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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 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	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	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:

By Vice-Chairman Harry Knight

Variances

24-PV-141, Debra J'Anthony, 274 Main Street, Northampton

The petitioner 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. A single-user bathroom is available on a different floor, and is within 100 feet. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Discussion: Board members discussed the Historical registry of this building and the limitations that designation gives the applicant to make structural changes to the building to accommodate another bathroom or elevator.

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-164, Ronald Masse, 91 Crest Avenue, Chelsea

The petitioner for the Soldiers Home Quigley Hospital is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduction in the number of shower fixtures required in the emergency shelter. The local Board of Health and State Inspector O'Reilly have been notified.

Discussion: Board members discussed the need for shelters and along with State Inspector O'Reilly, decided this approval should be in conjunction with the parameters of the building permit.

Vote: WT to approve in conjunction with the parameters of the building permit, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-158, Nicholas Rio, 88 East Newton Street, Boston

The petitioner for the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15, Sanitary Drainage System to allow an epoxy pipelining system for a horizontal sanitary pipe. State Inspector Lima has been notified.

Vote: WT to approve if the product used is listed on the Massachusetts Plumbing Products Accepted Database, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-165 through 169, Brian Kubaska, 33 Tafts Avenue, Winthrop

The petitioner for the MWRA is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.17 Table 2, Size of Vertical Storm Drain Conductors, to allow the retrofit of roof drains that do not meet the maximum roof area specified. This variance is for the following five buildings that are located at the Deer Island Treatment Plant. State inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

- 1-Main Switch Gear Building
- 2- Cryogenic Oxygen Facility
- 3- Thermal Power Plant
- 4- Gravity Thickener
- 5- Digester Module 1, 2, 3

Discussion: Board members asked for more detail about the specific product the applicant plans to install.

Vote: WT to table, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-156, David Marriott, 1673 Main Street, Brewster

The applicant for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School is seeking permission to allow the students to replace one toilet and one faucet at the Council on Aging. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

1st Vote: WT to table, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously tabled

2nd Vote: JC to approved, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

24-PV-157, David Marriot, 1657 Main Street, Brewster

The applicant for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School is seeking permission to allow the students to replace two toilets, a urinal flush valve and install an emergency eyewash station at the Brewster Natural Resource Building. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

1st Vote: WT to table, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously tabled

2nd Vote: JC to approved, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved.

24-PV-153, Gail Trachtenberg, 89 Middle Street, Weymouth

The petitioner for Abigail Adams Middle School is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06 Table 1(16 &17) to allow the use of existing polypropylene pipe for a non-

acid waste purpose. This is a post-installation variance. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: WT to approve, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-GV-142, Paul Hoyt, 2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04(1) Product Design and Testing Standards, to allow the use of a product for gas venting that is not listed on the product accepted database. This is a post-installation variance. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JC to deny, WT seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-154, Aimee Gelinas, 1515 Savoy Hollow Road, Windsor

The petitioner for the Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, Minimum Facilities for Building Occupancy, to allow a reduction in the required number of toilets for both the staff and students in their educational facility. The applicant proposes using one composting toilet, hand sanitizer, and bottled water. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JW to approve, RA seconded

Results: JW, RA, JC, BK, SB to approve, HK and WT to deny- motion passes

24-PV-155, Gary DeWolfe, 1 Codman Way, Westborough

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.08(d)(3)(b) to allow the installation of 50 showers and 27 bathtubs without the required cleanouts. This is a post-installation variance. The Board of Health and local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-PV-161, Rob Faley, 85 Mill Pond Road, Chatham

The petitioner for the Town of Chatham is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(19) to allow the construction of a pumping station without the required single-user bathroom within 400 ft. The applicant's single user bathroom is located 600 ft. away from the pumping station. The local inspector and the Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: RA to approve, JW seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

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

Appeal of Inspector's Decision

24-AID-146

The Board engaged in deliberations in the matter of 24-AID-146, Craig Hartwell, 37 Elliot Street, Danvers. Hartwell is appealing the inspector's decision to require sanitary facilities in their 16' x 22' shed.

Vote: At 10:37 a.m. JW to enter into Executive Session, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

Upon conclusion of the deliberations, WT voted in favor of the appellant, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

24-AID-152

The Board engaged in deliberations in the matter of 24-AID-152, Tim Houghton, 6 Vinton Road, Holland. Houghton is appealing the inspector's decision to require freeze protection on piping the inspector claimed never to have inspected.

Upon conclusion of the deliberations, WT voted in favor of the appellant, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: At 10:46 JC voted to adjourn the meeting, JW seconded.

Results: Unanimously approved

Items relied upon in meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications