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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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 BOARD MEETING
MEETING VIA TELEPHONE/VIDEO CONFERENCE:**

Member and Staff Attendance

: MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Chairman, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Vice-Chairman 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	Left at 10 a.m.
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 Joe MacNamee

NOTICE

“DOL will be moving in March of 2025 to One Federal Street, Boston. Logistics and outreach for the move are currently being addressed and planned.”

DISCUSSION

24-PA-342-Tony Dipzinski- Fernco Inc.

Mr. Dipzinski discussed the “Hulk” No Hub Coupling System and answered questions from members on its acceptance country wide, typical use and testing data.

Vote: WT to approve the installation of this product to be limited to outside and underground on the building drain only. HK seconded

Results: WT, HK, JM, RA, SB, BK, DK to approve, JW, JC to deny

24-PA-423-Josh Chellappa- Upstart Power

Representatives from Upstart Power discussed their Upgen NXG Fuel Cell System, a residential fuel cell generator and answered questions from members regarding the standards it was tested to, where it is currently being installed, minimum/maximum btu input and gas pressure needed.

Vote: HK to allow ten residential test sites for six months with reporting to the Board office every month. DK seconded

Results: HK, DK, JM, JC, BK, JW, RA, SB to approve, WT to deny

VARIANCES

25-PV-010, Paul Immer, 1 Franklin Park Road, Boston

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (e) Minimum Facilities to allow the construction of a Yurt without the required facilities for a daycare facility. The yurt will be utilized for two-hours each day for the children’s nap time, and there are numerous facilities located approximately 60-ft away. State inspector Myette has been notified.

Vote: JK to approve, JW seconded

Results: DK, JW, HK, JC, BK, WT, RA, SB to approve, JM to deny

25-PV-011, Donald Chester, 171 Egremont Plain Road, Egremont

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09 Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks, to allow the construction of a maintenance garage without the required floor drains. State inspector Myette has been notified.

Vote: HK to deny, DK seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

25-VSP-014, David Marriott, 262 Main Street, Wellfleet

The petitioner for the Cape Cod Regional Technical School is seeking permission to have students install an electric water heater, rough and finish plumbing for a commercial kitchen and (2) half bathrooms in the Wellfleet Historical Society building. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: HK to approve if the teacher to student ratio is 6-1, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

25-VSP-003, Brian Allard, 133 Wilson Street, Marlborough

The petitioner for the Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School is seeking permission to have students replace two gas-fired Modine heaters at the Evergreen Cemetery in Marlborough. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JW to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved, WT absent

25-PV-006, Jorge Morales, 975 Main Street, Waltham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (C) (4-8) Minimum Facilities to allow a reduction in the required fixtures for their take-out only restaurant. This is a post-installation variance request, and the Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: DK to allow the restaurant to operate without a restroom for customers, JW seconded

Results: DK, JW, RA, SB, JM to approve, HK, JC, BK to deny, WT absent

25-PV-007, Thomas Scott, 191 Adams Street, Newton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Minimum Facilities to allow a reduction in the required fixtures for their take-out only restaurant. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

1st Vote: DK to approve

Results: DK rescinded his motion

2nd Vote: JC to approve if the motion is filed with the correct paperwork, JW seconded

Results: JC, JW, JM, BK, RA, SB to approve, DK abstained, HK recused, WT absent

25-PV-008, Steven Famolare, 24 Cedar Road, Belmont

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04(1) Product Acceptance, to allow the installation of a product accepted bathtub, that has a smooth floor surface. This is a post-installation variance, and the Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: HK to deny the product as is, but allow if the tub is etched to provide an anti-slip surface, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously denied, WT absent

25-PV-012, Rachel Zsembery, 370 Patriot Place, Foxborough

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities to allow the construction of a 21,000 sq ft. Pickleball Facility without the required shower facilities. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JC to deny, JW seconded

Results: JC, JW, JM, BK, RA, DK to deny, SB to approve, WT absent

25-PV-013, Shane Bryant, 655 Water Street, Taunton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Minimum Facilities for their 1,200 sq ft storage/processing building without the required facilities. The recycling business has a bathroom approximately 80 ft from this structure. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: HK to table, HW seconded

Results: Unanimously tabled

QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION

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

Vote: HK to enter Quasi-Judicial Session at 11:42, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

APPEAL OF INSPECTORS DECISION

24-AID-263, Logan Robertson, 698 Salem Street, Groveland

Robertson is appealing the inspector's decision requiring engineered stamped drawings for radiant heat by domestic hot water system 248 CMR 3.04.

Vote: JW for the appellant, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

22-DAGV-147- Jay Higgins-Town of Rockland Treatment Plant

The request for Full Operation for BIOFUEL gas piping in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

25-VSP-5 –Randy Dimitropolis- Pathfinder Reg Tech High School

The request is to allow students to install an indirect water heater Located at 24 Boston Rd Palmer.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Fixtures

25-DAPV-1- Stephanie Picariello- 18 Blueberry Hill Rd Andover.

25-DAPV-2- Eric Vogel-71 Border Rd Waltham

25-DAPV-9- Ian Chisholm- 17 Barberry Rd Lexington

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: DK to adjourn at 12:07, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Items relied upon in meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications