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BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS

August 7, 2024 **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**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 CONVENED A 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	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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2024 Regular Session

Vote: DK to approve, JC Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

June 18, 2024 Regular Session

Vote: DK to approve, JC Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

June 18, 2024 Executive Session

Vote: JC to approve, DK Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

Variances

24-PV-185, Michael Gallagher, 27 Clark Street, Norfolk

The petitioner for the Department of Corrections is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1, to allow the reduction in shower and toilet fixtures for the temporary housing shelter. State Inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, JC Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-PV-187, James Watson, 131 Summer Street, Bridgewater

The petitioner for Bridgewater State University is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06 Materials, to allow the epoxy lining of 45ft of 4" cast iron that has three toilet connections. State inspector O'Reilly has been notified.

Vote: JC to approve, BK Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24- GV-192, Lenny Gemma, 7 Kingson Lane, #4, Medway

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 5.00 to allow the use of existing pvc venting of a gas furnace, that is connected with new 1738 venting material. The local inspector has been notified of this post-installation variance request.

NO ACTION TAKEN

24-PV-186, Karen Goodman, 747 Washington Street, Holliston

The petitioner is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10(15)(c)1, 10.10(15)(c)10 to allow the reduction in the required fixtures for their proposed 1,460sf taproom, with outdoor seating. The local inspector and Board of Health have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, JC Seconded

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

24-PV-197, Seth Morrissey, 201 Pine Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea

The petitioner for the North Shore Regional Compost Facility(NSRCF) is seeking relief from 248 CMR-

- 10.14, 10.10(15c) to construct a compost structure without the required fixtures and potable and hot water.
- 10.10(2h), 10.10(c3), and 10.10 Table 1 to construct an equipment shelter without the required fixtures and potable and hot water, and separate restroom facilities for each gender
- 10.14, 10.10 Table 1, 10.10(15c) to construct an operations building without the required fixtures and potable and hot water.

A single-user restroom is proposed within a building that is located within 400 feet of these structures. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

Vote: DK to approve, RA Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

24-PV-198, Dominic Marcho, 178 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge

The petitioner for the Shady Hill School is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 to allow a reduction in required fixtures for future reconstruction projects. The Board of Health and the local inspector have been notified.

Vote: JC to table, RA Seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

Discussion

Vote: WT to enter listening session, JC seconded

Results: Unanimously Approved

Listening Session on Gas Code Venting NFPA 54 and 248 CMR 5.00.

Peter DeFreitas of IAPMO discussed 12.5.2 and 12.6.4.2 and the May 6, 2022 FAQ that was posted by the Board. DeFreitas is concerned about the inconsistencies of enforcement on the installation of plastic piping across by inspectors, with regard to replacement appliances. De Freitas suggested a Mass Code Modification that would allow plastic gas pipe venting if the product used was accepted by the Board and allowed by the manufacturer. DeFreitas would also like to see an exception for when both are not possible, to follow the manufacturer's instructions. DeFreitas also suggested clearer language on the reuse of existing chimneys.

Thomas Deary, the Director of Codes for the Air Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), discussed unclear language in 5.12 regarding carbon monoxide detectors and signage, and that 5.8.2.4 of the current code is numbered incorrectly.

Board Delegated Staff Approvals- Special Permission

23-DAGV-1309- Crane Currency- 60 Pioneer St Dalton

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

23-DAGV-1310- Erik Lagoy- 92 Evans Dr # 1 Stoughton

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

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Fixture Variances

23-DAFV-1037-Shanmuga Murasan- 286 Pine Hill Rd Westford

**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

Vote: JC to go into end the Listening Session, WT seconded
Results: Unanimously approved

Vote: JC to go in to Executive Session, RA seconded
Results: Unanimously approved at 10:01 a.m.

Items relied upon in meeting

Agenda

Variance Applications