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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 via telephone conference on:

June 3, 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:

Member and Staff Attendance

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
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. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber		
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter		
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health		
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		
STAFF			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel		
Mr. Laurent A. Lemieux	Board Executive Director		
Ms. Karen Brann	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		
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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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DISCUSSIONS

- ❖ **D1: Brookline Fossil Fuel Ordinance**
- ❖ **D2 – Consider amending elevator policy regarding oil water separators in light of Basic Principle 13**
(13) Principle No. 13 - Harmful Substances must Be Excluded from the Plumbing System.
No substance that will cause or exacerbate clogs or stoppages in pipes, produce explosive mixtures, destroy the pipes or their joints, or interfere unduly with the sewage disposal process shall enter the sanitary drainage system. Special waste water discharges containing such hazards must be collected and disposed of or treated prior to entering the sanitary drainage system.
- ❖ **D3: - BBRS proposal to create a CSL / HVAC license type**

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMERCIAL PROJECT

- ❖ **CPA-16 - Franklin County Technical School - Conway Highway Garage – Conway**
Franklin County Technical School Department Head Matt West along with Instructor Holland Herzig have filed a Commercial Project Application for the drainage, waste and vent work along with the water distribution system in the Conway Highway Garage in Conway Massachusetts. According to the Board's Policy regarding on the job training provided by vocational high schools:
 - 9. Projects in public parks and in public facilities are subject to the following provisions:
 - a. The student-to-licensed plumber/gas-fitter instructor ratio may not be greater than six to one.
 - b. Students must have successfully completed at least 165 educational hours of the tiered plumbing educational program (tier 1 and half of tier 2).
 - c. A representative from the school (instructors are preferred, but not required) shall appear before the Board for each application submitted for review.
 - d. The Board review and determination will be based upon the information provided in the Vocational School Project Approval Application Form as well as the information provided by the school representative.

VARIANCES

- ❖ **PV-133-Waters Corporation-177 Robert Treat Paine Drive-Taunton**
Applicant Joe Forcucci of Waters Corporation is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 3.04. The air driven diaphragm pumps are not listed on the Accepted Plumbing Products Online System. No test report submitted with the application. Included with this application was written documentation that the Taunton Board of Health had been petitioned regarding this variance request.

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❖ **PV-221 George's Coffee Shop – 178 Washington Street – Gloucester**

Dean Salah of George's Coffee Shop, is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10. The petitioner is seeking a variance to not add a third bathroom. The establishment currently has 2 bathrooms and an occupancy count of 56. They are proposing to add 14 seats to a new section, an 8 seat bar and three high top tables that seat 2 people each. Included with this application was written documentation that the Gloucester Board of Health had been petitioned regarding this variance request.

❖ **PV-222 - Shower Stall – 18 Cherry Street – Westwood**

Michael Fafara of Fafara Plumbing and Hearing, Inc., is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (7) (C). The shower stall does not meet the code requirement. This now requires a post installation variance. Included with this application was written documentation that the Westwood Board of Health had been petitioned regarding this variance request.

❖ **PV-223 - Dr Jitin Sahani DMD- 33 Pond Street – Brookline**

Applicant Lewis Colten of Lewis Colten, AIA & Associates is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.15(10). They are asking the Board to consider the use of pumps where gravity drains are available. . Included with this application was written documentation that the Brookline Board of Health had been petitioned regarding this variance request.

❖ **PV-225 – Claremont Brookline Avenue LLC – 700 Brookline Avenue – Brookline**

Jacob Littman of WSB USA is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.12 (1) (f). The request is to discharge the waste water generated by the swimming pool to enter into the sanitary drainage system rather than the storm water system as required by code. Included with this application was written documentation that the Brookline Board of Health had been petitioned regarding this variance request.

❖ **PV- 227 – Holyoke Community College – 303 Homestead Avenue – Holyoke**

Preston Richardson of Pfeufer Richardson Architects are seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) table 1 minimum facilities. They are requesting to eliminate the men and ladies rooms in a dog kennel building. No Board of Health petition is required for buildings owned, used, or leased by the State of Massachusetts.

❖ **PV-228 - Porchlight Bentures - 62 Main Street – Upton**

Applicant Richard Schnitzlien of Fiske and Main is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.09. He is asking the Board to exempt his cheese shop from the requirement of a grease interceptor serving a 3 bay sink with bowl depths greater than 10 inches deep. Included with this application was written documentation that the Upton Board of Health had been petitioned regarding this variance request.

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❖ **PV-229 – Robert Weissman – 12 Drew Place – Woburn**

Applicant Robert Weissman is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 3.04. The whirlpool type tub is not listed on the Accepted Plumbing Products Online System. The test report submitted with the application does not list the model of the tub. Included with this application was written documentation that the Woburn Board of Health had been petitioned regarding this variance request.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Approval for products not listed with Massachusetts Product Accepted listing

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

❖ **DAPV-205 – Stephanie Adelman – 50 Longwood Avenue #1108 - Brookline**

Stephanie Adelman 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 Brookline Board of Health has been petitioned.

❖ **DAPV-200-Peter Lennon-109 Water St., Unit 303, Beverly**

Stephanie Adelman 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 Brookline Board of Health has been petitioned.

Full operation of unlisted gas equipment

❖ **Special Permission Granted**

SSP-5 – Bristol County Agricultural High School – 135b Center Street – Dighton
The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters through delegated authority Grants special permission from 248 CMR 10.14 (7) (j) 2. Regarding the application submitted by Christopher M. Garcia and designed by Garcia, Galuxka and Desoursa, Inc. consulting engineers. The request is for the installation of an **on-site irrigation system** at the above referenced location.

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VARIANCES WITHDRAWN

- ❖ **PV- 209 –Arsenal Yards Holding LLC – 485 Arsenal Street – Watertown**
Variance application was withdrawn by applicant.

VARIANCES RESOLVED

- ❖ **W-PV-210-Wayne Cunningham - Cunningham Machine - 35 Hunt Rd.,
Chelmsford**
Applicant George Elston of Jay Elston Plumbing and Heating has installed a
MDC trap at the location in compliance with 248 CMR.

**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.