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Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters,
September 4, 2019
BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter		
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter		
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer		
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber		
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health		
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer		
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber		
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DPL Designee		

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW

By Chairman Joseph McNamee

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

- The June 5, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- The June 5, 2019 Executive Session Minutes

- The June 26, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- The August 7, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- The August 7, 2019 Executive Session Minutes



UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- October 2nd: Essex North Shore Technical High School
565 Maple Street
Hathorne, MA
 - November 6th: Venus DeMilo
75 Grand Army Highway (Route 6)
Swansea, MA
- December 4th: Worcester Technical High School
1 Skyline Drive
Worcester, MA

DISCUSSION

D1 – Draft Advisory Regarding Elevator Sumps

VARIANCE REQUESTS

❖ **PV-40 Littleton Water Department – Whitcomb Avenue - Littleton**

Applicant Corey Godfrey of the Littleton Water Department is requesting the installation of a single user, gender neutral 521 CMR compliant toilet room in the new water filtration plant. The Littleton Board of Health has been properly notified.

❖ **PV-47 Belmont Middle and High School – 255 Concord Avenue – Belmont**

Applicant Chris Lizewski of Cod Red Consultants, Inc. is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (h) 10.10 (18) (i) 2. They are requesting temporary permission to exceed required maximum travel distances for toilet facilities during phase 1 of the construction of a new school adjacent to the existing school. The Belmont Board of Health has been notified.

❖ **PV-48 - Park Street School - 57 Brimmer Street –Boston**

Applicant Donald Mills of Mills Whitaker Architects is seeking several variance requests for this location.

- The first request is permission for the continued use of PVC piping below the existing slab.
- The second is the deletion of the floor drain and sill cock requirement for the first floor accessible toilet room.
- The third variance request is for permission to install a total of four single user toilet rooms, for the entire occupancy of the building (first floor for students, second floor for staff and multi-purpose function rooms). One of the two toilet rooms on first floor will include a urinal.
- The fourth request is to allow the use of a shower stall on second floor for a service sink / mop receptor.

The City of Boston’s Inspectional Services has been properly petitioned.

❖ **PV-36 - Burlington Dental Office - 74 Burlington Mall Road – Burlington (2nd attempt)**

This agenda item was tabled on August 7, 2019. The applicant has asked the variance be added to this agenda. Applicant Chad Forsythe of Pacific Dental Services is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (i) and (k). They are asking to install two single user 521 CMR compliant gender neutral toilet rooms one for patients and visitors and one for staff, along with a single drinking water station without a drain. The Burlington Board of Health has been properly notified.

❖ **PV-49 - Inari Agriculture – 1 Kendall Square Building 500 – Cambridge**

Applicant Kevin Daley of North Shore Mechanical Contractors are seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.15 Sumps and Ejectors. This is an existing lab and is scheduled to be renovated and the space is being reconfigured. They are requesting the use of small individual ejector pumps for this project. The Cambridge Board of Health has been properly notified.

❖ **PV-41 - MBTA Green Line Extension Lechmere Station – Cambridge**

This is one of six variance requests submitted by Terrence McCarthy on behalf of the MBTA. The North head house has employee toilets (male and female). The MBTA are requesting to not provide public toilet facilities. This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-42 - MBTA Green Line Extension Somerville Stations - Somerville**
This is the second of six variance requests submitted by Terrence McCarthy on behalf of the MBTA. This request is for no public rest rooms at East Somerville Station, Gilman Square Station, Magoun Square Station and Ball Square Station. Applicant states that employee toilet rooms are not provided due to the unmanned nature of these stations. This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-43 - MBTA Green Line Extension - Pump Stations – Somerville**
This is the third of six variance requests submitted by Terrence McCarthy on behalf of the MBTA. This request is for no public rest rooms at Red Bridge Pump station and Washington Street Pump Station. Applicant states that employee toilet rooms are not provided due to pump stations are unoccupied buildings. This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-44 - MBTA Green Line Extension Traction Power Sub-Stations - Medford**
This is the fourth of six variance requests submitted by Terrence McCarthy on behalf of the MBTA. This request is for a single user, gender neutral toilet room at Red Bridge, Ball Square, and Pearl Street Traction Power Sub Stations. Applicant states that these buildings are unoccupied and are scheduled for maintenance by MBTA Personnel 3 to 4 times a year. This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-45 - MBTA Green Line Extension Lechmere and College Avenue Stations - Medford**
This is the fifth of six variance requests submitted by Terrence McCarthy on behalf of the MBTA. This request is for no public bathrooms and employee toilets that are located more than 300 feet from the starter booth. This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-46 - MBTA Union Square Station – Somerville**
This is the sixth of six variance requests submitted by Terrence McCarthy on behalf of the MBTA. This request is for no public bathrooms and employee toilets that are located more than 300 feet from the starter booth as well as off site of the station as negotiated by the MBTA and the adjacent real estate developer.. This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-52 - BHC Ventures LLC- 45 Chestnut Street - Holliston**
Applicant Andrew V. Reseska is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) table 1. Applicant states that the building official from the town of Holliston was replaced and the new building official has reclassified the building thus changing the fixture requirements from the original submittal. The Holliston Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-54 - Essentia Health and Wellness Center LLC - 323 French Street - Fall River**
Applicants Barbara Fontaine, Jessica Ventura, and Kerry Taveira are seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (k). They are requesting the installation of two 521 CMR compliant gender neutral, single user toilet rooms in lieu of the required four toilet rooms. The Fall River Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-58 - Merrimack Valley Indoor Sports – 100 Chase Street – Methuen**
Applicant Mark Mscisz is requesting a reduction in the number of fixtures required by 248 CMR 10.10(18) table 1. Based on the numbers provided by the applicant the required fixtures would be 10 female water closets and 5 male water closets. They are proposing to provide 4 water closets for each gender. The Methuen Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-59 - J&N Ventures, LLC D.B.A. Cape Ann Lanes –Gloucester**
Applicant Nicolas Pszenny is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) table 1. The applicant states that the occupancy will go up from 135 to 141 due to the construction of a former “birthday party room” to a brewpub with seating, brewing equipment and a kitchen. They are seeking permission to retain the current number of toilet fixtures. The Gloucester Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-60 - Mom's Kitchen - 46 Commercial Street – Gloucester**
Applicant David W. Tucker Sr. is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) table 1. The applicant states that they are renters not owners of the property. Applicant states there are seasonal seating outside of the “mom and pop” operation. Applicant states financial hardship to provide the required number of fixtures. The Gloucester Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-61- Gourmet Foods JAFCO - 100 Willow Street - N. Andover**
Applicant Larry Couto of LC Mechanical Inc. is seeking a variance in accordance with 248 CMR 10.06 (1) (a) 2. The request is to install schedule 40 Charlotte Chem Drain pipe and fittings for waste and vent systems in process areas in lieu of code required cast iron for waste and vent for commercial buildings. The North Andover Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-62- The Old School Plumber - 137 Atlantic Avenue – Salisbury**
Applicant Walter K. Parker is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) (b) product acceptance. The plumbing fixtures to be installed are circa 1908. The installation is to be a showcase of the history of plumbing installations and fixtures. The Salisbury Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-63 - Whole Foods Market Fresh Pond –200 Alewife Brook - Cambridge**
Applicant Dan Yerkes of JACOBS Engineering is asking the Board to allow Whole Foods Market Fresh Pond to use a vacuum drainage system to collect gray water from sinks, floor drains and refrigerated cases in this renovated store. The Cambridge Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV- 64 - Hadley Dental Care- 1 Mill Valley Road – Hadley**
Applicant Saleh Akbar is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (k). They are requesting the installation of two 521 CMR compliant gender neutral, single user toilet rooms in lieu of the required four toilet rooms The Hadley Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-256-Multi Unit Apartments-70 Chestnut St-Springfield FY-19**
Applicant Thomas Conway of T J Conway Co is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.06 Materials. This is a 35 story multi-unit building, they are requesting the use of ABS plastic pipe and fittings for all branch intervals while maintaining cast iron stacks. The Springfield Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

- ❖ **PV-66 - MBTA - 1400 Massachusetts Avenue – Cambridge**
Applicant Daaniel Dirgins of WSP USA is seeking several variances for this address:
 - First: permission to exceed required maximum travel distances (over 300 feet) for toilet facilities
 - Second: to route 2 sump vent pipes through an emergency ventilation shaft and terminate one foot below the ventilation grate
 - Third: To install 2 pumps that do not appear on the Massachusetts Product Accepted List.
This is a state facility therefore no Board of Health has been notified.

- ❖ **PV-68 - Ultragenyx Phamaceutical, Inc – 150 Presidential Way, Floor # 4 – Woburn**
Applicant Jamie Miller, PE of CRB Consulting Engineers, Inc. is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.15 (10) (a) 1. & 2. They are asking the Board to approve lift pumps under sinks, safety showers, and other non0-domestic fixtures to collect and pump lab waste to a pH neutralization skid to be located on the 4th floor. The Woburn Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

VARIANCE WITHDRAWN

~~❖ **Withdrawn-PV-168 Cabot Elementary School Newton-FY-19**~~

~~Applicant withdrew variance on August 27, 2019 via email~~

~~❖ **Withdrawn-18-Bronly Boyd - South Lee Assoc - 501 Plesant St - Lee**~~

~~Applicant withdrew variance on August 27, 2019 via email~~

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Continued use of 1-1/2” drain waste for a tub to shower conversion

❖ **DAPV-50 – Mark Urman – 250 Hammond Pond Parkway 1111 North - Newton**

Applicant Mark Urman has requested the continued use of an inch and a half drain for a tub to shower conversion. The Newton Board of Health has been properly notified. They have included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head.

❖ **DAPV-51 – Mark Clay – 250 Hammond Pond Parkway 604 North - Newton**

Applicant Mark Clay has requested the continued use of an inch and a half drain for a tub to shower conversion. The Newton Board of Health has been properly notified. They have included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head.

❖ **DAPV-53 - Joseph Hirst and Lois Rosenbloom - 357 Commercial Street Apt. 316 - Boston**

Applicants Joseph Hirst and Lois Rosenbloom has requested the continued use of an inch and a half drain for a tub to shower conversion. Boston Inspectional Services have been properly notified. They have included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head.

❖ **DAPV-55 - Mark Hasso - 250 Hammond Pond Parkway 606 South - Newton**

Applicant Jason Leonardo has requested the continued use of an inch and a half drain for a tub to shower conversion. The Newton Board of Health has been properly notified. They have included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head.

❖ **DAPV-56 - Paul Place - 13 Cannonberry Way – Wareham**

Applicant Paul Place has requested the continued use of an inch and a half drain for a tub to shower conversion. The Wareham Board of Health has been properly notified. They have included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head.

❖ **DAPV-57 – Shirley Sloane – 125 Coolidge Avenue #506 – Watertown**

Applicant Mark Murray has requested the continued use of an inch and a half drain for a tub to shower conversion. The Watertown Board of Health has been properly notified. They have included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head.

❖ **DAPV-65 - Diutsh, Richard - 60 Longwood Avenue – Brookline**

Applicant Kenneth Pecore has requested the continued use of an inch and a half drain for a tub to shower conversion. The Brookline Board of Health has been properly notified. They have included a note from a health care professional. The in-office approval included the condition of a six inch threshold from the top of the drain outlet to the top of the barrier lip and only one two point five gallon per minute maximum shower head.

Vocational School Projects

❖ **CPA-2 - Essex Technical High School - 565 Maple Street – Hathorne**

Department head James Russell Master Plumber License Number 12933 has submitted a Public Career/Vocational Technical High School Program Commercial Project Application to perform plumbing work on the campus of Essex Technical High School in the Smith Hall on 2nd floor. The renovation work includes disconnect existing fixtures in the bathroom, install plumbing for a double sink on the opposite wall and to install a handicap sinks, two flush-o-meter type toilets and to pipe all the water to the fixtures. Electrical work will be performed by other licensed trade programs within the school. The stated benefit to the students of the program will include real life experience in commercial plumbing. A total of four junior year students will participate in this project. Based on the Board's policy regarding on-the-job training programs provided by vocational high schools, this project was approved in the Board Office through Board Delegated Authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CHARACTER REVIEW(S)

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

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.