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**BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF  
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS**

**JANUARY 5, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters requires your presence at a remote Board meeting on **Wednesday, January 5, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

**In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, notice is hereby given that the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters will convene a regular monthly meeting via telephone/video conference:**

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It is anticipated that the topics shown below will be discussed at the aforementioned meeting:



***Member and Staff Attendance***

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter		
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber		
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer		
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer		
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber		
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter		
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health		
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		
<b>STAFF</b>			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel		
Ms. Karen Brann	Board Executive Director		
Ms. Mary Collins-McCarthy	Associate Executive Director		
Mr. Taylor Roth	State Plumbing Investigator		
Mr. Scott Padden	State Plumbing Investigator		
Mr. Fredrick Lima	State Plumbing Investigator		
Mr. James O'Reilly	State Plumbing Investigator		
Mr. Joseph Peluso	Board Consultant		

**9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:** By Chairman Joseph McNamee

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency upcoming meeting venue may change.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

December 1, 2021 – Open Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2021 – Executive Session Minutes

**Discussion**

-Threshold on continued use of 1 ½” drain

## **VARIANCE REQUESTS**

### **PV-632 28 PROCTOR STREET HOPKINTON**

The Petitioner (Anthony Pineyro) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.16, for the use of bow vents not in a peninsula or island with a 2" vent to go through the roof on the inside wall in a historical farmhouse. The project consists of two kitchen sinks both below post and beam walls without access to venting and would compromise architects plans. The local Board of Health has been notified.

### **PV-132 REBECCA HODGES 20 BANFORD WAY WALTHAM**

#### **Post – Installation Variance**

The Petitioner (Charles Mulik, Sr. from CMS Plumbing) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.1, for a basement ¾ bath that was installed with a Sani-Flush toilet. The sewer line was under a concrete floor. The floor could not be dug up because the sewer pipe ran under a 275 gallon oil tank.

### **TEST SITE – PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE – 38 QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD MASHPEE**

The reason this Product Acceptance Application is presented to the Board for review is as follows:

On September 2, 2009, Board meeting, the Busse GT waste-water treatment system was reviewed by the Board. Their decision was to grant one test site location with conditions. Approximately two months later there was a request for additional test sites and Busse GT was granted 12 sites. There was little to no contact from Busse until approximately November of 2015, again Busse was granted the 12 test sites.

At this time, the system has not received full Product Acceptance and Busse has resubmitted for product acceptance with an alteration for the system by adding a Phosphorus Reduction Tank.

### **22-PV-008 CAPV 95 RIVER STREET GREENFIELD**

The Petitioner (Community Action Pioneer Valley) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10.18 (r), this building is classified as a business. Primary use is providing social services and assistance programs for residence of Franklin County. The owner is redeveloping a 15,500 sq. ft. commercial space that is currently unoccupied and has two existing single user toilets. They are seeking to add a single user unisex restroom and a gang facility of 4 fixtures.

**22-PV-021 CITY OF TAUNTON DPW – 825 W. WATER STREET TAUNTON**

The Petitioner (Ryan Murphy from Hart Engineering corp.) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR,

1. As part of an upgrade to the town wastewater treatment facility, a new building is being added to house aeration blowers and electrical equipment. The equipment internal to the building is fairly large and as such forces the building to be larger than allowable space required to contain a bathroom. The Petitioner is requesting a variance for the following reasons:

a. The location of the building and existing conditions in the ground would make bringing city water and a sanitary sewer to building extremely difficult.

b. The buildings size is confined to a minimum to fit process equipment and adding a bathroom may require changing building size. This may force clashes with piping and structures onsite.

c. Occupancy load in this building will be extremely low.

d. There are dual sex bathrooms on the premise located onsite within 250' of this location.

2. The building includes an overhead door. We were informed that this requirement necessitates the addition of bollards to block the door from vehicles or addition of a spill containment at this location. We request a variance for the following reasons.

a. The overhead door is only intended to be used for rigging the aeration blowers into the building. No vehicles will be stored in the building and addition of bollards and spill containment will defeat this objective.

b. No floor drains are included in this building.

The local Board of Health has been notified.

**22-PV-022 MBTA SYMPHONY STATION MASSACHUSETTS AVE AND HUNTINGTON AVE BOSTON**

The Petitioner (Christopher Garcia from GGD Consulting Engineers, Inc.) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 (18) 1.b, Table 1 Plumbing Fixtures, to not install a drinking water station when they are installing single user bathrooms on the Eastbound side and Westbound side platform area. The Petitioner wants to eliminate the installation of drinking water stations because they are generally broken or vandalized after installation. This is a state project. The local Bord of Health petition is not required.

**22-PV-023 BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL 150 MORRISSEY BLVD. BOSTON**

The Petitioner (Thomas Scarlata from Bargmann Hendrie and Archetype), is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10, Table 1 Minimum Facilities, Group A-5 Stadiums, etc., to construct permanent toilet facilities to supplement existing toilets within the High School building and new public toilets being constructed in conjunction with a maintenance building. The petitioner is seeking relief for toilet and lavatory facilities for 1,800 seats. The variance seeks relief for 19 women’s toilets and 1 women’s lavatory. The variance also seeks relief for 4 men’s toilets and 1 men’s (women on variance description) lavatory. Boston Inspectional Services have been notified.

## **22-PV-024 21 LANCASTER AVENUE REVERE**

### **Post-Installation Variance**

The Petitioner (Paul Peters from Paul's Plumbing) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10, for approval of an installation of a freestanding tub. A proper waste assembly needs to be installed. The one that is provided is flexible. The local Board of Health has been notified.

## **22- GV-025 31 LANGDON AVENUE WATERTOWN**

The Petitioner (Susan Bossi and John Rebello, Jr.) is requesting to install a Motor Wheel corp Duo – Therm heater, which is stamped with the American Gas Association star. The heater has been refurbished by Stanley Iron Works including all new safety device such as UL approved Robert Shaw gas valves and thermostat. The existing boiler has had six costly repairs in the last 10 months. The owners are unable to upgrade the boiler heating system at this time due to costs.

## **22-PV-045 REVERE SPRINGHIL SUITES 400 OCEAN AVENUE REVERE**

### **Post-Installation Variance**

The Petitioner (Joseph Harold from Sagamore Plumbing and Heating), is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, 10.10 Table 1, for relief from the quantity of bathrooms required for the pool at the hotel. Project documents indicate a unisex bathroom at the location and was installed as such. The design drawings were developed as they were submitted for early review on or around August of 2018 with a final submittal for permit review in November of 2018. The reviews have not been found to include any reference to the designed pool fitness toilet facility. Permits were issued for both the general building and for plumbing on January 31, 2019, and November 7, 2019. The local Board of Health has been notified.

## **22-PV-046 MBTA KENDALL SQUARE HEADHOUSE 300 MAIN STREET CAMBRIDGE**

The Petitioner (Joseph Philbrick from AHA Consulting Engineers) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.22 Figure 15, to allow the venting from the oil water separator to vent horizontally through a HVAC exhaust shaft louver. Part of the renovation project is the construction of the new head house of the subway stop. The project has two oil/water separators, one serving an elevator and a second serving an escalator. The plaza level serves as the roof of the subway stop. The Petitioner is proposing to run 4, 4 inch vents up a void space behind the elevator shaft to a point approximately 10'6" above the plaza and terminate the venting at the same elevation and location at the HVAC exhaust. This is a state project. The local Board of Health petition is not required.

## **22-PV-047 NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID 10 WAITE STREET SALEM**

The Petitioner (Jeremy Harold from RW Sullivan Engineering), is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Sections 10.02.6.b, and 10.10(18), to not install bathrooms in a new switching station. The new switching station will be on undeveloped land and approximately 17' x 11' and approximately 187 sq. ft. The building serves as an equipment enclosure for the protection and security of self-operating electrical panels and high voltage equipment. The local Board of Health has been notified.

## **22-GV-048 FAIRFIELD CHELSEA PHASE II 250 VALE STREET CHELSEA**

### **Post-Installation Application**

The Petitioner (John Lloyd) is seeking a gas variance from 248 CMR. The Petitioner was notified on 4/28/2021 that their permit application was approved and accepted and that they should mail the payment by check and the permit would be mailed to them. The permit was never mailed to them. They proceeded to install approximately 150 exhaust vents for IBC water heaters at the above address. The Petitioner was under the impression that notification of a permit being granted gave them the approval to proceed and they discussed this with the inspector. When the inspector went to do the actual inspection of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the building in December 2021, he brought up that the actual permit is dated May 3, 2021 which would require the Petitioner to change out all the installed exhaust piping.

## **22-PV-049 UNIFIED GLOBAL PACKAGING GROUP 105 PROVIDENCE ROAD BUILDING 3 SUTTON**

The Petitioner (Greg O'Connor from Gregory J. O'Connor Associates) is seeking variances from 248 CMR Sections 10.10 (18)(J)4 and 18(A), for a one story 343,200 sq. ft. warehouse and manufacturing building with a very small mezzanine. The first request is to base the fixture count on the actual numbers of employees for the largest shift (50), opposed to the building code egress count. The second is the 300 ft. distance from the working area to the facilities. The local Board of Health has been notified.

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

**Continued use of 1-1/2” tub drain for shower conversion**

22-DAPV-001	Andrew Catino	64 Broad Reach Unit 204	Weymouth
22-DAPV-002	Gerald Bilodeau	200 Harvard Circle	Newton
22-DAPV-003	Mike Sorgi	142 Commercial St. APT 201	Boston
22-DAPV-004	Nelson Ball	195 Main St. Unit 3	Orleans
22-DAPV-005	Wiliam & Charlene Silk	132 Kingston St	North Andover
22-DAPV-006	Lauren and Larry Cohen	948 Main St. Unit 103	Waltham
22-DAPV-007	Nancy Newton	150 Wood St. Unit P	Middleboro
22-DAPV-009	Barbara Apple	15 Chestnut Circle	Brewster
22-DAPV-010	George Oliveira	49 Hanks Street	Lowell
22-DAPV-011	Andy Shepard	28 N Worcester St	Norton
22-DAPV-012	Roberta Davis	67 Fairway Circle	Natick
22-DAPV-013	Sherry Scully	1582 Padanaram Ave	New Bedford
22-DAPV-014	Lu Foley	44 East Rd	Westminster
22-DAPV-015	Bill Keefe	24 Washington St #304	Haverhill
22-DAPV-016	Alison Dodson	14 Stanford St Unit 26	Medway
22-DAPV-017	Beatrice Mertilus	71 Rand St	Revere
22-DAPV-018	Viki Preston	690 Ashley Blvd	New Bedford
22-DAPV-019	Angela Nunez	92 Pemberton St	Revere
22-DAPV-020	Kathleen Scanlon	1 Adams St. Unit 703	Quincy
22-DAPV-026	Robert Breen	68 Main Street Unit 43C	Stoneham
22-DAPV-027	Layla Leger	176 Strawberry Lane	East Taunton
22-DAPV-028	Ruth Chapman	158 East Side Pkwy	Newton
22-DAPV-029	Michael Afousi	10 Nouvelle Way Apt S709	Natick
22-DAPV-030	Marlene Lochan	78 Electric Street	Worcester
22-DAPV-031	James, Hale	39 Shallow Pond Lane	Plymouth
22-DAPV-032	Cliff Calderwood	39 Regis Road	East Falmouth
22-DAPV-033	Susan Lenkauskas	39 Dailey Road	Brockton
22-DAPV-034	Eila Zay	51 Highland Meadows	Danvers
22-DAPV-035	Paul Sousa	35 Hunters Run Place #35	Haverhill
22-DAPV-036	Corey Cronin	38 106 Village Road	Middleton
22-DAPV-037	Daniel Gibson	210 Stratford Street	West Roxbury
22-DAPV-038	Elizabeth Rabinowitz	69 Voyagers Lane	Ashland
22-DAPV-039	Sheila Raine	160 Laurelwood Drive	Hopedale
22-DAPV-040	Julie Wolkoff	18 Cleveland Road	Wellesley Hills
22-DAPV-041	Anita Benner	161 Ashley Lane	Middleboro
22-DAPV-042	Tom Casey	84 Innis Street	North Andover
22-DAPV-043	William Dyer	36 Belmont Ave	Wilmington
22-DAPV-044	Nancy Serrell	78 Captains Row	Chelsea

## **RESIDENTIAL PROJECT APPLICATION**

The Petitioner Plymouth South High School is seeking approval for a Residential Project that will be done at 32 Blue Gill Lane, Plymouth. The project will consist of installing a drain, waste, vent and water piping to connect 1 water close, 1 lavatory sink/faucet, 1 shower stall/valve and 1 sewer ejector.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **CHARACTER REVIEW(S)**

1. F. F.
2. C.S.
3. P.S.

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

### **QUASI JUDICIAL SESSION**

**(Disciplinary decisions - Closed per M.G.L c. 30A, §18)**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Note:**

Reasonable accommodations or modifications will be provided to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in this Plumbing Board meeting. **All requests should be submitted to Cheryl Yebba at**

**(617)-727-4992 no later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled Board Meeting.**

While the Board of Examiners of Plumbers & Gas Fitters will attempt to honor all requests, those requests received after that date may not be provided due to feasibility.