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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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	

Discussion

Discussion 1- Gould Construction Institute's Diane Craven and Julie DeStefano discussed expanding their online Tier training, along with their in-person classes.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Discussion 2- John Wilson of Teekay Pipe gave a presentation on their alternative coupling technology.

Vote: JC to approve 5 test sites for drainage only, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Discussion 3- Delegated authority regarding lavatory requirements.

The Board has delegated authority to its staff to approve exceptions to the new lavatory code requirements, which took effect on December 8, 2023. Staff can approve requests for variances that meet certain criteria, allowing the use of the previous code in effect prior to December 8, 2023.

Variances

24-GV-170, Micah Howdy, 203 Riverside Street, Lowell

The petitioner for UMass Lowell is seeking relief from NFPA 54 12.7.2(6) Gas Vent Terminations, to allow the installation of a breaching stack without the required cap. State inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

1st Vote: JC to table, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously tabled

2nd Vote: WT to approve, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-GV-163, Peter Novello, 389 Middle Street, Gloucester

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04(1) Product Design and Testing Standards, to allow the installation of an antique gas range that is not listed on the product accepted database. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: WT to delegate Board staff to approve if signed off by a professional engineer, DK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-175, Michael Moran, 40 Unified Parkway, Sutton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.17(11)c, Roof Drains, to allow 21 overflow roof drains to terminate approximately 15 feet above the ground. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

No Action Taken

24-VSP-145, Randy Dimitropolis, 322 Burlington Road, Palmer

The petitioner for the Pathfinder Regional High School is seeking permission to allow the students to replace one toilet and one lavatory along with a small section of pipe. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JC to table, DK seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-VSP-144, Brian Allard, 23 Linden Street, Berlin

The petitioner for the Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School is seeking permission to allow the students to install drainage and water piping for two bathrooms, one kitchen sink and one prep sink. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-171, Eric Tracy, 775 Bay Road, South Hamilton

The petitioner for the Hamilton Regional High School is seeking relief from 248 . The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: WT to delegate to Board staff, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-172, Joseph Milani, 12 Green Road, Bolton

The petitioner for the Nashoba Regional High School is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15) Minimum Facilities, to allow a reduction in the required fixtures for their auditorium. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-173, Nedim Velagic, 40 River Road, Whately

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06, Materials, to be allowed to install PVC pipe and fittings for a floor drain in their greenhouse building project. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified

Vote: JC to table, RA seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

24-DAPV-174, Kathryn Carreira, 16 Leland Road, West Brookfield

The petitioner for the West Brookfield Water Department is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a 1,200 sq. ft. Leland Road Water Treatment Facility, without the required single-user bathroom. There is an accessible bathroom within 50 feet of the proposed building. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: JC to go into Executive Session at 10:51, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Executive Session

Character Reviews

- 1- G.I.
- 2- K.M.
- 3- D.M.
- 4- R.S.
- 5- R.B.
- 6- S.M.
- 7- R.M.

Items relied upon in meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications