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# **BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 3, 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**

<b>: MEMBERS</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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	
<b>STAFF</b>			
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 McNamee

### **Discussion**

#### **Discussion #1**

Vice Chairman, vote/discussion

Board members held a vote on electing a Vice-Chairman.

Vote:

JW nominated HK, JC seconded

DK nominated WT

Results: HK, JC, BK, JW, RA for HK

SB, DK, WT for WT

HK is elected Vice Chairman

#### **Discussion #2**

A representative from Sharc Energy Systems to discuss their Wastewater Source Heat Pump that is not on the Massachusetts product accepted database.

Representatives from Sharc Energy discussed their heat pump technology that utilizes wastewater as an energy source.

Vote: WT to approve 10 test sites for one year with quarterly updates and provide a detailed piping diagram of the system. JC seconded.

Results: Unanimously approved

#### **Discussion #3**

Delegated authority discussion.

Board members discussed delegating authority to Board office staff to approve some projects seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10(19).

Delegated authority - Unoccupied buildings - i.e. pump stations/electrical substations

Hardship required: Applicants must certify that they are unable to install any bathrooms due to space.

#### **A. Exceptions**

1. If a building has a gross space under 200 square feet - No bathroom is required.

2. For buildings between 201 and 2,000 square feet - No bathroom is required if there is an accessible bathroom within a different building/structure located within 400 feet of the subject building's egress. Alternatively, a new bathroom structure may be erected within 400 feet of the subject building, said bathrooms may utilize alternative technologies if compliant with 248 CMR 10.10(2)(h) Local Board of health must support variance request

3. Bathrooms are required for buildings of 2,000 square feet or greater.

B. Other provisions

1. If required, emergency showers/eyewash stations must be provided regardless of a bathroom variance
2. Local Board of health must support variance request

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

## **Variances**

### **24-PV-106, Randy Dimitropolis, 10 North Main Street, Belchertown**

The Petitioner for the Pathfinder Regional High School is seeking permission to have students install rough and finish plumbing at the above address for two full bathrooms. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

### **24-PV-107, Peter Radzim, 1 Campus Center, Amherst**

The petitioner for the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15) table 1, to allow a reduction in the required number of lavatory fixtures. State investigator Myette and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, RA 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.

Vote: WT to deny, JW seconded

Results: WT, JW, HK, JC, BK, SB to deny, DK, RA to approve. The variance is denied.

### **24-PV-102, Marc Mason, 397 Paradise Road, Swampscott**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.02, Basic Principle #23, Need for Privacy to allow the installation of two toilets in a single user restroom without the required partitions. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-103, Marc Mason, 19 Dodge Street, Beverly**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.02, Basic Principle #23, Need for Privacy to allow the installation of two toilets in a single user restroom without the required partitions. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, JC seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-110, Dereck DiBiase, 667 South Street, Wrentham**

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow the use of a seasonal bathroom to meet the requirements needed to accommodate outdoor seating. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded-DK did not vote  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-113, Stephen Olson, 223 Breeds Hill Road, Hyannis**

The petitioner for the Barnstable Fire District Water Department is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15)(C)(19) Minimum Facilities- to allow the installation of a single user, gender neutral bathroom in a standalone structure within 400 feet of their new pump house, rather than included inside the building's footprint. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve with the approval of the local Board of Health, RA seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved-JW did not vote

**24-PV-114, Michael DiMascio, 222 Harrington Way, Worcester**

The petitioner for the Worcester Natural History Society is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15) Minimum Facilities, to allow a reduction in the required number of facilities for their 6,900 sq ft addition to the Ecotarium. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, RA seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-115, Ingrid Bengtson, 245 Woodland Road, Chestnut Hill**

The petitioner for the Beaver Country Day School is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06(2)(g) to allow the continued use of the existing PVC piping for a kitchen and

(3) existing bathrooms. The petitioner also seeks relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Other Fixtures, to allow the renovation of a single-family dwelling to accommodate a day school, without the required mop sink. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-116, Christopher Garcia, 500 East Street, Mansfield**

The petitioner for the Town of Mansfield is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a 3,550 sq ft water treatment building without the required single user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-117, Stephan Olson, 579 Main Street, Oxford**

The petitioner for Aquarion Water Company is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a prefabricated metal building to house a water treatment plant without the required single user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Condition: Petitioner will submit plans to support a stand alone restroom within 400' to the board office.

**24-PV-118, Stephan Olson, 58 Oak Pond Ave, Millbury**

The petitioner for Aquarion Water Company is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a prefabricated metal building to house a water treatment plant without the required single user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Condition: Petitioner will submit plans to support a stand alone restroom within 400' to the board office.

**24-PV-119, Russel Mullen, 45 School Street, Brockton**

The Petitioner for Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is seeking permission to have students install a full bathroom and custodial closet. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, BK seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-121, Steve Bradham, 185 Canal St., Fall River**

The Petitioner for the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School is seeking permission to have students install a grease interceptor for a two-bay sink and install an on-demand water heater which will be relocated, at the Santo Christo Parish. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, WT seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-122, Tim Kilhart, 39 Sheridan Road, Devens/Harvard**

The petitioner for the Town of Harvard is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a booster pump station without the required single-user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to deny, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-123, Dan Pelletier, 3 Wilmas Way, Harwich**

The petitioner for the Town of Harwich is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a new wastewater pump station without the required single-user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-124, Dan Pelletier, O Standish Woods, Harwich**

The petitioner for the Town of Harwich is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a new wastewater pump station without the required single-user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-125, Dan Pelletier, Rte 39 Traffic Island, Harwich**

The petitioner for the Town of Harwich is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a new wastewater pump station without the required single-user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

**24-PV-126, Dan Pelletier, Bova Cove Road Traffic Island, Harwich**

The petitioner for the Town of Harwich is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a new wastewater pump station without the required single-user bathroom. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded  
Results: Unanimously approved

Vote: JC voted to move to Executive Session at 12:00, RA seconded  
Results: Unanimously Approved

Vote: JC voted to move back into Regular Session at 12:49, RA seconded  
Results: Unanimously Approved

Vote: DK voted to adjourn at 12:50, RA seconded  
Results: Unanimously Approved

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Character Reviews

J.L.

D.G.

D.S.

S.M.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Note:**

Reasonable accommodations or modifications will be provided to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in this Plumbing Board meeting. **All requests should be submitted to Cheryl Yebba at (617)-727-4992 no later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled Board Meeting. While**

the Board of Examiners of Plumbers & Gas Fitters will attempt to honor all requests, those requests received after that date may not be provided due to feasibility.