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NOTICE OF MEETING

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 on:

March 4, 2020 @ 9 a.m. until approximately 12 p.m.

Bristol Plymouth Vocational, 207 Hart Street, Taunton, MA 02780

Parking: in the front of the building - the Hart St. side. If entering from County St., drive all the way around until you see the flag pole. Enter through the main entrance and check in at the reception desk. You will be directed to the lecture hall.

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

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

| MEMBERS | APPOINTMENT | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mr. Joseph McNamee | Member, Master Gas Fitter | | |
| Mr. Wayne Thomas | Member Journeyman Gasfitter | | |
| Mr. Dan Kilburn | Member, DPL Designee | | |
| Ms. Ruth Alfasso | Member, Dept. of Public Health | | |
| 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 | | |
| Ms. Sarah Badway | Public Member | | |
| STAFF | | | |
| Mr. Laurent A. Lemieux | Board Executive Director | | |
| Mr. Scott Padden | State Plumbing Investigator | | |
| Mr. Taylor Roth | State Plumbing Investigator | | |
| Mr. Charles Kilb | Board Legal Counsel | | |
| Ms. Cynthia Johnson | Board Administrative Assistant | | |
| Mr. Fredrick Lima | State Plumbing Investigator | | |
| Mr. James O'Reilly | State Plumbing Investigator | | |
| Mr. Joseph Peluso | Board Consultant | | |



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

UP COMING MEETING VENUES

- March 7th: PHCC of Massachusetts Trade Show
Code Seminar on from 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center
181 Boston Post Rd W
Marlborough, MA 01752
- April 1st: Greater Lowell Technical School
250 Pawtucket Boulevard
Tyngsborough, MA 01879
- May 6th Plumbers and Gas Fitters UA Local 12 Union Hall
1240 Massachusetts Ave,
Dorchester, MA 02125

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- The March 2, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- The September 4, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- The October 2, 2019 Executive Session Minutes
- The October 2, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- The November 6, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- The December 4, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- The January 8, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

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PRODUCTS

P1 – IPEX - Discuss the differences in testing from DVW PVC compared to UL 1738 PVC, also the difference in testing of currently listed IPEX 1738 and new IPEX Products. Joe Peluso

DISCUSSION

D1- Discuss the Delegated Authority regarding continued use of 1-1/2” drain waste on a tub to shower conversion.

The Board will consider the removal of the health care documentation requirement while continuing to require a six inch threshold from the top of the drain inlet to the flood rim level as provided by the barrier, along with a single 2.5 gallon per minute showerhead or a single 2.5 gallon per minute hand held devise.

D2- Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department

Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department is proposing to pilot a program geared toward educating highly motivated offenders looking to break the cycle of incarceration. The Sheriff is requesting to be accepted as Tier 1 Provider of The Massachusetts Plumbing Education Tier Program as outlined in 248 CMR 11.

D3 – Formation of a Subcommittee to perform character review.

In an effort to continue with traveling Board Meetings, and to not subject public schools to violate their security protocols, as well as to prevent excessive wait times for character reviews between appropriate venues, the Board will consider the formation of a subcommittee to perform the function of CORI review.

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VARIANCE REQUESTS

PV-164-Preferred Meals-39 Olympia Avenue-Woburn

Applicant Mark Goodman is requesting a variance from a requirement to provide showers for employees in a proposed food processing facility. The Woburn Board of Health has been notified

PV-165-Follen Church-775 Massachusetts Ave-Lexington

Applicant Paul Albernaz is seeking a post-installation variance to designate a multi-stall, partially open-to-view bathroom as gender-neutral in a Unitarian Universalist church. The Lexington Board of Health has been notified.

PV-166-Cumberland Farms-143 Bedford St-East Bridgewater

Applicant Meghan Vincent is seeking a variance to replace two inaccessible restrooms (men and women) with a single fully accessible gender-neutral restroom at a Cumberland Farms location in East Bridgewater. The East Bridgewater Board of Health has been notified.

PV-167-Google-150 Broadway-Cambridge

The Design Team for a Google office building in Cambridge MA is requesting a variance to allow the use of gender-neutral restroom cores on levels 4 and 7 of the building. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

PV-168-Harvard Graduate School of Education-Cambridge

Applicant Jason Carlson is requesting a variance to implement a pilot program to introduce multi-stall gender-neutral toilet rooms on the campus of Harvard Graduate School of Education. The program proposes to modify a Men's Room with 2 toilets, 1 urinal and 3 sinks to have 3 toilets and 3 shared sinks. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

PV-169-Cambridge Montessori School-Cambridge

Applicant Kelly Knopp is requesting a variance from providing separate staff restrooms in a school. The school currently has two single-user accessible restrooms, and dedicated staff restrooms are also located in the main building 116 feet way. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

PV-170-Cambridgeport School-89 Elm St.-Cambridge

Applicant Christopher M. Garcia, P.E. is requesting a variance to demolish existing boys and girls bathrooms on the ground floor of a school building and install a gender-neutral bathroom for all students. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

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PV-171-Four Seasons Boston-200 Boylston St.-Boston

Applicant Ian Chisholm is requesting a variance to use an existing 1 ½ “ waste line for a shower drain. The drain line is beneath a structural slab and is not accessible. The Boston Board of Health has been notified.

PV-173-Alexi Turnpike St. LLC-290 Turnpike St.-So. Easton

Applicant Jeffrey Metcalfe is requesting a variance to provide 1 HP bathroom per gender with a toilet and sink in a tenant space where the tenant is the only employee and will be teaching classes of 10-12 students. The South Easton Board of Health has been notified.

PV-174-Otis Elevator-95 Shawmut Rd-Canton

Applicant Douglas Wade is requesting a variance to use an automatic pump in lieu of a gravity drain for a kitchen sink, to avoid having to cut concrete in an area where shallow electrical conduits are buried in the slab. The Canton Board of Health has been notified.

PV-176 – Pocari’s Bridgway Inn, LLC – 1265 Ferry Street – Marshfield

Applicant Anthony Polcari is requesting the Board consider his hardship variance to temporarily convert the women toilet room consisting of 3 water closets and 2 lavatories to a gender neutral multi-user facility while the men room is under renovation. The Marshfield Board of Health has been petitioned.

PV-177-Bank of America-212 Hampshire St-Cambridge

Applicant Ben Heller is requesting a variance to provide one unisex single-user restroom in a 2,835 SF space with a maximum of five employees. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

PV-178-Town of Canton-199 Bolivar St.-Canton

Applicant Daniel Saley is requesting a variance to use a sanitary sewer connection for the discharge of pool facility wastewater. The Canton Board of Health has been notified.

PV-179-Cherry Street Fish Market-26 Hobart St.-Danvers

Applicant Jeff White is requesting a variance to use schedule 40 polypropylene with no hub drainage pattern fittings in a fish market. The Danvers Board of Health has been notified.

PV-180 - MBTA Oak Grove Station – Washington and Winter Street - Malden

Applicant Lonny Fidalgo of MBTA Capitol Delivery is seeking a variance from the requirement to discharge the 50 GPM elevator sump through a sand oil separator. No Board of Health petition is required for buildings owned, used or leased by the State of Massachusetts.

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PV-181-Albert Bensimon-465 Mount Auburn – Watertown (Post Installation Variance)

Applicant Albert Bensimon is requesting a variance for hand sinks with pumps which were installed due to difficulty in accessing the floor drain. The Watertown Board of Health has been notified.

PV-182-Mayflower Council BSA - 200 Cuttersfield Rd – Plymouth

Applicant Mayflower Council BSA is requesting a variance to use PVX and Pex piping in a seasonal shower house. The Plymouth Board of Health has been notified.

PV-184-Phillips School-30 Common St-Watertown

Applicant James White is requesting a variance to install small ejector pumps at temporary sinks rather than trench the existing floor slab to provide permanent underground piping. The Watertown Board of Health has been notified.

VARIANCE WITHDRAWN

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

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

DAPV-172-Gregory Howard-200 Market St. Unit 211-Lowell

Applicant Gregory Howard is requesting a variance to install a shower into an existing 1-1/2” tub drain. The variance package 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. The Lowell Board of Health and Local Plumbing Inspector have been notified.

DAPV-175-Ruth Johnson-16 Chambers Hill Rd.-N. Falmouth

Applicant Ruth Johnson is requesting a variance to install a shower into an existing 1-1/2” tub drain. The variance package 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. The North Falmouth Board of Health and Local Plumbing Inspector have been notified.

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Approval for products not listed with Massachusetts Product Accepted listing

Full operation of unlisted gas equipment

DAGV- 72 - FY-19 - City Pump and Motor Service, Inc. 79 Grove Street - Watertown

The Board office grants City Pump and Motor Service, Inc. full operation of following gas equipment: Burn Oven-Bayco model BB42, Bake Oven-Steelan model 444 and Pars Cleaner-Waitco model CPW2000 at the above referenced location, subject to the approval of the local plumbing and gas inspector. All other plumbing and gas fitting work if applicable shall comply with 248 CMR 3.00 through 10.00 and all other applicable statutes and codes.

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Would like to publicly thank our host Bristol Plymouth Vocational High School for the use of their facility and would also like to open the floor to all the students in attendance to address the Board with any questions, concerns and comments.

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.