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MARCH 4, 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

9:07 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Joseph McNamee

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

May 6, 2020 – Plumbers Local 12 – 1240 Massachusetts Avenue - Dorchester

Minutes from the March 2, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes by John Cruz and seconded by Joe Waskiewicz

Result: Unanimous

Minutes from the September 4, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to approve 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 approve the minutes by Joe Waskiewicz and seconded by John Cruz

Result: Unanimous Abstained: Wayne Thomas



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Minutes from the November 6, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes by John Cruz and seconded by Wayne Thomas

Result: Unanimous

P1 – IPEX - Discuss the differences in testing from DVW PVC compared to UL 1738 PVC, also the difference in testing of currently listed IPEX 1738 and new IPEX Products.

Meeting Notes: Board consultant Joe Peluso spoke about the temperature ranges available in the 1738 testing and that there are more than 50 ways you could test a product. A representative from IPEX spoke about the attributes of their product for gas venting. Although the product has a maximum operating temperature of 149 degrees, the material was tested at 219 degrees. He also stated their pipe does not become brittle in the cold temperatures and that it is properly tested to UV exposure.

No formal action taken.

DISCUSSION

D1- Discuss the Delegated Authority regarding continued use of 1-1/2” drain waste on a tub to shower conversion.

The Board will consider the removal of the health care documentation requirement while continuing to require a six inch threshold from the top of the drain inlet to the flood rim level as provided by the barrier, along with a single 2.5 gallon per minute showerhead or a single 2.5 gallon per minute hand held devise.

Meeting Notes: The Executive Director explained continual problem with applicants receiving notes from a doctor which is currently part of the requirement. A suggestion was made to remove this requirement from the conditions of allowance to approve by delegated authority.

A motion was made to remove the requirement of the doctor note by John Cruz and seconded by Ruth Alfasso.

Result: Unanimous

D2- Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department

Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department would like to propose a pilot program geared toward educating highly motivated offenders looking to break the cycle of incarceration. The Sheriff is requesting to be accepted as Tier 1 Provider of The Massachusetts Plumbing Education Tier Program as outlined in 248 CMR 11.

Meeting Notes: Joe McDonald and other staff members from the Sheriff’s Department spoke about this new program. The average length of stay in their facility is 9 months. They are looking to get offenders some primary vocational training. A Board member noted that Tier 1 may be a good option as it does not require an apprentice license.

A motion was made to approve the Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department as a Plumbing Tier 1 training program by Wayne Thomas and seconded by John Cruz

Result: Unanimous

D3 – Formation of a Subcommittee to perform character review.

In an effort to continue with traveling Board Meetings, and to not subject public schools to violate their security protocols, as well as to prevent excessive wait times for character reviews between appropriate venues, the Board will consider the formation of a subcommittee to perform the function of CORI review.

Meeting Notes: Board members discussed the prospect of meeting on a day separate from the regular Board meeting. The last Wednesday of each month at a suitable location seemed to be the proper time to do this and should include Board counsel. A motion was made to appoint this committee by John Cruz and seconded by Wayne Thomas.

Result Unanimous

VARIANCE REQUESTS

PV-164-PREFERRED MEALS-39 OLYMPIA AVENUE-WOBURN

The applicant, Mark Goodman was requesting a variance from a requirement to provide showers for employees in a proposed food processing facility. Additionally, they were asking to install one single user unisex rest room. The Woburn Board of Health has been properly notified.

Meeting Notes: This is a 72,000 square foot facility with very few employees.

A motion was made to approve the elimination of the shower requirement and to allow one single user unisex rest room for employees by John Cruz and seconded by Ruth Alfasso.

Result: Unanimous

PV-165-FOLLEN CHURCH-775 MASSACHUSETTS AVE-LEXINGTON

The applicant, Paul Albernaz was seeking a post-installation variance to designate a multi-stall, partially open-to-view bathroom as gender-neutral in a Unitarian Universalist church. The Lexington Board of Health has been properly notified.

A motion was made to approve the use of a multi stall gender neutral rest room by Wayne Thomas and seconded by John Cruz.

Result: 5 in favor and 1 opposed: Motion Carries

PV-166-CUMBERLAND FARMS-143 BEDFORD ST-EAST BRIDGEWATER

The applicant, Meghan Vincent was seeking a variance to replace two inaccessible restrooms (men and women) with one single user handicap gender-neutral restroom at a Cumberland Farms location. The East Bridgewater Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to approve the installation of a single user handicap gender neutral rest room by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Bahig Kaldas.

Result: 4 in favor and 2 opposed: Motion Carries

PV-167-GOOGLE-150 BROADWAY-CAMBRIDGE

The Design Team for a Google office building in Cambridge MA was requesting a variance to allow the use of core gender-neutral restrooms on levels 4 and 7 of the building. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to approve the installation of a core use single user gender neutral rest rooms on levels 4 and 7 by John Cruz and seconded by Ruth Alfasso.

Result: Unanimous

PV-168-HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION-CAMBRIDGE

The applicant, Jason Carlson, was requesting a variance to implement a pilot program and install multi-stall gender-neutral toilet rooms on the campus of Harvard Graduate School of Education. The program would modify a Men's Room with 2 toilets, 1 urinal and 3 sinks to have 3 toilets and 3 shared sinks. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

Meeting Notes: The applicant was looking to keep the existing ladies room and renovate the existing men's room to become unisex.

A motion was made to deny this request by John Cruz and seconded by Joe Waskiewicz.

Discussion: The applicant stated they would be willing to install an additional single user unisex rest room to accommodate those who were uncomfortable using a multi-stall gender neutral rest room,

John Cruz asked to retract his original motion to deny this request.

A motion was made to allow the existing mens room to be renovated as a multi stall gender neutral rest room with floor to ceiling stalls. In addition, the applicant will install a single user gender neutral rest room by Ruth Alfasso and seconded by Bahig Kaldas.

Result: Unanimous

PV-169-CAMBRIDGE MONTESSORI SCHOOL-CAMBRIDGE

The applicant, Kelly Knopp was requesting a variance from providing separate staff restrooms in a school. The school currently has two single-user accessible restrooms, and dedicated staff restrooms are also located in the main building 116 feet way. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

Meeting Notes: This is an existing garage being renovated into a "flex" classroom. It will be connected to the main building through a covered walkway. The Board suggested an option of designating the two single user restrooms in the new flex classroom for students and the single user rest room in the main building for staff only

A motion was made to approve this request by John Cruz and seconded by Joe Waskiewicz.

Result: Unanimous

Conditions: the two single user rest rooms in the classroom will be designated for students and the rest room in the main building will be designated for staff.

PV-170-CAMBRIDGEPORT SCHOOL-89 ELM ST.-CAMBRIDGE

The applicant, Christopher M. Garcia, P.E. was requesting a variance to demolish existing boys and girls restrooms on the ground floor of a school building and install a gender-neutral bathroom for all students. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

Meeting Notes: The school is for grades 1 through 5. The request was to make all of the renovated rest rooms gender neutral.

A motion was made to Table this request until the inspector can provide their view on this by Bahig Kaldas and seconded by Joe Waskiewicz.

Result: Unanimous

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PV-171-Four Seasons Boston-200 Boylston St.-Boston

Applicant Ian Chisholm was requesting a variance to use an existing 1 ½ “ waste line for a shower drain. The drain line is beneath a structural slab and is not accessible. The Boston Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to approve this request by Joe Waskiewicz and seconded by John Cruz.

Result: Unanimous

Conditions: 6” lip on the threshold, one 2.5 GPM shower head

PV-173-Alexi Turnpike St. LLC-290 Turnpike St.-So. Easton

The applicant, Jeffrey Metcalfe was requesting a variance to provide 2 handicap restrooms and allow the employee to utilize the same rest rooms. The South Easton Board of Health has been notified. South Shore Baseball Academy. 10 to 12 students at one time.

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

Result: Unanimous

PV-174-Otis Elevator-95 Shawmut Rd-Canton

Applicant Douglas Wade is requesting a variance to use an automatic pump in lieu of a gravity drain for a kitchen sink, to avoid having to cut concrete in an area where shallow electrical conduits are buried in the slab. The Canton Board of Health has been notified.

A motion was made to approve this request by John Cruz and seconded by Ruth Alfasso.

Result: Unanimous

PV-176 – Pocari’s Bridgway Inn, LLC – 1265 Ferry Street – Marshfield

The applicant, Anthony Polcari was requesting permission to temporarily convert the women rest room containing 3 water closets and 2 lavatories to a gender neutral multi-user facility while the men’s room is being renovated. The Marshfield Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

A motion was made to approve this request by Wayne Thomas and seconded by Ruth Alfasso.

Result: Unanimous

Conditions: This variance is temporary, and the rest room may only remain as gender neutral for one month.

PV-177-Bank of America-212 Hampshire St-Cambridge

Applicant Ben Heller is requesting a variance to provide one unisex single-user restroom in a 2,835 SF space with a maximum of five employees. The Cambridge Board of Health has been notified.

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

Result: Unanimous

Conditions: The capacity shall be capped at 12 people.

PV-178-Town of Canton-199 Bolivar St.-Canton

Applicant Daniel Saley is requesting a variance to use a sanitary sewer connection for the discharge of pool facility wastewater. The Canton Board of Health has been notified.

Meeting notes: The applicant provided the Board with a letter from the water authority stating they were willing to accept the discharge into their sanitary sewer system.

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

Result: Unanimous

PV-179-Cherry Street Fish Market-26 Hobart St.-Danvers

Applicant Jeff White is requesting a variance to use schedule 40 polypropylene with no hub drainage pattern fittings in a fish market. The Danvers Board of Health has been notified.

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

Result: Unanimous

PV-180 - MBTA Oak Grove Station – Washington and Winter Street - Malden

Applicant Lonny Fidalgo of MBTA Capitol Delivery is seeking a variance from the requirement to discharge the 50 GPM elevator sump through a sand oil separator. As this is a state project, no Board of Health petition is required.

Meeting Notes: There will be four elevators at this location and sump pumps are being installed as a requirement of the new elevator code. The elevators are traction type with no hydraulic oil present.

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 with documentation from MWRA they will accept this connection without the installation of a separator.

PV-181-Albert Bensimon-465 Mount Auburn – Watertown (Post Installation Variance)

The applicant, Albert Bensimon is requesting a variance for hand sinks with pumps which were installed due to difficulty in accessing the floor drain. The Watertown Board of Health has been notified. Daycare in an old church. Floor is asbestos.

Meeting Notes: This is a daycare center in an old church. Floors contain asbestos and it would be a hazard opening them to install gravity piping.

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

Result: Unanimous

PV-182-Mayflower Council BSA - 200 Cuttersfield Rd – Plymouth

Applicant Mayflower Council BSA is requesting a variance to use PVC and PEX piping in a seasonal shower house. The Plymouth Board of Health has been notified.

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

Result: Unanimous

PV-184-Phillips School-30 Common St-Watertown

Applicant James White is requesting a variance to install small ejector pumps at temporary sinks rather than trench the existing floor slab to provide permanent underground piping. The Watertown Board of Health has been notified.

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

Result: Unanimous

Conditions: This variance is for a maximum of three years.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

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

DAPV-172-GREGORY HOWARD-200 MARKET ST. UNIT 211-LOWELL

Applicant Gregory Howard is requesting a variance to install 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 Lowell Board of Health and Local Plumbing Inspector have been notified.

DAPV-175-RUTH JOHNSON-16 CHAMBERS HILL RD.-N. FALMOUTH

Applicant Ruth Johnson is requesting a variance to install 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 North Falmouth Board of Health and Local Plumbing Inspector have been notified.

Approval for products not listed with Massachusetts Product Accepted listing

Full operation of unlisted gas equipment

DAGV72 - CITY PUMP AND MOTOR SERVICE, INC. 79 GROVE STREET - WATERTOWN

The Board office grants City Pump and Motor Service, Inc. full operation of following gas equipment: Burn Oven-Bayco model BB42, Bake Oven-Steelan model 444 and Pars Cleaner-Waitco model CPW2000 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 statutes and codes.

The Board thanked its host Bristol Plymouth Vocational High School for the use of their facility and opened the floor to all the students in attendance to address the Board with any questions, concerns, and comments. No code interpretations or deliberations were required.

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

ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am by Ruth Alfasso and seconded by John Cruz
Result: Unanimous*

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

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

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Respectfully Submitted By;

Laurent Lemieux

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

Respectfully Authorized by;

Joseph McNamee

Joseph McNamee., Chairman
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