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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 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:

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

November 17, 2023 Public Hearing

Vote: HK to approve, DK seconded. Results: RA abstained, Unanimously approved

December 6, 2023 Regular Session

Vote: JC to approve, HK seconded. Results: Unanimously approved

December 6, 2023 Executive Session

Vote: HK to approve, JC seconded. Results: Unanimously approved

January 3, 2024, Regular Session

Vote: HK to approve, JC seconded. Results: Unanimously approved

January 3, 2024, Executive Session

Vote: HK to approve, RA seconded. Results: Unanimously approved

January 10, 2024 Gas Code Review Sub-Committee

Vote: JC to table, RA seconded. Results: Unanimously approved

Discussion

None

Variances

24-GV-83, Mark Gabriella, 5 Paul X Tivnan, West Boylston

The petitioner for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04 Materials, to allow the use of a non-code compliant repair coupling on a 4" gas line. This is a post-installation variance. State inspector O'Reilly and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to allow the continued use of a non-code-compliant gas pipe coupling, that had been previously installed on an emergency basis, provided the applicant removes the coupling and replaces it with a Massachusetts-accepted product by July 1, 2024.

JC Seconded.

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-76, David Sisson, 1600 Shawsheen Street, Tewksbury

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduction in fixtures in their unheated storage building.

The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to deny the request not to install the required floor drain, WT seconded.

Results: Unanimously approved

Vote: JC to allow the installation of (2) half baths with (2) lavs, a mop sink, and no showers. WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-77, John Marino, 626 The Lynnway, Lynn

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduction in required shower fixtures in their packaging facility. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to allow the installation of one shower only, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-78, Andrew Lyne, 800 South Street, Waltham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(9)(a), Building Drains Below Building Sewer, to allow the use of a sewage ejector for the fixtures on the first floor, in the six-story building. This is a post-installation variance. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, WT seconded, HK abstained

Results: Unanimously approved

24-GV-79, Marc Rochon, 294 Winthrop Street, Taunton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 5.10, 10.12.9 Gas Valve Installed for Fire Protection/Suppression Systems to allow the installation of an electric solenoid valve in lieu of the code required manual valve. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to table, HK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-80, Albert Ngo, 84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

The petitioner on behalf of MIT is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15)(h)1, Multi-User/Gender Neutral Toilet Rooms to allow the installation of a multi-user gender-neutral bathroom without the required single-user bathroom within 300 feet on the same floor.

The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve a single-user bathroom that is located less than 300' from the multiuser/gender-neutral bathroom on a different floor, with access via an elevator, DK seconded

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

24-GV-81, Nick Chiusano, 45 Campanelli Drive, Westfield

This is a reconsideration of variance denied at the December 6, 2023 meeting.

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 5.5.1(b)(3) and 5.6.2.2.1 to approve previously installed high density polyethylene gas piping (HDPE) serving a linear generator. This is a post-installation variance and the local inspector, and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, HK seconded

Results: DK, HK, RA, SB, WT to approve, JM, BK, JC to deny- motion passes

24-PV-82, David Mentzer, 685 Washington Street, Haverhill

The petitioner for the Haverhill Consentino Middle School is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.00 Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduction in the required number of lavatories. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to deny, JC seconded

Results: HK withdrew the motion

Vote: DK to approve the use of 248CMR 2012, RA seconded

Results: DK, RA, WT, SB, JM to approve, JC, BK, HK to deny- motion passes

24-PV-85, George Ford, 111 Speen Street, Framingham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15(9)(a), Building Drains Below Building Sewer. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: HK to table, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: JC voted to enter executive session at 10:38 a.m., RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved, JM absent

Vote: JC to return to regular session, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved, JM absent

Vote: DK to adjourn at 10:49 a.m., RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

QUASI-JUDICIAL SESSION

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

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

Note: If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the meeting, please reach out to Cheryl Yebba at 617-701-8711. While the Board will do its best to accommodate you, certain accommodation may not be available if requested immediately before the meeting.

Executive Session

Character Reviews

1- J.A.

2 J.L.