board of Health

*Meeting Notes: The general contractor stated that this is a residential project with a single concrete custom built lavatory with three faucets. The faucets are currently listed with the Board.*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of a custom built concrete sink with three faucets by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Waskiewicz*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV313 – CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 85 MAIN STREET – CARVER**

The Petitioner (Matthew LaRue) requests a variance to construct a single unisex toilet room rather than separate male and female toilets for kitchen employees at the New Carver Elementary School. The applicant properly petitioned the Carver Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for kitchen staff by Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. Knight*

*Result: Unanimous*

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**PV314 – SARA KEENE – EGREMONT VILLAGE INN – 17 MAIN STREET – SOUTH EGREMONT**

The Petitioner (Sara Keene) is seeking a variance for the barn on the property. Where they plan to establish a community centre/small bar/entertainment venue for the town, and to complement the lodging business, a G&B, in the main house. The applicant properly petitioned the Egremont Board of Health

*Meeting Notes: This is a newly renovated lodge with an old barn. They are now renovating the barn and turning it into a meeting place. They would like to install a handicap accessible rest room for patrons on the first floor level. They are planning on installing another rest room in the basement sometime in the future. This venue also has a bar with 5 seats. The maximum number of occupants will be 49. Most of the people who will be using the venue will be staying at the lodge and use their own rest room. There are also two rest rooms in the main lobby of the lodge but they would have to go outside to get to those rest rooms.*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex handicap rest room for patrons in the barn by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Waskiewicz*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV315 – WAXING THE CITY 220-310 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY – WESTWOOD**

The Petitioner (Kevin Salmon) is requesting a variance to allow the installation on one unisex restroom in lieu of the two toilet rooms due to actual occupant load (about 15), and due to space constraints. If a second restroom is added, a treatment room would need to be eliminated, reducing the affective operation of a waxing the city salon. The applicant properly petitioned the Westwood Board of Health.

*Meeting Notes: This studio has about 1500 square feet of space and they would like to install one unisex rest room in lieu of the required two.*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for employees by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. MacDonald.*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV316 – WAXING THE CITY 90 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY – WALPOLE**

The Petitioner (Kevin Salmon) is requesting a variance to allow the installation on one unisex restroom in lieu of the two toilet rooms due to actual occupant load (about 15), and due to space constraints. If a second restroom is added, a treatment room would need to be eliminated, reducing the affective operation of a waxing the city salon. The applicant properly petitioned the Westwood Board of Health.

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room for employees by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. MacDonald.*

*Result: Unanimous*

Mr. Thomas asked the Board if they would like to consider cancelling the meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. - YES

*A motion was made to allow delegated authority to the Executive Director to allow the installation of Swageloc fittings on natural and propane gas projects which require a variance by Dan Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Hanley*

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FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required**

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

DA PV309 ADVANCED AUTO PARTS – 292 CHAUNCEY STREET – MANSFIELD

**Floor drains and gas/oil/sand separator waived when installing an alternate system.**

DA PV312 – OLD THUMPER LLC – 29 YOUNGS WAY - NANTUCKET

At approximately 10:15 a.m. the Chairman stated the Board would enter into an Executive Session.

**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. The Chairman Mr. Paul Kennedy, Sr. entertained a motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Knight, to enter executive session, thereafter, the roll call was summoned and the following is the result:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	RECUSED	ABSTAINED
Mr. Kennedy	✓				
Mr. McNamee			✓		
Mr. Hanley	✓				
Mr. Waskiewicz	✓				
Mr. Kaldas	✓				
Ms. Alfasso	✓				
Mr. MacDonald	✓				
Mr. Knight	✓				
Mr. Dan Kilburn	✓				

The chair estimated that the Executive Session would last 20 minutes.

The Board returned to open session at 10:25 a.m.

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

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting 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. Thaus*

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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