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BOARD MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

**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 HYBRID BOARD MEETING AT 562 MAPLE ST HATHORNE,
MA (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN PERSON AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS:**

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	
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

OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Director reported that 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

Mark Smith, a representative from Eco John discussed their product- a septic alternative wastewater incinerator system called SepticJohn.

Members asked about the location of these incinerators and how they are fired, the ash produced and impact on the environment. Smith invited Board members and staff to an existing, and/or future installation.

Vote: WT to approve one test site located outside only, and at least 10' from the home, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECTS

24-VSP-236, Brian Allard, 67 Fitchburg Street, Marlborough

The petitioner for the Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School, is seeking permission to have students install the rough and finish plumbing for an ADA compliant bathroom at the Marlboro Moose Lodge.

Vote: RA to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

VARIANCES

24-PV-218, William Lane, 3000 Green District Blvd, Marlborough

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09(1) (a)(c) to allow the installation of an elevator pump that is not connected an oil separator. This is a post-installation variance, and the Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

The applicant was not present for this agenda item.

Vote: WT to table, HK Seconded

Results: Unanimous vote to table

24-PV-237, Bruce MacRitchie, 1 Westinghouse Plaza, Hyde Park

The petitioner for the MA Department of Children and Families is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09 Separators and Holding Tanks, to allow the installation of the vents for a grease/oil separator to be installed on the exterior of the building. State inspector Myette has been notified.

During discussion, the Inspector indicated he needed to further review the site issues before he could make a recommendation.

Vote: WT to table to allow the applicant and inspector time to come to an agreement on how these vents can be piped, JC seconded. Approved unanimously.

24-PV-241, Pat Fullen, 2 Washington Square, Worcester

The petitioner for the MBTA is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09(1) (a)(c) to allow the installation of an elevator pump that is not connected an oil separator.

This is a post-installation variance, and Inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

During discussion, it was noted that work was done prior to permits being issued, further, members noted that the elevator in question did utilize oil based lubricants, thus such a variance had not been granted previously.

Vote: HK to deny, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-242, Pat Fullen, 2 Washington Square, Worcester

The petitioner for the MBTA is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09(1) (a)(c) to allow the installation of an elevator pump that is not connected an oil separator.

This is a post-installation variance, and Inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

Members referenced the discussion regarding 24-PV-241.

Vote: HK to deny, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-243, Pat Fullen, 2 Washington Square, Worcester

The petitioner for the MBTA is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.05(14) to allow the installation of an area drain, not connected to the sanitary or storm drainage system. This is a post-installation variance, and Inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

During discussion, it was noted that the drain in question could be connected in compliance with the plumbing code.

Vote: JC to deny, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-229, Patrick Caine, 18 Amos Lane, West Tisbury

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06 Materials to allow the installation of PVC piping for DWV in a basement full bath in a residence, to be used as a fitness studio. This is a post-installation variance and the Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Members debated whether the materials in question would be appropriate for the use.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: WT, JC, HK, BK, SB, RA to approve, JM opposed, motion passed 6 to 1.

APPEAL OF INSPECTORS DECISION

24-AID, 140

The Board opened the meeting to the parties in this matter, in which Joshua Griffin appealed a decision of the Haverhill plumbing Inspector. Upon hearing arguments from both parties, the chair concluded the open portion of the hearing.

At 10:57 a.m. HK moved to enter into quasi judicial session for the purposes of deliberations, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Upon conclusion of deliberations at 11:10 a.m., the Board returned to open session. Based on unanimous consent, the Board agreed to vote on the decision in open session to allow the parties to hear the decision. WT made a motion to uphold the inspector's decision but to specify two pathways to code compliance, the installation of a mixing valve or changing of a temperature. HK seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken: WT, JC, SB, HK RA, BK voted in favor and JM voted against. The motion passed 6 to 1.

A written decision with the specific conditions voted by the Board will be issued by staff upon completion.

Board Delegated Staff Approvals – FYI Only – Board vote not required:

A. Unlisted Gas Equipment

24-DAGV-191- Etter Engineering Co- 171 Maple St Springfield

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

24-DAGV-194- Christopher Garcia PE- 285 Old Dartmouth Rd Dartmouth (UMass)

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

B. Unoccupied Structures

24-DAPV-232, John Sheehan, 316 Route 28, Yarmouth

The request to construct a pumping station less than 200 sq ft without the required gender-neutral restroom has been approved by Delegated Authority.

24-DAPV-232, John Sheehan, 156 Route 28, Yarmouth

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C. Vocational School Projects

24-VSP-222 –Matthew Gillis- Shawsheen Valley Tech High School

The request is to allow students to install rough and finish gas for a basement laundry connection, kitchen sink, dishwasher (1) half bath and (1) full bath. The gas will consist of (1) dryer, (1) HWH (1) range. Located at 97 Florance Ave Tewksbury.

24-VSP-226 –Gregory Stephanos Leominster High School

The request is to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for a new home for Habitat for Humanity. Located at 75 Tenth St Leominster.

24-VSP-234 –Randy Dimitropolis- Pathfinder RVTHS

The request is to allow students to install underground, rough and finish gas for a Rinnai space heater. Located at 431 Belchertown Rd Ware.

24-VSP-235 –Randy Dimitropolis- Pathfinder RVTHS

The request is to allow students to install finish plumbing for bathroom fixtures. Located at 610 Federal St Belchertown.

24-VSP-238 –Nolan LeRoy Upper Cape Cod Tech High School

The request is to allow students to install gas for a Modine heater. Located on campus 220 sandwich Rd Bourne

D. Reduction in Lavatories

24-DAPV-225- Dorrie A Brooks- 180 Maple St East Longmeadow

The applicant is seeking relief of the current lavatory requirement 1-25 for both male and female. Under the board policy the applicant has been granted a variance to use 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 (2021 Edition) 1-75. The local board of health and the inspector have been properly

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: At 11:15, WT voted to adjourn the meeting, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Items relied upon in meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications

Appeal Documents