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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

May 1, 2024

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters conducted a hybrid Board meeting on

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, 250 Foundry Street, South Easton.

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 (virtual)	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member	X (virtual)	
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 Vice-Chairman Harry Knight

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2024 Regular Session Vote: JC to approve, JW seconded Results: Unanimously approved

February 7, 2024 Executive Session Vote: SB to approve, JC seconded Results: Unanimously approved

March 2, Trade Show

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded, RA, DK, and SB abstained

Results: Unanimously approved

March 6, 2024 Regular Session Vote: JC to approve, WT seconded Results: Unanimously approved

April 3, Regular Session

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

April 3, Executive Session

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

Discussion

Discussion #1

Massachusetts Water Works Association, Executive Director Jennifer Pederson and Stephen Olson, chairman of their Technical Committee, addressed the Board regarding the minimum facilities that are required in unoccupied structures. Pederson asked to be a part of dialogue regarding her concerns for bathroom facilities in Zone 1 areas. Olson requested flexibility in the bathroom requirements.

Discussion #2

Discussion: Alternate member to Gas Code Review Sub-Committee

Members voted to approve Harry Knight as an alternate member of the Gas Code Review Sub-Committee.

Variances

24-PV-129, George Katsoufis, 80 Broadway, Everett

The petitioner for the MBTA is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18)(i) Employee Toilet Facilities for (non-industrial) Establishments to allow the installation of a temporary office trailer, while utilizing toilet facilities in a nearby building. Inspector O'Reilly and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve for one-year, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-139, Russell Mullen, 250 Foundry St. South Easton

The petitioner for the Southeastern Regional Technical High School is seeking permission to allow students to install rough and finish plumbing for 1 and a half bathrooms, laundry, kitchen sink and water heater in a residential home, listed as 'commercial' due to its historical nature. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve with product accepted materials for commercial applications, DK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-108, Kurt Daignault, 6-8 White Terrace, Pittsfield

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.00 (9)(1)A(1)(c), Sump pumps/drains used in elevator pits, to install an elevator pit without connecting to an oil/water separator. The inspector and local Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: BK to deny, DK seconded Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-130, Donald Silva, 145 Route 130 Sandwich

The petitioner for Russo's Garden Center is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09 Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks to allow the construction of a building that houses vehicles without the required gas/oil separator. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

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

24-PV-131, James Morril, 71 Border Road, Waltham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09(2)(a)(3), Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks to allow the construction of a three story parking garage with an alternative engineered floor drains without traps. This a post-installation variance and the local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: BK to deny, JW seconded Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV- 132, Antoio Diaz, 70 Clematis Ave. Waltham

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities to allow Revive City Church with a capacity of 92, to install a reduction of the required toilet facilities. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to take no action, DK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved to take no action based on installing 2 ADA bathrooms.

24-PV-133, Jonathan MacPhee, 10 Micro Drive, Woburn

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities to allow a private sports coaching center, CoachUP Inc. to operate without the required showering facilities. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: WT to deny, JC seconded Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-135, Ben Keyworth, 2 Rehabilitation Way, Woburn

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities (Medical Facilities) to allow a physical rehabilitation hospital renovation project with a reduced number of showering facilities. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-134, Jeffrey Cohen, 20 Endicott Road, Boxford

The petitioner for the Masconomet Regional School District is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities to allow the construction of a 924 seat stadium with a reduced number of lavatory and drinking water stations. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to deny JW seconded Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-136, John Sheehan, 170 South Shore Drive, Yarmouth

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

Vote: JW to deny WT seconded Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-137, John Sheehan, 4 Long Pond Road, Yarmouth

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

Vote: JW to deny WT seconded Results: Unanimously denied

24-PV-140, Colen Casey, 175 Campanelli Pkway, Stoughton

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

Vote: WT to deny JW seconded Results: Unanimously denied

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

23-DAGV-1034-J. Robert Basile- 1010 W Roxbury Pkwy Brookline

The request for Full Operation of an Unlisted Appliance has been granted for one (1) natural gas **Revolving G Cinelli-Esperia Tray Oven** in accordance with 248

CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

24-DAGV-88-Brian O'Regan 3 Eldred St Lexington

The request for Full Operation of an Unlisted Appliance has been granted for one (2) natural gas **Mr. Cool Furnaces** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

23-DAFV-942-Sanique Levy- 4 Berkley St Taunton

The request for product acceptance for one (1) **Empava bathtub** in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (1) at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

24-SPP-87-Hilary Williams P.E.-20 Western Ave Harvard University Boston A request for Special Permission has been granted for a Rainwater Treatment system in accordance with 248 CMR 3.04 (a) and all additional requirements for this type of system at the above-listed address by Delegated Authority.

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

24-VSP-96 – John Hicks Franklin County Technical High School

The request is to allow students to install the finished plumbing for a Veterinary Science building located on the school property located at 82 Industrial Blvd Turner Falls.

24-VSP-109 – Samantha Gomes Plymouth South High School

The request is to allow students to install an Electric Water Heater located at 43 Nook Rd Plymouth.

24-PV-128, Wayne Parks, 8 Manley Stret, West Bridgewater

Through delegated authority, authorized by the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters, the Board office has approved your variance request for relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a Filter Treatment Plant building without the required single-user bathroom, which is less than 2,000 sq. ft, and located within 400' of a building with an accessible bathroom and is supported by the Board of Health.

Fixture Variances

24-FV-89-Francis Dargon 350 Merrimack St Lawrence

24-FV-90-Sherif Koyess- 7 Louisburg Sq Boston

24-FV-91- Brian Walsh- 10 Farnsworth St Unit 2A

24-FV-112-Jamie Miller- 264 Seminole Ave Waltham

24-FV-120-John Quincy Milligan- 30 Locust St Northampton

24-FV-121-Mona Bonnot- 8 Highland St Cambridge

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: JC to adjourn at 10:45 a.m., WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Items relied upon in the meeting

Agenda Variance Applications