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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 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 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	
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.”

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024 Regular Session

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

September 4, 2024 Executive Session

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

October 2, 2024 Regular Session

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

October 2, 2024 Executive Session

Vote: RA to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

November 6, 2024 Regular Session

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

Variances

24-PV-262, Nicholas Rio, 88 East Newton Street, Boston

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15 Sanitary Drainage Systems to allow the installation of a pipe lining system which is outside the scope of its product acceptance.

Investigate Myette has been notified.

Vote: JM to deny, JC seconded, HK absent

Results: Unanimously Denied

24-VSP-246, Derek Carvalho, 1464 County Street, Somerset

The petitioner for the Diman Regional Vocational High School is seeking permission to allow students to install a water fountain/bottle filler at the Somerset Public Library.

Vote: WT to approve, RA seconded, HK absent

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-VSP-261, John O'Brien, 570 North Avenue, Wakefield

The petitioner for the Northeast Metro Regional Vocational High School is seeking permission to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for an ADA compliant bathroom with three toilets and one lavatory at the Knights of Columbus

Vote: JC to approve, RA seconded, HK absent

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-GV-254, David Erickson, 1 Morse Village Road, Wendell

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04, Product Acceptance, to allow the installation of a 1890's coal burning stove that has been converted to propane, that is not on the product accepted database. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-PV-253, Daniel McIntyre, 408 Stafford Street, Leicester

The petitioner for National Grid is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15)(c)(19) Minimum Facilities, to allow the construction of a 9,100 sq. ft. equipment enclosure with the required bathroom facilities located approximately 135 feet away. A variance to eliminate the bathroom was denied in December of 2023. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-PV-256, Bryan Wentworth, 4 Bishop Road, Ayer

The petitioner for the New England Power Company is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15)(c)(19) Minimum Facilities, to allow the construction of a 2,240 sq. ft. control house building without the required bathroom facilities. Bathroom facilities are located in another building, less than 400 feet away. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-PV-258, Jarrod Costa, 1166 Shawmut, Ave, New Bedford

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04 Product Acceptance, to allow the installation of a modified interceptor, which is outside the scope of its product acceptance. This is a post-installation variance, and the Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: HK to deny, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-PV-259, Adam Schindler, 1 Municipal Drive, Hudson

The petitioner for the Hudson DPW, is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15) (c)(19) Minimum Facilities, to allow the construction of a temporary building that stores their vacuum truck, without the required bathroom facilities. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve if permanent bollards are installed in front of the entrance, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-SPP-257, Jonathan Bresnahan, 90 Hathaway Circle, Arlington

The petitioner is seeking permission to install and air admittance valve because it would be difficult to reach the existing vent stack. The local inspector has been notified.

Vote: WT to table, DK Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

APPEAL OF INSPECTORS DECISION

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

Note: Per M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 18, post hearing deliberations will be in a closed session.

NO ACTION TAKEN, MOVED TO JANUARY AGENDA

Closed Session: Investigative Conference per M.G.L. c. 112, s. 65C

Terms of negotiated settlements for individuals who appear to have violated 248 CMR 11.00 during the recent licensee audit.

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

22-DAGV-562- Derek Arruda 61 Spring Street Marion Ma

The request for Full Operation of an Unlisted Appliance has been granted for one (1) natural gas Blaauw Kiln 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

24-VSP-244 –James Primes- Bay Path Regional VTHS- The request is to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing & gas fitting for a single-family home. Located at 97 Old Sturbridge Rd Dudley.

24-VSP-247 –Derek Carvalho- Diman Regional VTHS - The request is to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing & gas fitting (Generator) for a single-family home. Located at 175 Tess Abigail Ln Swansea.

24-VSP-248 –Russell Mullen- Southeastern Regional VTHS- The request is to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for a single-family home. Located at 26 Poquanticut Ave Easton.

24-VSP-249 –Armand Lamour- Smith VTHS- The request is to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for a single-family home. Located at 140 Woodland Dr Northampton.

24-VSP-250 –Matthew Flynn- Keefe Reginal VTHS- The request is to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for a new in-law apartment with the required fixtures needed to meet Basic Principle 6. Located at 34 Guild Rd Framingham.

24-VSP-252 –Chris Ryan- Nashoba Valley VTHS- The request is to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for a residential duplex home. Located at 12 Newton St- Ayer.

24-VSP-255- Randy Dimitropolis- Pathfinder Regional VTHS- The request is to allow students to install plumbing and gas fitting for a Hot Water Heater. Located at 24 Boston Rd Palmer.

24-DAPV-264 Daniel McIntyre- 357 Power Company Rd- Tewksbury- The applicant has been granted the use of a restroom facility located within 400 Ft for an 864 Sq Ft un-manned electrical substation in compliance with the Board's Policy.

BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

24-PV-266, Dennis Robarge, 500 Arsenal Street, Watertown

The petitioner is seeking relieve from 248 CMR 10.13.4(b) to allow the installation of a hazardous waste collection system, that the petitioner believes is not plumbing. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: DK to take no action and allow the applicant to return for a variance, if necessary, in the future, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: HK to enter Executive Session at 10:16 a.m., JW seconded

Items relied upon in meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications

Appeal Documents