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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

March 6, 2024

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters requires your presence at a
remote Board meeting on
Wednesday, March 6, 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 WILL CONVENED A SPECIAL 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	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

Discussion

Request for interpretation from Striem dated 2/15/24 regarding 248 CMR 10.09 – Elevator pumps.

A representative from Striem Manufacturing requested interpretations of elevator code pump language regarding the pump, volatiles, accepted pumps, and diverting of volatiles.

The following interpretation was provided to Striem for guidance.

This response is being provided based on your letter dated February 15, 2024 in which you have sought a interpretation of 248 CMR 10.09 (1) (a) (1) (c) Exception ii:

Product Accepted pumps equipped with sensors which divert volatiles may be installed in lieu of a gas/oil separation system.

Your letter essentially seeks two interpretations, which the Board addresses as follows:

1. Confirmation that “volatiles [are] hydrocarbon-based fluids generated by an elevator system.”

A: 248 CMR 10.02 states “No attempt is made to define ordinary words which are used in accordance with their established dictionary meaning.” As an example, the Oxford English Dictionary found online defines volatile as “easily evaporated at normal temperatures” or “liable to change rapidly and unpredictably.”

Based on this, the Board can confirm that volatiles ***can include*** hydrocarbon-based fluids (and other fluids such as synthetic fluids) generated by an elevator system.

2. Confirmation that: “A duplex sump pump system may be installed, whereby: volatiles are pumped to a location outside of the elevator shaft, and separately, volatile-free water is pumped to the sanitary sewer system.

A: This request misses an explicit component of 248 CMR 10.09 (1) (a) (1) (c) Exception ii, namely that the pump be product accepted. Accordingly, the Board can confirm that a product accepted duplex sump pump system may be installed, whereby: volatiles are pumped to a location outside of the elevator shaft, and separately, volatile-free water is pumped to the sanitary sewer system. However, as of the date of this response, no such pumps are currently product accepted, thus currently no such system may be installed.

Variances

24-PV-95, James Watson, 55 Lake Avenue, Worcester

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04, Product Design and Testing to install a pipe liner system on a vertical pipe. State Inspector Myette has been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-99, Christopher Garcia, 1852 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford

The petitioner for the Bridgewater State University- Flight Training Center is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15)(c) 20 and 10.10 Table 1, to allow the construction of a 7,500 sq ft airplane hangar without installing the required toilet facilities. State Inspector Lima has been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-84, Kai Grant, 2136 Washington Street, Roxbury

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow a reduced number of toilet facilities that are required for their private social club. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, RA seconded

Results: DK, RA, SB to approve, BK, JC, WT, HK to deny: motion fails

24-PV-93, Ralph Mulcahy, 428 Stuart St., Boston

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.05(2)d, Pitch of Horizontal Drainage Piping to allow the installation of roof drainage piping that does not comply with code. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to deny, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-92, Elchin Nadirov, 1033 Turnpike Street, Canton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09 Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks to allow the construction of small car detailing garage without the required gas and oil separator. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to table, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved to table motion

2nd Consideration: The applicant joined the meeting late, and after discussing his proposal, the Board- Took No Action.

24-PV-94, Marissa Ramirez, 80 Locust St., Northampton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15 and 10.10 Table 1, to provide (1) single-user gender-neutral staff restrooms in lieu of (2) single-user staff restrooms. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-97, Jon Chase, 418 Titicut Road, Raynham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow a reduced number of toilets required for their water treatment plant. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to deny, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-98, Jon Chase, 626 Elm Street East, Raynham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow a reduced number of toilet facilities required for their water treatment plant. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to deny, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-100 Gregory Gouthro, 1724 Main Street, Brockton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09(1) 4, Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks to allow the repair of a gas and oil separator with venting that is outside of the building. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve with the condition that cleanouts are installed every 100', WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-101 Natthasit Nimitsakulchai, 29 Bryan Street, Dedham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow a reduced number of toilet facilities that are required for their bistro. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

THE APPLICANT WITHDREW THIS APPLICATION

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

24-SPP-86-Hilary Williams P.E.-815 Columbus Ave-Northeastern University

A request for Special Permission has been granted for a Rainwater collection system for irrigation and a cooling tower in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (a) and all additional requirements for this type of system at the above-listed address by the Delegated Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: JC to adjourn at 10:28 a.m., WT 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 accommodations may not be available if requested immediately before the meeting.