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DECEMBER 4, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 8, 2020 – Quincy High School – 100 Coddington Street – Quincy (Public Hearing)

February 5, 2020 – Office of Public Safety & Inspections – 365 East Street – Tewksbury

March 4, 2020 – Bristol Plymouth Vocational – 207 Hart Street - Taunton

March 7, 2020 – Royal Plaza Trade Center – 181 Boston Post Road W – Marlboro (Code Seminar)

April 1, 2020 – Greater Lowell technical – 250 Pawtucket Blvd. - Tyngsborough

DISCUSSION

D1 – DRAFT ADVISORY REGARDING ELEVATOR SUMPS

The Chairman opened a discussion regarding pumps in elevator sumps. This discussion was the result of a recent code change by the Elevator Board regarding pumps in elevator pits. The Board currently requires discharge to go into the sanitary drainage system but, because of the high volume of discharge which may occur, it might be better to allow the discharge into a storm system.

A motion was made to adopt the written policy and allow the discharge into a storm system provided the municipality in control of the storm system agrees, in writing to accept the discharge by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: Unanimous



VOCATION SCHOOL COMMERCIAL PROJECT REQUEST

CPA-10 - BPRVTHS - EVERGREEN STREET, FIELD HOUSE – SOUTHBRIDGE

Students will be remodeling an old storage facility field house, converting it into a kennel.

First stage: the removal of existing plumbing fixtures and water piping along with the underground drainage system.

Second stage: install one half bath, kitchen sink, dog washing station, wash machine connection, slop sink, area trough drains for kennel and MDC reop for a one car garage. Electric water heater for hot water. LP Gas for a boiler and Modine heaters for kennels. The Southbridge Plumbing and Gas Inspector has been notified.

Meeting Notes: *They are converting a field house into a dog kennel. Electrical and carpentry will also be done by students at the school. An outside contractor will be pouring the foundation prior to students beginning work at the facility.*

A motion was made to allow this project by Joe Waskiewicz and seconded by Ruth Alfasso

Result: *Unanimous*

VARIANCE REQUESTS

PV-35 – MALDEN FINE WINES – 220 PLEASANT STREET – MALDEN

The applicant, Kelly Knopp of Commercial Construction Consultants, Inc. was seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1. The request was to allow a single user, gender neutral handicap rest room for employees. The Malden Board of Health has been properly notified.

Meeting Notes: *The facility is approximately 2,600 square feet and used mostly for storage of alcohol. A motion was made to allow the installation of one gender neutral handicap rest room by Ruth Alfasso and seconded by Joe Waskiewicz*

Result: *Unanimous*

Conditions: *Underground rough plumbing shall be installed for possible future use.*

PV-114 – RAW SEAFOOD-481 CURRANT RD.-FALL RIVER

The applicant, Larry Couto was requesting to install Schedule 40 Polypropylene drain-pipe and fitting for waste and vent systems in process areas in lieu of code requirement of cast iron for waste and vent system in commercial building. The Fall River Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to table this request as the applicant failed to attend by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: *Unanimous*

PV-115 – FB PACKING – 5 FIFTH STREET - PEABODY

The applicant, Larry Couto was requesting to install Schedule 40 Polypropylene drain-pipe and fitting for waste and vent systems in process areas in lieu of code requirement of cast iron for waste and vent system in commercial building. The Peabody Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to table this request as the applicant failed to attend by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: *Unanimous*

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PV-116 – BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY - 131 SUMMER ST.- BRIDGEWATER

The applicant, Jeremy Harold of RW Sullivan was seeking a variance from code 10.02 (6) (b). to allow the elimination of rest rooms at this building which will only contain switch gears. The applicant stated the building will be unoccupied and is less than 300' from a building with rest rooms which are accessible 24 hours a day. As this is a state project, no Board of Health notification is required.

A motion was made to allow the elimination of rest rooms at this facility by Joe Waskiewicz and seconded by Wayne Thomas

Result: 8 for: Bahig Kaldas Recused: Motion carried

PV-118 – CLASSIC CAR GARAGE -190 2ND AVENUE - WALTHAM

Applicant Gregory Riley was seeking relief from 240 CMR 10.10 Table 1 to allow a single unisex rest room in lieu of the required two. The Waltham Board of Health has been notified.

Meeting Notes: The facility The building is being renovated and will now be used as a private automobile storage facility for the owner.

A motion was made to all this variance request by John Cruz and seconded by Wayne Thomas

Result: Unanimous

Conditions: This variance is approved for this owner and type of use only

PV-121 – WELLINGTON RESIDENTIAL LLC-320 MIDDLESEX AVE-MEDFORD

The applicant, Ronald A. Lopez of North Shore Residential Development Inc was requesting a variance to allow the use of PEX piping on a 4-story residential building. The Woburn Board of Health has been notified.

Meeting notes: The Board advise the applicant the code change allowing PEX in up to six stories has not yet been promulgated.

A motion was made to deny this request by Joe Waskiewicz and seconded by Wayne Thomas

Result: Unanimous

PV-122 – BRIDGEWATER STATE – PAVILION – 325 PLYMOUTH ST -BRIDGEWATER

The applicant was seeking two variances for toilet facility requirements in their new athletic field house adjacent to the football stadium.

1. They were requesting to provide 50 percent of the required fixtures.
2. They were also seeking relief from the maximum 300 foot distance requirement.

As this is a state facility no Board of Health notification is required.

A motion was made allow both requests by Wayne Thomas and seconded by John Cruz

Result: Unanimous

PV-127 – WALPOLE CORRECTIONAL -7 OLD CAMPBELL RD- NORFOLK

The applicant, Jeffrey J. Quick was requesting relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (j) Toilets in Industrial Establishments which requires rest rooms to be located no more than 300 feet from regular place of work. As this is a state facility, no Board of Health notification is required.

Meeting Notes: This is a sludge pump treatment facility which treats the water and then discharges into the river. The is currently a unisex rest room for employees approximately 40' away. New building is 2,100 square feet.

A motion was made to approve this request by Bahig Kaldas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso

Result: 8 for and 1 against: Motion carried

BOARD DELEGATED STAFF APPROVAL – BOARD VOTE NOT REQUIRED

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

DAPV-113 - Bette Wells - 11 Bridle Path, Canton

Jay Oster of Oster Plumbing installed 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 Canton Board of Health has been notified.

DAPV-120 - Lee Bardin - 20 Webster St., #606, Brookline

John Baylates of Hellas Plumbing 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. The Newton Board of Health has been notified.

DAPV-123-Marilyn Mendelson-250 Hammond Pond Pkwy 102 South, Newton

Applicant Marilyn Menelson 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. The Brookline Board of Health has been notified.

DAPV-124-Claire Weiss Duggan-250 Hammond Pond Pkwy 912 South – Newton

Claire Weiss Duggan 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. The Brookline Board of Health has been notified.

Full Operation of Unlisted Gas Equipment

DAGV-32 FY-20 – Sharonna’s Bakery – 28 Draper Lane – Canton

Applicant Hen Haras has been granted full operation of the relocated unlisted gas Lavash Conveyor Tunnel Oven subject to the approval of the Local Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Fixture requirements for High School Athletic Fields

DAPV-119 - Pentucket Regional School – Groveland

Through Delegated Authority, Applicant Seth Johnson is granted a variance from the number of required plumbing fixtures for an 800-person stadium. He is proposed a 50% reduction in the required number of fixtures. The proposal includes 8 water closets designated female and 4 water closets designated male plus 4 urinals. There will be 4 lavatories designated for each gender. The Groveland Board of Health has been notified.

Special Permission Approvals

SPP-01 – David Hall – 2 Federal Street – Newburyport

For recycled water system serving flushing fixtures and agriculture only. Piping serving this and the potable water system shall be in compliance with 248 CMR and the general notes listed with the application.

Vocational School Projects

DA-RPA -7 – BPRVTHS – (Bay Path) – 8 Barrett Road – North Brookfield

Students will be installing the plumbing for a single family home with two full bathrooms and one half bath. One full bath with shower stall and on half bath will be located on the first floor. There is a kitchen sink, dishwasher and a laundry connection located on the first floor as well. Second floor will have one full bath with a tub and shower. Water piping will consist of copper piping and Pex piping. All copper piping will be in Propress type fitting and Pex piping will be cinch ring type installation. All SWV drainage will be PVC type piping tied into a private sewer system. Water piping supply lines will be from a private well. Hot water source will be supplied by an indirect water tank. Gas supplied by an L.P. tank located outside. Gas piping for a boiler located in the basement. There will be a gas stove located in the kitchen. Outside gas frill. Gas piping will be black iron pipe and Mega Press fittings. The North Brookfield Plumbing Inspector has been notified.

DA-RPA-11 - BPRVTHS - 394 Pleasantdale Road - Rutland

Students will participate in remodeling the plumbing for a ranch style house with one full bathroom. There is a kitchen sink, laundry connection as well. Water piping will consist of Worsbo pex and copper piping. All copper piping will be propress type fittings and pex piping will be expand type installation. All DWV drainage will be ABS type piping tied into a private sewer system. Water piping supply lines will be from a private well. Hot water source will be supplied by an electric water heater. The Rutland Plumbing Inspector has been notified.

DA-CPA-5-GNBRVTHS-1121 Ashley Boulevard-New Bedford

This is an on campus project. The Juniors and Seniors will size and install all the piping for an ADA bathroom, service sink, hose bibs, floor drains, and vents for gas separators. The Junior and senior students will size and install all necessary gas piping for the maintenance building heating system. The New Bedford Plumbing and Gas Inspector has been notified.

DA-CPA-9-Upper Cape Tech-220 Sandwich Rd-Bourne

This is an on campus project. Students will install rough plumbing for two bathrooms, mop sink, dog grooming tables (3), four emergency shower and eyewash stations, five hand washing sinks, wash machine and water fountain. Install all fixtures and finish all plumbing. The students will also install one Lochinvar 110,000 btu boiler and one Cinnia tankless water heater along with vent and gas piping. The Bourne Plumbing and Gas Inspector has been notified.

DA-CPA-12 - Worcester Technical High School - 1 Skyline Drive – Worcester

This is an on campus project. The project will consist of installation of two water bottle filler stations. One in the athletic field house and the other in the cafeteria. The Worcester Plumbing Inspector has been notified.

Variances Withdrawn

PV-72 Christopher Delmote - Police Chief - Bridgewater

Permit was withdrawn by applicant via E-mail.

Appeal of Inspector’s Decision

AID-128 – Crosspoint Apartments – 42 Wellman Street – Lowell

Appellant EJC Engineers, LLC through applicant Edwin Chaviano are appealing the decision of the Lowell Plumbing Inspector Norm Card. The appeal is based on the Plumbing Board’s Interpretation of secondary roof drainage system. The Board conducted an adjudicatory hearing per M.G.L. c. 142, §13.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., the Chairman stated the Board would enter into a closed Quasi-Judicial Session. He noted that the Board would return to Open Session at approximately 10:45 a.m. A motion was made by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight to enter Quasi-Judicial Session. Thereafter, the roll call was summoned and the following is the result:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	RECUSED	ABSTAINED
Mr. McNamee	X				
Mr. Thomas	X				
Mr. Kaldas	X				
Mr. Waskiewiez	X				
Ms. Alfasso	X				
Mr. Knight	X				
Ms. Badway	X				
Mr. Dan Kilburn	X				
Mr. Cruz	X				

Upon re-entering open session, the Board reported a unanimous decision in favor of the Inspector, a written notice will be provided to the appellant.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Sarah Badway

Result: Unanimous

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes from prior meeting
3. Variance applications for above referenced agenda items

Respectfully Submitted By;

BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS – DECEMBER 4, 2019

Laurent Lemieux, Executive Director
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;

Joseph McNamee

Joseph McNamee., Chairman
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters