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

## **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 via telephone conference on:

**May 6, 2020 @ 9 a.m. until approximately 12 p.m.**

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



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***Member and Staff Attendance***

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter		
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DPL Designee		
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber		
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer		
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer		
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewiez	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		
Mr. Laurent A. Lemieux	Board 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		
Ms. Cynthia Johnson	Board Administrative Assistant		
Mr. Joseph Peluso	Board Consultant		

***BOARD MEETING AGENDA***

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

**UP COMING MEETING VENUE**

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

**DISCUSSIONS**

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**VARIANCES**

- ❖ **PV-190 – University of Massachusetts - Goessman Hall – 686 North Pleasant Street – Amherst**  
Applicant Peter Radzim of VAV International Inc. has a two part variance request.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Renovation of floor 2 includes the addition of new handwashing sinks in renovated labs. They are requesting permission to feed handwashing sinks with tempered water from a central tempered water loop and to pipe waste to the special (lab) waste system.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: There are currently no separate staff bathrooms, they are requesting the installation of a single user gender neutral ADA compliant bathroom on the second floor for staff.
  
- ❖ **PV-194 - Misty Amero Kindred Gardens Early Learning & Care - 5A. Dr. Osman Babson Rd - Gloucester**  
Applicant Misty Amero is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1. There are currently 2 bathrooms in this daycare facility that serves 28 children. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Gloucester Board of Health has been petitioned.
  
- ❖ **PV-197 - Sandy Pond HVDC Converter Station operated by National Grid - Off Boston Rd (Asseors ID 119-1) – Groton**  
Applicant Michael Mullaney of McKenzie Engineering Co., Inc. Are seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.09. they are requesting the use of a trap guard rather than a trap primer for the floor drain trap installed in an unoccupied storage building. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Groton Board of Health has been petitioned.
  
- ❖ **PV-198-Natick Housing Authority - Ceder Gardens Buildings A, B, C, D, & E - 40 Ceder Avenue - Natick**  
Applicant George Comatas of Norian / Aiani engineering, Inc. are requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.08 size of fixture traps. They are asking the Board to approve the continued use of 1-1/2" tub drains for shower conversions of 45 unspecified dwelling units. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Natick Board of Health has been petitioned.
  
- ❖ **PV-199 – Holtec international – Pilgrim Station – 600 – Rock Hill Road – Plymouth**  
David Tkatch of Holtec International is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.06 Materials. They are requesting the use of schedule 40 PVC pipe and fittings within the security monitoring building and the use of HDPE pipe from the holding tank to the waste water treatment facility. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Plymouth Board of Health has been petitioned.
  
- ❖ **PV-206 – Mattapoisett Fire Station – 64 County Road – Mattapoisett**  
Applicant Jeremy Harold of RW Sullivan Engineering are requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (r). The request is to add a gender neutral shower stall in the gender neutral bathroom. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Mattapoisett Board of Health has been petitioned.

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- ❖ **PV-207 – New England Power Company d/b/a/ National Grid – 181 Bell Rock Road – Fall River**  
Applicant Jeremy Harold of RW Sullivan Engineering are requesting a variance from 248 CMR. NEPCo is proposing to construct and install a 2838 square foot substation control house not intended for human occupancy. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Fall River Board of Health has been petitioned.

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

- ❖ **DAPV-130 - Janice Ross - 111 Marion Street - Brookline**  
Applicant Craig Barter has been granted approval for the installation of the rainfall collection tank as indicated on the stamped plans. The Brookline Board of Health has been petitioned.

**Approval for products not listed with Massachusetts Product Accepted listing**

- ❖ **DAPV-191 - Frederic Wittmann - 6 Arlington Street - Unit 8 - Boston**  
Applicant Mona Bonnot of Sea-Dar Construction has been granted conditional approval of a custom made stainless steel sink. Applicant must provide documentation these products were tested to an appropriate standard. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Boston Inspectional Services has been petitioned.
- ❖ **DAPV-195 – Dogan and Bernadette Tuncel – 24 Greenwood Road – Burlington**  
Applicants Dogan and Bernadette Tuncel have been granted approval for non-product accepted fixtures through Delegated Authority. The Board hereby authorizes the installation of the following products manufactured by Kingston Brass and Signature Hardware and installed at the above referenced location, KB1971AX lavatory faucet, KB36310AX tub/ shower, KS1271PLBS kitchen faucet, 443869 (919056) tub/shower, 515182 shower, 338673 (920305) single lever lavatory and CCK285K6 (3674090) tub faucet.
- ❖ **PV-202 - Kate & Ajay Agarwal - 85 Bigelow Road - Newton**  
Applicant Kate & Ajay Agarwall has been granted approval of an unlisted Iceland Monoblock bathtub only (p-trap supplied with tub does not comply with 248 CMR) The Application included documentation the tub was tested to an appropriate standard. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Newton Board of Health has been petitioned.
- ❖ **PV-204-Bristol County Agricultural High School - 135 Center Street – Dighton**  
Christopher Garcia of Garcia, Galuska & Desousa, Inc are requesting a variance from 248 CMR. They are asking permission to install alternate technology toilet systems (composting toilets) at the new Center for Science & the Environmental Building at the Bristol County Agricultural High School. This project is currently under State Jurisdiction therefore no Board of Health documentation was submitted with this application.

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

- ❖ **DAPV-185 – Susan Ciarcia - 250 Hammond Pond Pkwy - 703- South - Newton**  
Susan Ciarcia is installing 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. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Newton Board of Health has been petitioned.
- ❖ **DAPV-186 - Francine Berger - 250 Hammond Pond Pkwy - 314- South – Newton**  
Francine Berger is installing 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. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Newton Board of Health has been petitioned.
- ❖ **DAPV- 187 – Kenneth Levine – 250 Hammond Pond Parkway – 506 South – Newton**  
Kenneth Levine is installing 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. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Newton Board of Health has been petitioned.
- ❖ **DAPV- 188 - Anne Dodson – 250 Hammond Pond Parkway – 806 South – Newton**  
Anne Dodson is installing 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. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Newton Board of Health has been petitioned.
- ❖ **DAPV-192- Stephen Boque - 28 Richwood Street -West Roxbury**  
Stephen Boque is installing 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. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Boston Inspectional Services has been petitioned.

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- ❖ **DAPV- -193- Christina DeChene -102 Oak Ln., Apt 6, Brockton**  
Christina DeChene is installing 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. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Brockton Board of Health has been petitioned.
  
- ❖ **DAPV- -203- Francis Joubert - 248 Larchmont Lane - Hanover**  
Francis Joubert is installing 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. Included with this variance request was written documentation that the Hanover Board of Health has been petitioned.

**Full operation of unlisted gas equipment**

- ❖ **DAGV-161 – FY-20 – Green Apple Linen – 316 Housatonic Street – Pittsfield**  
The Board office grants Green Apple Linen full operation of Continental Girbau Compact Standard Natural Gas Ironer 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 statues and codes.
  
- ❖ **DAGV- 213 –FY-20 – Bertie’s Creamery & Chocolates – 198 East Main Street – Milford**  
The Board office grants Bertie’s Creamery & Chocolates full operation of the Savage Brothers Company gas stove Model # 20B (for candy making) 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 statues and codes.
  
- ❖ **DAGV 150 and 360 – FY -16 – Footprint Power – 24 Fort Avenue – Salem**  
The Board office grants Footprint Power full operation of the unlisted natural gas equipment (encompassed in the drawing set 1 AJ4-99-EK\_-DD-IEPEM-2500) only 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 statues and codes.
  
- ❖ **DAGV- 227 - FY-16 – Schniter Northeast – 69 Rover Street - Everett**  
The Board office grants Schniter Northeast full operation of two unlisted natural gas equipment Adwest Regenerative Thermal Oxidizers rated at 5MMBTU input each 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 statues and codes.

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**VARIANCES RESOLVED**

- ❖ **Resolved -PV-162-Target Retail Store-181 Plain St-Lowell**  
a working employee bathroom will be available at all times during the reconstruction of the restroom facilities which would be compliant with 248 CMR 10.04 (4) Repairs and Alterations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CHARACTER REVIEW(S)**

CR1) B, M CR2) L, T CR3) S, E CR4) L, K

**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.