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JUNE 1, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

| MEMBERS | APPOINTMENT | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| 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. 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

DISCUSSION(S)

D1) Dennis O'Donnell would like to discuss with the Board his request for consideration of his education while attending New England Institute of Technology in Rhode Island

Mr. O'Donnell provided the Board with his current out-of-state licenses, education background and work experience with hopes the Board would allow him to sit for the Master Plumber exam even though he did not hold the M1 Pipefitter license in Rhode Island, which is the only Rhode Island license covering unlimited gas fitting. The Board advised the licensee that he should consult the current Board policy regarding substantially equivalent licenses which will provide him an additional option if he cannot get the Rhode Island M1 license.

No vote necessary

D2) Jeremy Smith from Waldron E&C would like to discuss with the Board the proposed hydrogen re-fueling station in Charlestown.

Regarding DAGV262 fy2015

After a lengthy presentation regarding the operation of this hydrogen re-fueling station, a motion was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kaldas to allow full operation of this installation.

Unanimous

PRODUCT REVIEW(S)



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PA1) Jeffrey Horn from Diversified Sales is requesting additional Test-Sites for the Grease guardian grease removal systems.

A motion was made to allow the testing of additional models (50-75-125) after the Board receives reports for the existing test sites by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Knight.

FOR: 4 AGAINST: 4 Motion fails

A motion was made to allow 10 more test sites by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kaldas:

FOR: 6 AGAINST: 2 Motion carries

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT(S)

V1) MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – 1050 WESTMINSTER STREET - FITCHBURG
Commercial on-campus project – New Building – *Applicant must appear*

A representative from Montachusett Vocational School explained the project to the Board as a new education facility on the school campus. This project will be done using the individual trade vocational students within the school. The applicant agreed to provide final plans for fixtures in the kennel area relevant to the grooming stations. All work shall comply with 248 CMR.

A motion was made to allow this project by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Kaldas

Unanimous

VARIANCE REQUEST(S)

PV338) SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE-ONE ARMORY SQ.-SPRINGFIELD

The Petitioner (Maureen Socha) is requesting a variance to allow adding two accessible restrooms for student and Faculty use. The first floor of building 35 is 3400 sq. ft., which houses the Civil Engineering and landscaping lab and class space. It does not currently have restroom facilities for the staff or the students. Currently the students must leave the building and go into another building to use the restroom, creating a hardship on both our faculty and students. Due to the size of the building and the space needs of the programs. The petitioner is requesting the variance to all two accessible half baths to be installed. The petitioner is asking for the Board's recommendation as to the assignment of the two restrooms be shared faculty and student or one unisex for each. As this is a State project, no Board of Health petition is required.

A motion was made to allow the installation of the following:

One unisex rest room for students and;

One unisex rest room for staff;

By Ms. Alfasso and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Unanimous

PV339) CAREWELL URGENT CARE OF MA – 757 BOSTON POST ROAD E. - MARLBOROUGH

The Petitioner (Fred Prezioso) is requesting a variance to allow for one unisex accessible public toilet room and one unisex patient toilet form the will also be shared by employees. Meeting the requirements of 248 CMR 10.10 for a facility of this size and limited staff would result in the loss of two exam rooms and resulting in a financial hardship and would add little, if any, benefit to the clinic's daily operation..

A motion was made to table this request as the applicant failed to atten by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. MacDonald.

Unanimous

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PV341) ASSABET VALLEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL – 215 FITCHBURG ST – MARLBOROUGH
The Petitioner (Mr. Eugene Kingman) is requesting a variance from 248 CMR. 10.10 to allow the building of a greenhouse without rest room facilities. The existing student rest rooms are approximately 220' away from the proposed greenhouse location. The Marlborough Board of Health has been notified of this variance request.
A motion was made to allow the elimination of rest rooms within the greenhouse provided an enclosed egress route from the greenhouse to the facilities was provided by Mr. McNamee.
No second on the motion. Motion failed
A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex rest room within the greenhouse by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Knight
Unanimous

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Shower requirements waiver in medical and dental office buildings.

DA -PV340 – NEURO REHAB. – 386 MERRIMACK STREET – SUITE 2-D - METHUEN

Matters not anticipated by the Chair

Robert Brazzeau from Nashoba Valley Technical School asked the Board to consider a commercial project he was hand delivering from the school dated that day. Mr. Brazzeau had been previously advised by the Board office of the deadlines to add agenda items. This is for the installation of a drinking fountain at the Lawrence Library in Pepperell. Attorney Kilb advised the Board that matters not on the agenda can be considered by an exception that they were not anticipated by the chair 48 hours prior to the meeting, however, counsel advised that the Board be very careful in using this exception, generally for emergencies. In this case, because this topic could have been anticipated well before the meeting and that there could be public interest in this matter, counsel advised the Board that it should not consider this application until it is properly posted on a Board meeting agenda consistent with the open meeting law.

No action taken by the Board, the matter can be added to a future agenda if desired by the applicant.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Kilburn.
Unanimous

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes from prior meeting
3. Variance applications and other related documentation for the 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