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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m.

**In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, the Board of
State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters convened a regular
monthly meeting via telephone/video conference:**

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

Member and Staff Attendance

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, 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	
STAFF			
Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Mr. Kenneth Peterson	Executive Director	X	
Mr. Michael Guida	Board Code Consultant	X	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:

By Chairman Joseph McNamee

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

None

Discussion

None

Vocational School Commercial Project Applications

23-VSP-451 – Kevin Martin, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School

270 Westminster Street, Fitchburg. The applicant is seeking permission to have students install rough and finish plumbing and gas for a proposed remodeling of a 16,000 sq. ft. warehouse to accommodate the carpentry, electrical and plumbing programs. The warehouse is located about 2 miles away from the school. The project includes five-bathroom groups, kitchen sink, wash sink water cooler, mop sink, gas water heater and the relocation of gas piping.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

23-VSP-494 – Brian Allard, Assabet Regional Technical High School

9 Cordaville Road Southboro, The applicant is seeking permission to have students install rough and finish plumbing at the Southboro Senior Center for a prep sink with a grease trap and faucet.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

Variance Request

23-PV-214- Sam Hathaway, 98 Bishops Forest Drive, Waltham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (7) (b)1 Shower Waste Outlet, to allow for the installation of a shower on an existing 1 ½” drain. This is a post-installation variance. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

23-PV-372 - James Hovsepian, 132 ClockTower Drive, Unit 4101, Waltham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04(1) Product Design and Testing Standards, to allow for the installation of a freestanding bathtub that is not on the product accepted list. This is a post-installation variance. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

The applicant failed to appear.

Vote: HK to table, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV- 425 – Charles Plummer, 530 Boston Avenue, Medford

The petitioner for Tufts University, is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow a reduced number of toilet facilities required for their renovation project to accommodate their research and teaching needs. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-452 – Christopher Salva, 47 Henry Street, Northhampton

The applicant for New Village Care, a childcare facility, is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04 Product Design and Testing Standards

10.02(1) All Occupied Premises Must Have Potable Water

10.02(3) Hot Water Required

10.02(6) Required Plumbing Fixtures

10.02 (11) Need for Venting in the Plumbing System

10.02 (16) Need for Disposal of Sewage

10.10 Table 1

10.10(50(f) Alternative Technology Toilet Systems

- to allow for an alternative technology toilet system that does not meet NSF 41 standards and is not on the product accepted list. and to allow the use of water bags in lieu of a sink without hot water. This toilet room is located in a yurt that is used for childcare for up to 10 children that are under 4 years old. This is a post-installation variance. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

In discussion members raised concerns about the lack of sanitation in the setup. In response, the applicant indicated that this was akin to tent camping for the children and is intended as a stopgap measure pending obtaining a new location. However, the applicant indicated that there was no timeline for moving the facility.

Vote: WT to deny, HK Seconded
Results: Unanimously denied

23-PV-453 – Timothy Smith, 80 Locust Street, Northampton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow a reduced number of toilet facilities required for a new Companion Animal building project. The plan is to install one multi-use student restroom and one faculty restroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, RA seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-454 – Joshua Rabinovitz, 90 Brook Street, Holliston

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06(2)(L) Water Distribution Piping Below Ground(inside building) to allow the use of a plastic water service pipe in lieu of the required piping material. This is a post-installation variance The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

The applicant initially failed to appear.

1st Vote: JC to table, HK seconded
Results: Tabled

At the end of the meeting, the applicant appeared. During discussion, the applicant noted almost the entire request was for underground piping and that the use in question was non-potable for an indoor yard hydrant.

2nd Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded
Result: JM opposed, WT, JC, BK, SB, RA, HK, DK in favor
Motion passed: 7 to 1.

23-PV – 491 – Luther Thevenin, 805 Middlesex Turnpike, Billerica

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.13(L)(1) Emergency Wash Systems to allow the installation of an emergency wash system outside of a lab room. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve on the condition that a letter from the Billerica Fire Department supporting the plan is submitted to the Board Office, JC seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-492 – Haley Benitez, 50 Walkers Brook Drive, Reading

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (8)(D), Commercial Food-Waste Grinders Required, to allow the replacement of a rinse sink without the required food waste grinder. The existing grinder has been broken and has not been used for several years. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT approve on the condition that a letter from the local board of health supporting the plan is submitted to the Board Office, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-531 – Courtney Borelli, 166 Main Street, Concord

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1, 10.10(18)(r) to allow the installation of a single gender-neutral gang restroom on the first floor of the Centennial Arts Center at Concord Academy and replace all required urinals in this room with toilets. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, RA seconded

Results: JM abstain, JC, BK deny, DK, RA, WT, HK, SB to approve, motion approved

23-PV-532 – Abraham Bilo, 38 Highgate Road, Wellesley

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(10)(a)(2), Sumps and Ejectors, to allow the use of a Saniflo-pump for two sinks that are located above the building drain. This is a post-installation variance. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

The petitioner was unable to articulate why a code compliant installation could not be made.

Vote: HK to deny, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

*This variance was re-addressed at a later meeting per the request of the Chair

23-PV- 534 – Mark Small, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham

The petitioner for the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(7)(C) Shower Compartments, to install 169 shower compartments that are less than the approved interior dimensions. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Members indicated concern with the large number of non-compliant compartments.

Vote: DK to deny, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously denied.

23-PV-535 – Anthony Petrillo, 425 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(10)(a)(2), Sumps and Ejectors, to allow the use of a sewage ejector for toilet facilities that are located above the building drain. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, WT seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-536 – G. Wayne Stewart, 216 Pond Street, Hopkinton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15 Table 2, Maximum Loads in Fixture Units for Horizontal Drains, to allow a fourth toilet to be added to a three-inch drain. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, HK seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

23-PV-537 – Ralph Mulcahy, 73 Hayden Avenue, Lexington

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(10)(a)(2), Sumps and Ejectors, to allow the use of a sewage ejector for (4) individual hand sinks that are located above the building drain. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

23-SPP-493 – Ralph Mulcahy, 65 Hayden Avenue, Lexington

Per 248 CMR 10.06(W) Vacuum Drainage System, the petitioner is seeking special permission to install a vacuum drainage system.

No vote required: Action will be taken via delegated authority of the Board Office.

23-SPP-579 – David Johansen, 36 Crosby Drive, Bedford

Per 248 CMR 10.06(W) Vacuum Drainage System, the petitioner is seeking special permission to install a vacuum drainage system.

No vote required: Action will be taken via delegated authority of the Board Office.

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

22-DAGV-369—Thomas Donahue P.E.-35 New St Worcester

The request for Full Operation of an Unlisted Appliance has been granted for a natural gas **Washer and Dryer** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

22-DAGV-615-Thomas Etter- 41 O’Neil St Easthampton

The request for Full Operation of an Unlisted Appliance has been granted for 3 natural gas burners **RTO** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

22-DAGV-940-Hasmik Avetisyan- 220 Waverley Ave Watertown

The request for Full Operation of an Unlisted Appliance has been granted for 3 natural gas burners **RTO** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

23-VSP-490 – Stephen Calzini, Essex North Shore Technical High School

The request to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for 2 abandoned bathrooms in Smith Hall on school property has been granted.

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

Rene Dionne	65 Federal St Unit 4	Salem
Rene Dionne	507 N Dennis Rd	Yarmouth
Rene Dionne	172 High St	Newbury
Rene Dionne	103 Strawberry Ln	Taunton
Lynne Freidman Merriam Village	23 Village Rd Bld 3 Unit 62	Weston
Roberto Rosa	331 Rosemary St	Needham
Lynne Freidman Merriam Village	23 Village Rd Bld 1 Unit 27	Weston
Elizabeth Beaupied	44 Shellback Way G	Mashpee
Jennifer Bylo	3 Davenport St	Cambridge
Jennifer Bylo	126 Captain Eames Cir	Ashland
Pete DiGiano	481 Buck Island Rd 11E	Yarmouth
Josef Wawrzak	19 Amherst Rd	Stoughton
Rene Dionne	7 Jonathan St	Gardner
Winchester Housing	13 Westely	Winchester

Lynne Friedman	23 Village Rd Bld C unit 4	Weston
Winchester housing	39 A Palmer St	Winchester
Anush Coates	238 Boston Rd	Chelmsford
Michael Blomerth	25 Greenleaves	Amherst
Amir Yavari	250 Hammond Pond Pkwy # 1014 N	Newton
JJ Welch Construction	108 Clematis Ave	Waltham
Eugene Bertrand	41 Stevens Rd	Swansea
Peter DiGiano	101 South Ave Unit 202	Attleboro
Peter DiGiano	440 Mariano Bishop Blvd	Fall River
Peter DiGiano	25 eagle Ave #1	Brockton
Michael Blomerth	270 Plain St	Taunton
James Mclaughlin	205 Varnum Rd	Dracut
Rene Dionne	68 Baldwin St Unit 24	Boston
Rene Dionne	48 Essex St Unit 7	Salem
Rene Dionne	547 Washington St Apt B3	Pembroke
Rene Dionne	39 Berlin St #4	Clinton
Rene Dionne	10 Erick Rd # 11	Mansfield
Rene Dionne	15 Sonoma Rd	Quincy
Rene Dionne	1 Reilly Ave #3	Blackstone
Rene Dionne	171 Atlantic Ave	Marblehead

Rene Dionne	34 A Margin St	Lynn
Rene Dionne	16 Prentice Ct	Douglas
Avi Golani	250 Hammond Pond Pkwy Apt 1211N	Newton
Lynne Mannion	51 Semont Rd Apt 3	Boston
Kellie Moschner	116 Newbury st	Framingham
David Renzello	6 Myopia Rd	Stoneham
Jennifer Bylo	34 Brierly Cir	Millbury
Jason Chui	250 Hammond Pond Pkwy Unit 911N	Newton
Jennifer Bylo	30 Cesidio Ct	Bridgewater
David Renzello	5 1st Street	Brookfield
David Renzello	4 Crestview Terr	Gloucester
David Renzello	128 S Main St	Carver
David Renzello	81 Lionel Ave Apt D	Waltham
David Renzello	42 Bradford Rd	Natick
David Renzello	141 North St Unit 2	Salem
David Renzello	14 Sentry Hill Rd	Sharon
Rene Dionne	235 Chatham Rd	Harwich
Rene Dionne	1500 Worcester Rd Unit 529	Framingham
Rene Dionne	74 Pearl St Unit 2	Boston
Rene Dionne	915 Pleasant St Unit 8	Weymouth
Rene Dionne	3 Vermont Ave	Saugus

Rene Dionne	26 Plain St	W Bridgewater
Rene Dionne	239 Ayer Rd 78	Littleton
Rene Dionne	34 Furbush Rd	Boston
Rene Dionne	2 Francis Dr	Swansea
Michael Blomerth	114 Pearl Hill Rd	Fitchburg
Michael Blomerth	39 Congress St	Amesbury
Michael Blomerth	29 Wamesit Ave	Saugus
Michael Blomerth	6B Mayberry Dr	Westborough
Pete DiGiano	20 Rockland House Rd Unit 302	Hull
Pete DiGiano	78 Old Colony way Unit 2A	Orleans
Pete DiGiano	110 Trotter Rd Unit 108	Weymouth
Jonathan mayer	98 Temple St	Abington
Maryann Laracy	56 Sunset St	Beverly
Ada Ruberte	10 Madison Ave	Peabody
Tom Folan	62 South St #15	Quincy
Marl Dinis	1068 Victoria St	New Bedford
Roberta & Bill Morley	107 Rockridge Rd	Waltham
Albert Clark	858 Gay St	Westwood
Joseph Barrell	1 Watermill Pl Unit 309	Arlington
Dennis Dyer	907 Hampton Way	Abington
Kim Scaltreto	20 Adella Ave	Newton

Jennifer Bylo	491 W Central St D-12	Franklin
Pete DiGiano	27 Saint Marks Rd Unit 1	Boston
Jonathan mayer	274 West St	E. Bridgewater
Brian Damaso	151 Coolidge Ave #503	Watertown
Jay Oster	100 Merrimack Ave #115	Dracut
David Renzello	369 Tappan St # 8	Brookline
David Renzello	52 Deer Path Ln	Mansfield
David Renzello	64 Hood Rd	Tewksbury
David Renzello	17 Becker Cir	Gloucester
David Renzello	16 North Ave	Mendon
David Renzello	20 Montvale St Unit 2	Boston
David Renzello	22 Dutchland Ave	Brockton
Jennifer Bylo	225 First Parish Rd	Scituate
Jennifer Bylo	109 Salem St # 406	Revere
Antonio Gasper	51 Martin St	Millbury
Claudia Trujillo	58 Suffork	Worcester
Peter Blomquist	283 Main St	Holden
Peter Goeller	55 Sylvan Rd Unit 1	Lancaster
Deborah Banks	172 Dent st	Boston
Colleen LeBlanc & Stephen LeBlanc	41 Bainbridge St	Leominster

Jackie Heath	94 Shellback Way	Mashpee
Frank Minnock	225 Walnut St	Wellesley
Dave Kemp	849 Boston Post Rd E Unit 3C	Marlborough
Brenda Picardi	300 Fenno St Unit 18	Revere
Rene Dionne	461 West St	Randolph
Rene Dionne	161 Pond St	Natick
Rene Dionne	300 Falmouth rd Unit 15 E	Mashpee
Rene Dionne	1 Marilyn Ln	Oxford
Rene Dionne	48 Skyline Dr	Franklin
Rene Dionne	210 N Main St	S Hadley
Rene Dionne	50 Fruit St	Byfield
Rene Dionne	17 Pepprell Rd	Groton
Kyle Blaisdell	402 Paradise Rd Unit 2A	Swampscott
Dsonald Barrows	32 Monique Dr	Westport
Jennifer Bylo	114 Kingston Way	Duxbury
Dennis Kruse	640 Hammond St Unit 201	Brookline
Rene Dionne	292 Salem St Apt 204	Revere
Rene Dionne	61 Unity Ave	Belmont
Rene Dionne	22 Courtland Pines Dr	Holliston
Rene Dionne	7 Crescent Heights	Fitchburg

Rene Dionne	101 Middlefield Rd	Chester
Rene Dionne	92 High St	Greenfield
Rene Dionne	55 Spikenard Circle	Springfield
Rene Dionne	477 North Borrow Rd West #3	Marlborough
Rene Dionne	7 Overlook Dr	Danvers
Rene Dionne	202 Marianna St	Lynn
David Renzello	69 Ashley Ln	Marlborough
David Renzello	6 Murray Ave Unit 9	Burlington
David Renzello	1 Sylvan way	Wayland
David Renzello	47 Lilly Dr	Leominster
David Renzello	535 South St Unit 1-3	Fitchburg
David Renzello	270 Huntington Ave Unit 307	Boston
David Renzello	140 bowers St Unit 17	Lowell
David Renzello	84 Potter Hill rd	Grafton
David Renzello	248 Albion St #337	Wakefield
David Renzello	3 Lancaster st	Auburn
Arthur Beatrice	197 Apache Way	Tewksbury
Roshan Guity H Houshang	7 Cobblestone Dr	Winchester
James Nugent	52 Pine Hill Rd	Ashland
Shawn Matus	62 Barbara Jean St	Grafton
Jane Reynolds	137 Boundary St	Brockton
Pete DiGiano	40 Driftway Unit 20	Scituate
Pete DiGiano	41 Welch Rd	Easton

Pete DiGiano	63 Victory Rd	Boston
Michael Blomerth	23 Powder Hill Way	Westborough
Michael Blomerth	42 Faulkner Ave	Wilmington
Michael Blomerth	86 Leigh St	Framingham
Michael Blomerth	2280 Comm Ave	Auburndale
Michael Blomerth	177 Abbott Ave	Fitchburg
Michael Blomerth	2 Moosehorn Hill Circle #2	Hubbardston
Jay Oster	44 East Bluff Rd	Ashland

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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

None

QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION

(Disciplinary decisions - Closed per M.G.L c. 30A, §18)

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: HK to adjourn, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved at 10:39 a.m.

Items relied upon in Meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications