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# **FEBRUARY 5, 2020 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**

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

Minutes from the March 2, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

Minutes from the September 4, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

Minutes from the October 2, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

Minutes from the October 2, 2019 Executive Session Meeting

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso

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Result: Unanimous

Minutes from the November 6, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

Minutes from the December 4, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

Minutes from the January 8, 2020 Board Meeting

A motion was made to table approval of the minutes by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

## **DISCUSSION**

#### D1 – REVISIONS TO 248 CMR 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 10.00, 11.00 POST PUBLIC COMMENTS

Meeting Notes: Board members discussed the proposed code revisions post-public comments including slight revisions made to sections 10.00 and 11.00,

A motion was made to accept the revisions to 248 CMR, Sections 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 10.00 and 11.00 as submitted by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: Unanimous

#### D2 – 248 CMR 10.02 BASIC PRINCIPLE 7: SECONDARY ROOF DRAINS

Meeting Notes: Board members discussed the proposed revisions to the existing policy regarding secondary roof drainage systems.

A motion was made to accept the revisions to the secondary roof drainage system policy as submitted by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: Unanimous

## **VARIANCE REQUESTS**

#### PV-125-KENWOOD BUILDERS LLC-20 BOYLSTON ST, BROOKLINE

The applicant, Ronald Tiberi was requesting a variance to allow the use of water infiltration basin units within a basement garage for roof runoff due to town requirements to eliminate offsite flows. Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Brookline Board of Health has been petitioned.

Meeting Notes: The applicant provided documentation from the DOT which restricts the amount of stormwater entering the municipal storm system.

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

Result: Unanimous

Conditions: Licensed plumbers must install all of the piping to the inlet of the infiltration units and the outlet to a point at least 10' from the unit.

#### PV-136-2LIFE 370HARVARD LLC-370 HARVARD STREET, BROOKLINE

Applicant Dylan Stevens is requesting a variance to allow for the use of a Stormwater Infiltration system, to be located below a parking area which is below second floor residential units but open to the air to the

east and west. Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Brookline Board of Health has been petitioned.

A motion was made to table this request as the applicant did not appear by Harry Knight and seconded by Ruth Alfasso

Result: Unanimous

#### PV-138 – BIG Y DC EXPANSION-2145 ROOSEVELT AVENUE-SPRINGFIELD

The applicant, Jeremy Toal, from Dennis Group was requesting relief from the requirements of the 248 CMR 10.10 (18). The building is a 240,000 square foot DC Expansion for Big Y Foods and the restroom locations do not meet the 300' rule. The Springfield Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

Meeting Notes: The warehouse expansion is completely automated with all employees working on fork trucks.

A motion was made to approve this request by Dan Kilburn and seconded by Wayne Thomas Result: Unanimous

#### PV-142-LEDERLE GRADUATE RESEARCH TOWER-710 N. PLEASANT ST.-AMHERST

The applicant, Peter Radzim was seeking a variance to feed handwashing sinks with tempered water from a central tempered water loop and to pipe waste to the special (lab) waste system in lieu of the regular waste system. In addition, the space usage is changing from research labs to teaching labs which require separate staff bathrooms, they were requesting to allow existing bathrooms to be designated staff bathrooms and to provide single user, gender neutral, handicap accessible bathrooms on each floor for students. As this is a state project, no Board of Health petition was required.

Meeting Notes A: This is a 16 story building built in the 70's. They are adding student labs and classrooms and want to convert an existing conference room to a single unisex rest room.

A motion was made to deny this request by Harry Knight and seconded by Wayne Thomas

Result: Unanimous

Meeting Notes B: The applicant wanted to pipe the waste from two hand washing sinks per floor into the special waste system. They were also asking to allow the existing 60-90 degree tempered water emergency eyewash loop to be used for these sinks.

A motion was made to deny this request by Dan Kilburn and seconded by Wayne Thomas Result: Unanimous

Note: Hand washing sinks must be connected to the potable water system. The Board will allow these sinks to drain into the special waste system.

#### PV- 145 – CAPE COD TECHNICAL SCHOOL – 351 PLEASANT LAKE AVENUE – HARWICH

Applicant Christopher M. Garcia, PE of Garcia, Galuska and DeSousa, Inc is asking for a variance from the requirement to install a dedicated tempered water loop throughout the building. The total gross floor area is approximately 220,000 square feet. There are a total of eighteen (18) combination emergency shower/eyewash units and nine (9) eyewash units. Due to the layout of the fixtures throughout the facility, approximately 2,200 linear feet of looped piping and water quality concerns, the applicant requests to install an emergency tempering valve at each fixture and supply the tempering valve with the circulated 125 deg. F. hot water and domestic cold water piping systems. The tempering valve and the hot and cold water supply piping will not exceed the total developed length of 15 feet as described in the policy. Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Harwich Board of Health has been petitioned.

Meeting Notes: The applicant proposed an alternative to the current board policy on emergency eyewash systems stating they were unable to meet the requirements.

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Bahig Kaldas Result: Unanimous

#### PV-147-PAUL BUCKLEY-BROOKHAVEN-1010 WALTHAM ST-LEXINGTON

Applicant Paul Buckley States on the variance form, "the existing kitchen drains and vents are piped in schedule 40 PVC. There is no cast iron pipe anywhere near this location in the building". Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Lexington Board of Health has been petitioned.

Meeting Notes: There are approximately 20 people living in the facility and the existing waste and vent piping is all PVC. The applicant was asking to allow the installation of a residential type kitchen sink with a small commercial dishwasher.

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

Conditions: The discharge from the dishwasher must be tempered to reduce the temperature below 140 degrees before entering the existing PVC waste.

#### PV-148-WEEFOLKFARM-19 LAKE ST.-ACUSHNET

Applicant Heidi Pelletier is requesting a variance to use PVC piping in her family daycare run out of her home rather than the cast iron and copper pipes required in commercial buildings, as her business is zoned residential. Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Acushnet Board of Health has been petitioned.

Meeting Notes: This is a proposed daycare center in a commercial setting. No work has begun. A motion was made to deny this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight Result: Unanimous

### PV-149 - 420 Harvard Associates, LLC, c/o Aura Properties - 49 Coolidge St. - Brookline

Applicant William Lane is requesting a variance to leave a stormwater infiltration system in its current location under a parking garage entrance ramp. He was informed by a plumbing inspector that the system was too close to the building but claims there is no other feasible location for it due to the limited size of the property. Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Brookline Board of Health has been petitioned.

Meeting Notes: There is a storm infiltration system required by the town of Brookline at this location. The tank is under the footprint of the building but has been installed by unlicensed personnel.

A motion was made to allow the filtration system to remain by Harry Knight and seconded by Dan Kilburn

Result: 8 in favor: Wayne Thomas Recused: Motion Carried

Conditions: Licensed plumbers must install all of the piping to the inlet of the infiltration units and the outlet to a point at least 10' from the unit.

#### PV-151-ASPEN DENTAL-TOBEY RD AND CRANBERRY HWY- WAREHAM

Applicant Shawn Christopher is seeking a variance from CMR 248, Section 10.10 Table 1 & (k) which classifies the building as a "Medical/Healthcare Facility" and thus requires the office to provide separate restrooms for patients and staff. Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Wareham Board of Health has been petitioned.

Meeting Notes: This is a 3,500 square foot facility with 7 operatories and up to 8 staff at any given time.

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight Result: 8 in favor and 1 opposed: Motion Carried

#### PV-155- THE RESIDENCES AT 165 MAIN STREET - 165 MAIN STREET - CAMBRIDGE

Applicant Leonid Rabkin, PE was requesting a variance to eliminate the required p-traps and associated vent piping for floor drains in an unheated partially open parking garage containing 220 parking spaces. The Cambridge Board of Health was petitioned.

A motion was made to deny this request by Dan Kilburn and seconded by Wayne Thomas Result: Unanimous

## PV-156-New England Waste Disposal-101 Prince Henry Drive-Taunton

Applicant Joe Tutsch Jr is requesting a variance to not build additional toilet rooms in a building being repaired which was constructed as a wood processing facility and will now be used as a rail transfer station. Included with this variance request is written documentation that the Taunton Board of Health has been petitioned.

A motion was made to approve this request by Dan Kilburn and seconded by Ruth Alfasso Result: Unanimous

#### PV-158 - LHO HARBORSIDE HOTEL LLC - 101 HARBORSIDE DRIVE - BOSTON

This was a post installation variance request. Licensee, Sharon Santangelo was seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (7) (b) 1 to allow connection of 1-1/2" waste lines to newly renovated showers for the 279 guest rooms. As this is a state project, no Board of Health petition is required.

Meeting Notes: The existing tubs being removed and replaced with showers drain back-to-back into a 2"x 1-1/2" double TY located within a fire rated area.

A motion was made to approve this request by Dan Kilburn and seconded by John Cruz Result: Unanimous

#### PV-160-ASPEN DENTAL-45 NEWPORT AVENUE - QUINCY

Applicant Shawn Christopher was seeking a variance from CMR 248, Section 10.10 Table 1 & (k) which classifies the building as a "Medical/Healthcare Facility" and thus requires the office to provide separate restrooms for patients and staff. The Quincy Board of Health was properly petitioned. A motion was made to approve this request by Ruth Alfasso and seconded by Dan Kilburn Result: 8 in favor: John Cruz Recused: Motion Carried

#### GV- 144 - JEANNE BERKOWITZ – 182 MANCHAUG RD. – SUTTON

Applicant Jeanne Berkowitz is seeking a variance to install an early 1900s Glenwood gas cooking stove. The stove would be reconditioned to use **propane** gas.

A motion was made to table this request as the applicant did not appear by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Harry Knight

Result: Unanimous

#### GV- 150-NORTHERN SPY LLC-DANIEL MYERS-4 ROLLING MILL WAY-CANTON

Applicant Daniel Myers is requesting a variance for the use of an ETL certified gas-powered cooking suite. The unit was in use in L'Espalier Restaurant in Boston for 10 years.

Meeting Notes: This is a used 230,000 BTU gas stove which is not Product Accepted A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by John Cruz Result: Unanimous

Conditions: The applicant shall provide the Board office with documentation showing the proper test reports to gain approval from the manufacturer

#### SPP-4 – J. CHRISTOPHER PLUMBING – 113 HEATH ST. – BROOKLINE

Justin Christopher is requesting through Special Permission Plumbing Request Application Form the use of an air admittance valve on an outdoor sink. For tracking purposes the application is listed in the tracking logs as **PV-154** 

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Dan Kilburn Result: Unanimous

## BOARD DELEGATED STAFF APPROVAL – BOARD VOTE NOT REQUIRED

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

#### DAPV-74 - French Family Trust - 54 Broad Reach, Unit 104 - Weymouth

Applicant French Family Trust 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 Weymouth Board of Heath has been notified.

#### DAPV-97 – Jonathan R. Moldover – 26 Crescent St, apt 200 – Northampton

Applicant Jonathan R. Moldover 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 Northampton Board of Heath has been notified.

#### DAPV-141 - Fuzieh Jallow - 1265 Beacon St. - Brookline

Applicant Fuzieh Jallow 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 Heath has been notified.

#### DAPV-146 - Leonid Lopatin - 250 Hammond Pond Parkway Unit 413S - Newton

Applicant Leonid Lopatin 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 Heath has been notified.

#### DAPV-153-Patricia Denien-222 Quincy Shore Dr.-Quincy

Applicant Patricia Denien 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 Quincy Board of Health has been notified.

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

#### DAPV-126-Rosario Ferrante-9 Sullivan St., Burlington

Applicant Rosario Ferrante is requesting a variance for the use of plumbing fixtures without Massachusetts Product Accepted numbers. The variance was delegated to the Executive Director who granted it with the condition that documentation is provided showing these products were tested to an appropriate standard.

## Full operation of unlisted gas equipment

#### DAGV- 37 – FY-20 - Gill Metal Fab – 170 Oak Hill Way Unit 1 – Brockton

The Board office grants Gill Metal Fab full operation of a gas fired GAT Batch Oven model 0808-18-EHS-12-NG-Ns-STD-1 Curing Oven 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- 88 –FY-20 Metropolitan Uniform and Linen Service – 105 Ward Hill Avenue – Haverhill

The Board office grants Metropolitan Uniform and Linen Service full operation of two additional industrial gas fired clothes dryers (# two and three) 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- 131 - FY-20 - Devendra Patil - 4 Wayside Rd. Unit A - Burlington

The Board office grants Devendra Patil full operation of a Tandoor Clay Oven 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.

## **Special Permission Plumbing Request**

## SPP-3 – Starbucks Coffee Shop – 74 Washington Street – Foxborough

The Board office grants the request submitted by Matthew Piekarski to connect to the existing previously approved dedicated water recycling system which serves the complex and in turn will supply three water closets at the Starbucks Coffee Shop in Foxborough. All work shall be in compliance with 248 CMR and the notes supplied with the Special Permission application.

## **Vocational School Projects**

#### DA-CPA-15 - DRVTH - 251 Stonehaven Road - Fall River

This commercial project will be performed at the campus of Diman Regional Vocational Technical High by the students of the Plumbing Program and is approved in the Board office through Delegated Authority per the Board Policy. Students will be relocating a break room sink, 2 lavatory and 2 toilet fixture swap out, and reconfigure the fixture location in a single user toilet room. There is no gas fitting work associated with this application. The Fall River Plumbing Inspector has been notified.

#### January agenda correction

RPA-6-189 Lakeshore Drive, Lot 1A, Ashburnham should have been listed as:

#### DA-RPA-13 - 189 Lakeshore Drive, Lot 1A - Ashburnham

This project is a new construction single family dwelling, consisting of two full bathrooms, a kitchen, and laundry. Students will apply for necessary permits, design and install the DWV and water distribution system, install all fixtures and stand all inspections with instructor. There is no gas work associated with this project. The Ashburnham plumbing inspector has been notified.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 11:05 a.m., the Chairman stated the Board would enter into a closed Executive Session. He noted that the Board would return to Open Session at approximately 11:20 a.m. A motion was made by Harry Knight and seconded by John Cruz to enter into Executive Session. Thereafter, the roll call was summoned and the following is the result:

CHARACTER REVIEW(S) per M.G.L. c. 30A, §21

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				

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 am by Harry Knight and seconded by Ruth Alfasso 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;

Laurent Lemieux

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