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

**JUNE 1, 2022 BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters conducted a remote Board meeting on **Wednesday, June 1, 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 convened a regular monthly meeting via telephone/video conference:**

The topics shown below were 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	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	X	
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber	X	
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter	X	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member	X	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DOL Designee	X	
<b>STAFF</b>			



Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Brian O’Connell	Deputy Commissioner	X	
Mr. Christopher Ryan	Board Code Consultant	X	
Mr. Kevin Casey	Board Staff	X	

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

**INFORMATIONAL NOTE: All votes were taken by roll call. Where each member voted in favor, the vote will be reported as unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**Discussion**

**Application to Conduct Tier Programs for Licensure – Norm Belevue, N.C.E.C – 29 Upper Suncock Lane, Center Barnstead, NH**

Wayne/Harry – Approve with live NH classes.

**Revisit ICC Application to Conduct Inspector Continuing Education Classes**

Board voted to open 4 hour meetings to multiple providers, staff will provide draft criteria for next meeting.

Wayne/Joe W. - OK

**COMMERCIAL PROJECT APPLICATION**

**ESSEX TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL - TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD RECREATIONAL DEPARTMENT STRAMSKI WAY RECREATION BUILDING 1 STRAMSKI WAY MARBLEHEAD**

Tabled from the May Meeting. The Petitioner (James Russell from Essex Technical High School) is seeking approval for a Commercial Project Application at the above address. Students will be installing all rough plumbing for 3 half bathrooms. Two of the bathrooms will be accessible. Students will install plumbing fixtures for baths and a small kitchenette.

Motion to approve by RA, seconded by JW. The motion passed unanimously.

**VARIANCES**

**22-PV-342 – Invagen, 927 Curren, Fall River**

The Petitioner is renovating 6,833SF of an existing 23,940 Sf manufacturing facility and adding 405 SF of unoccupied storage. Seeking a variance from 2478 CMR 10.00 to the reduce the number of showers required and provide two unisex showers, one of which will be ADA compliant. Applicant states that two showers would be adequate for the 29 employees. Calculating occupancy based on 780 CMR would require 8 showers.

Members noted that typically the Board would grant relief by only having a single shower for emergencies.

A motion was made by WT to approve with conditions, seconded by DK. The motion passed unanimously.

Conditions: One shower must be installed.

**22-PV-352 – Frederick Heitkamp, 450 Washington Street, Unit 402, Dedham**

The Petitioner is replacing a barn that was destroyed by fire. The barn is occupied by one employee who is servicing lawn mowers and other equipment. They are seeking relief from Section 10.10(18)(i)(1) “separate toilet facilities.” The applicant is seeking permission to install a single, gender neutral, bathroom.

A motion was made by WT to approve, seconded by JW. The motion passed unanimously.

**22-GV-368 – Joseph Camobreco, 173 Alford Street, Charlestown**

The Petitioner is adding a pressure control valve, relief valve, pressure transmitter and 4 manual ball valves to the existing onsite gas piping. They are seeking a variance from 248 CMR 3.04:(1) Product Acceptance due to accepted product being unavailable within the project’s timeframe.

During discussion it was noted that due to shortages, accepted valves could not be obtained until 8 to 12 weeks. The alternatives have been tested to meet NFPA standards but the manufacturer has not sought Massachusetts approval. Members noted that there is a process for unlisted gas installations to be approved.

Motion by WT to approve with conditions, the motion was seconded by JC. The motion passed unanimously.

Conditions: Third party test reports must be sent to the Board office for approval.

**22-PV-378 – John Berg ,440 Snipatuit Road, Rochester**

The Petitioner, a Small Farm Micro Dairy, is requesting a variance from 248 CMR 10.06: (2) (m) & (o) to use PEX and PVC to install sinks and floor drains and a small grey water system used solely for washing hands, milk equipment and utensils. The Petitioner states that milk residue contains lactic acid, which is corrosive to cast iron they are asking for the same considerations given to beauty salons.

Members noted that corrosive discharge should be removed with specialized piping.

A motion was made by HK to allow polypropene for drains and copper for water, this motion was seconded by DK. The motion passed 8 to 1

Roll Call: In favor: JM, HK, DK, JC, JW, RA, BK, SB; Opposed: WT

**22-PV-382 – Patrick O’Shaughnessy, 6 Iroquois, Arlington**

The Petitioner is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 3.04:(1) to install a custom built, handmade marble sink. The fabricator does not intend to make this sink again and does not plan to apply for product acceptance.

A motion was made by WT to approve, seconded by DK. The motion passed unanimously.

**22-PV-399 – Kenny Hong, 500 North Beacon Street, Watertown**

The Petitioner is building an addition attached to one side of an existing “open parking garage.” Currently the waste piping system does not have traps, to avoid freezing. With the addition attached the applicant is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.15: (8) (e) to leave waste system as is to avoid the possibility of freezing.

A motion was made by WT to approve with conditions, seconded by HK. The motion passed unanimously.

Condition: Must utilize devices to prevent leakage of sewer gas.

**22-PV-402 – Dylan Thisse, 1841 Phinney’s Lane, Barnstable**

The Petitioner is designing and automating a water treatment plant in Hyannis and is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 which would require 1 shower, 1 male and 1 female toilet facility for industrial use facilities occupied by up to 40 people. The facility will not be occupied full time and will be limited to 1 person for periods of time. The facility will not be connected to town sewer and will utilize a tight tank therefore the applicant would like to install one, non-gendered bathroom and no shower.

Members noted that typically the Board would grant relief by only having a single shower for emergencies.

A motion was made by JC to approve with conditions, seconded by HK. The motion passed unanimously.

Conditions: One shower must be installed.

**22-PV-403 – Cass Johnson, 116 Cranberry Lane, Truro**

The Petitioner is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 3.04:(1) to install a custom-made wooden bathtub made by Zen Bathworks of Alaska that does not appear on the product acceptance list.

A motion was made by JW to approve, seconded by HK. The motion passed unanimously.

**22-PV-407 – Gilbert Castera, 200 Clarendon Street, Boston**

The Petitioner is seeking to install stainless steel piping for large above ground water piping inside the building due to pressure greater than 300 psi. The Petitioner has concerns that accepted piping materials such as copper and galvanized steel are not reliable because the joints are not rated for the higher working pressure and is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.06: (2) (m). Applicant notes that this material, Schedule 40S 316L stainless steel, has been used on at least three local projects.

JM recused himself from this agenda item. A motion was made by WT to approve, seconded by JW. The motion passed unanimously.

**22-PV-408 – Kunal, Rao, 296 Mishawum Road, Woburn**

The Petitioner is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 to reduce the number of toilet facilities required to 1 male and 1 female to be used by clients and staff. Applicant believes the business should not be considered a medical facility based on the services provided and states that the square footage required for two additional bathrooms would not allow them to provide services required to operate.

Legal counsel noted that this was not an appeal, thus a variance could only be granted based on a hardship or unusual circumstance, not a disagreement with the plumbing inspector on how the business should be categorized.

A motion was made by WT to approve, seconded by DK. The motion passed 8 in favor, one abstention.

Roll Call: In favor: JM, HK, DK, WT, JW, RA, BK, SB;

Opposed: None

Abstained: JC

**22-PV-409 – Julianna McGovern, 94 Derby Street, Hingham**

The Petitioner seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.00 to install 1 gender neutral bathroom in a 2,994 square foot retail space with an occupancy of 40. Applicant anticipates closer to 20 people occupying the space at any given time and cites the need for retail and storage space to operations.

A motion was made by WT to approve with conditions, seconded by RA. The motion passed unanimously.

Conditions: A second restroom must be roughed in for future use

**22-PV-410 – Joseph McCarthy, 601 Congress Street, Boston**

The Petitioner is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.05: (4)(d) to demolish piping to be removed and capped with dead ends to be left in place due to difficult location of the piping in the ceiling over MBTA Silver Line Way and the significant downtime that would occur.

Staff reported this variance request was withdrawn. No formal action taken.

**22-PV-411 – Kimberly Cochrane, 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke**

The Petitioner, Soldiers' Home in Holyoke is currently planning to have temporary trailers installed for the testing of Covid-19 prior to entry to the facility and is seeking relief from 2448 CMR 10.10(18) Minimum facilities, due to the temporary nature of the trailers and the difficulty of connecting to the water service and drainage systems.

The applicant noted that the trailer was within 10 feet of a building with fixtures available to the public and would be very temporary.

A motion was made by WT to approve, seconded by JW. The motion passed unanimously.

**22-PV-412 – Glen Schlager, 80 High Street, Building A & B, N Andover**

Petitioner is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.06 requirement for PVC expansion joints. The Petitioner states that after contacting PVC manufacturers the fittings are not available in 6” PVC

Members opined that the lack of available fittings is understandable and a real hardship.

A motion was made by WT to approve, seconded by HK. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

22-DAPV-338	Steve and Holly McAlpine	38 Hayden Lane	Franklin
22-DAPV-339	Addie Patt-Jordan	31 Stevens Terrace	Randolph
22-DAPV-340	Jennifer Sousa	1015 Beckett Street	New Bedford
22-DAPV-343	Donald Howe	694 Lowell Street	Peabody
22-DAPV-344	Megan Lower	105 Pleasant Street, Apt. 2	Arlington
22-DAPV-345	Alexandra Velez	240 Jackson Street, Unit 304	Lowell
22-DAPV-346	Lauralee Thurber	105 Hamden Circle	Hyannis
22-DAPV-347	Justin Marcoux	32 LeBaron Street	Fall River
22-DAPV-348	Amy Travis	723 Race Lane	Marstons Mills
22-DAPV-349	Kathleen Devine	155 George Washington Blvd, Unit 208	Hull
22-DAPV-350	Teymour and Cheri Jamali	10 Nouvelle Way Unit S709	Natick
22-DAPV-351	Christopher Coutu	164 North Street	Upton
22-DAPV-355	Maureen Gilpin	88 Cranch Street	Quincy
22-DAPV-356	Monique Ehsan	129 Chesnut St	Wakefield
22-DAPV-357	Lucille Giganti	22 Pheasantwood Dr	Wakefield
22-DAPV-358	Edward and Maureen Wisnieski	51 Hammond Place	Woburn

22-DAPV-359	Georges St Charles	90 Florida Street Unit 2	Dorchester
22-DAPV-360	Kalman Glantz and Eva Harris	12 Kinnaird St	Cambridge
22-DAPV-361	Linda Gerber	4201 Heather Wood	Yarmouth Port
22-DAPV-362	Mary Lawton	12 Chilmark Drive	East Falmouth
22-DAPV-363	Robert Kinsman	214 Grant Street Apt 2	Framingham
22-DAPV-364	Jenn Morris	45 Macy St, Unit 201A	Amesbury
22-DAPV-365	Marie Fiddler	22 Linden Avenue	Scituate
22-DAPV-366	Gerald Karon	220 Boylston Street #1120	Boston
22-DAPV-367	Marianna Vitagliano	7 Royal Crest Dr #2 mailing address 10 Thayer Ave Weymouth, ma 02188	Randolph
22-DAPV-369	Pauline Cole-Miranda	1684 Stafford Rd	Fall River
22-DAPV-370	Gerald Urbanus	17 Lamplighter Lane	South Easton
22-DAPV-371	Marilyn Phillips	441 Buck Island Rd, Unit D2	W. Yarmouth
22-DAPV-372	Sheree Williams/Walter Wayne	405 S Precinct Street	E. Taunton
22-DAPV-373	Paul Walsh	79 Sheri Lane	Agawam
22-DAPV-374	Jack Gardner	30 Merlin Ct	Worcester
22-DAPV-375	Martin Bello	89 Pleasant Street, Unit 2	Brookline
22-DAPV-376	Joseph and Lily Wong	100 Marina Drive, Apt 614	Quincy
22-DAPV-377	Stephanie Pagiavlas	181 Littleton Rd 339 Building 5	Chelmsford
22-DAPV-379	Jill and Chris Moulton	62 Sequoia Drive	Tyngsborough
22-DAPV-380	Nordblom Company (Vericel)	25 Network Drive	Burlington
22-DAPV-381	Dorothy Kempainen	7 Grant Avenue	Norwood
22-DAPV-383	Pam Berrigan	75 Northridge Drive	East Bridgewater
22-DAPV-384	Russell LaBarre	6 A Burham Rd	Andover
22-DAPV-385	Paul Lentini	50 Bavarian Way 1st Floor	Kingston
22-DAPV-386	Suzy (Susan) Warren	4 McIntyre Road	North Oxford
22-DAPV-387	Edwin Rivera	125 Longhill Ave	Somerset
22-DAPV-388	Manuel Aguiar	104 Millers Lane	Somerset
22-DAPV-389	Margaret Lennon	47 Terne Rd	Quincy

22-DAPV-390	Rich Conley	282 Belmont St. Unit 2	Watertown
22-DAPV-391	Joe DeVito	26 Pierce Ave	Everett
22-DAPV-392	Bill and Debra Shannon	1804 Hollow Tree Ct	Peabody
22-DAPV-393	Patricia Stephenson	36 Denworth Bell Cir	Haverhill
22-DAPV-394	Dave Dubia	974 Main St	Wakefield
22-DAPV-395	Lourainne Teehan	69 Bartlett Ave A	Arlington
22-DAPV-396	Beth Baker	4 Druid Hill Ave	Methuen
22-DAPV-397	Jose Gonzalez	57 Fawndale Road #1	Roslindale
22-DAPV-398	Davida Manon	195 Saint Paul Street G2	Brookline
22-DAPV-400	Leandro	12 Indian Springs Way	Wellesley
22-DAPV-401	Joe Zhou	43 Charlton Street, Unit B409	Everrett
22-DAPV-404	David Miller	10 Wild Rose Drive	North Andover
So-Vent	Randy Waters (NHA - Cedar Gardens G,H,J,K)	40 Cedar Avenue	Natick
22-DAPV-409	Ralph Henry	877 Washington Street	Franklin

SPECIAL PERMISSION PLUMBING SPP – 5 FY22 Harry Grodsky - U. Mass. 345 Lincoln Ave, Amherst. Special permission plumbing was granted for the installation of a So-Vent system.

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

None discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The chair noted that there would no closed sessions at this meeting. At 10:38 a.m. a motion was made by RA, seconded by HK to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Items relied upon in Meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications