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

June 2, 2021 BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters conducted a remote Board meeting on
Wednesday, June 2, 2021, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The topics shown below were discussed at the aforementioned meeting:

INFORMATIONAL NOTE: All votes were taken by roll call, where each member voted in favor, the vote will be reported as unanimous.

Member and Staff Attendance

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. David Sullivan	Member, DPL Designee	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer		
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	
STAFF			



Mr. Charles Kilb	Board Legal Counsel	X	
Ms. Karen Brann	Board Executive Director	X	
Ms. Mary Collins-McCarthy	Associate Executive Director	X	
Mr. Taylor Roth	State Plumbing Investigator	x	
Mr. Scott Padden	State Plumbing Investigator		x
Mr. Fredrick Lima	State Plumbing Investigator		x
Mr. James O'Reilly	State Plumbing Investigator	x	
Mr. Joseph Peluso	Board Consultant	X	
Mr. George Abban	Board Consultant	X	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Joseph McNamee

UP COMING MEETING VENUE

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency upcoming meeting venue may change

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021 – Open Meeting Minutes

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by JW to accept the May 5, 2021 open session minutes

Results: Passed unanimously

May 5, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

- No action taken, will be addressed at the next meeting

DISCUSSION

D1 : New Product Demonstration

- **Paul Errigo, Green Crown Water System, GPM 2K water conversation system**
Paul Errigo, from Green Crown Water System, showed a PowerPoint presentation and explained to the Board how the GPM 2K Water Conversation System worked. The Board members noted that at the present time, it would require a code change to install. The Board took no action and suggested that the petitioner submit a code change form to the Board to suggest how the code might be changed to accommodate the product without jeopardizing public health or safety.

D2 – Re-visit of Continuing Education policy during the State of Emergency

- It was noted that the Board's continuing education waiver expires on September 15. The Board discussed doing an audit in September regarding Continuing Education to see how many licensees have not completed their Continuing Education and if needed, take each licensee on a case by case basis to get people caught up. The board will continue to discuss this matter at future meetings.
- **Return of Live Meetings**
The Board will tentatively plan to hold a live meeting in September. Further details will be discussed in the future.

D3: - End of State of Emergency

No additional updates

D 4: Code Change Update and review/possible vote on draft Frequently Asked Questions

- The issue of venting was discussed and how to connect back to existing piping. Some manufactures say if their produce is being used, you cannot connect to pvc and need to use their material from start to finish. Counsel noted that if in their installation instructions, this was enforceable, otherwise it is only a warranty matter, but that is a choice of the manufacturer. The Board will further monitor and discuss at future meetings as needed.

D 5: Delegation of variances granted for the continued use of 1 ½ inch drain for tub to shower conversions.

- Due to the Board's office receiving an influx of variances for the continued use of 1 ½ inch tub drains, the Board revisited the issue. The Board decided to convene a sub-committee to investigate the issue.

VARIANCE REQUEST(S)

TABLED FROM LAST MEETING

PV-257 BOSTON MARKET TERMINAL – 34 MARKET STREET – EVERETT

The Petitioner (Chris Mora from the Davis Companies) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10, for the reduction in the number of plumbing fixtures required for the S-1 Moderate Hazard Warehouse occupancy due to the anticipated use of the facility. The Petitioner proposes that the function of the space does not typically involve the type of work that would necessitate access to on site shower facilities.

During the May 5, 2021 discussion the Board requested that the Petitioner report back to the Board on the actual employee count from the tenant. The count is 126 employees.

VOTE: A motion was made by JC and seconded by JW to deny the variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.10, for a reduction in plumbing fixtures. The Board determined that there was insufficient evidence to support the request for a variance.

Results: Passed Unanimously

TABLED FROM LAST MEETING

PV-268 – FISH MV LLC – 80 MAIN STREET – VINEYARD HAVEN

The Petitioner (Andrew Kahl from AMK Concepts) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, to have one unisex accessible bathroom and one employee bathroom. Customer space will be very limited with only 8 interior seats. The space does not allow for an additional accessible bathroom. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK to have the petitioner make both bathrooms uni-sex and accessible to the public.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-311 STOP AND COMPARE SUPERMARKET – 43 STATE STREET - LYNN

The Petitioner (Charles Bromely from Plan B Retail Design and Project management) is seeking variances from 248 CMR, Sections 10.10.1 and 10.10.18 for toilet requirements in a building with mercantile use.

Vote: the Board decided to take no action on the variance application for this project, as per the applicant, the plan is code compliant and a variance is not needed.

PV-313 54 AUBURN STREET – BROOKLINE

The Petitioner (Bert Corey from DGT Associates) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, to allow piping connection from a trench drain to the storm water treatment structure to be SDR0-35 PVC and not cast iron. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by JC deny the variance request from 248 CMR, to use SDR-35 PVC rather than cast iron for the piping connection from the trench drain to the storm water treatment structure. The Board determined that there was insufficient evidence to support the request for a variance.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-314 TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT – 200 SCHOOL STREET NORTHBOROUGH

The Petitioner (Scott Charpentier, Town of Northborough Water and Sewer) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 (18)(i) to not provide separate facilities for males and females and approval to provide a single gender-neutral toilet facility and a separate shower room in a new mixed use building that will include 1,728 SF for a garage for utility vehicles and 832 SF of office space. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by JC to grant the variance requests from 248 CMR, Section 10.10(18)(i), to not provide separate facilities for males and females and approval to provide a single gender-neutral toilet facility and a separate shower room in a new mixed use building that will include 1,728 SF for a garage for utility vehicles and 832 SF of office space.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-315 HANOVER WESTON – SOUTH AVENUE - WESTON

The Petitioner (John Del Tufo from Wozny/Barbar and Associates) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.06, as it relates to non-residential installation. The project will include an engineered subsurface Cultec recharge system that will be buried beneath a 4.5 level parking garage. Section of the detention system will be concrete with chamber portions consisting of plastic. Piping specified will be ductile iron. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK to grant the variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.06, for this project, to allow Cultec plastic chambers on the garage floor.

Results: Motion passed (all members in favor except JM recused himself from this application review)

PV-316 PARCEL 12- 1001 BOYLSTON STREET - BOSTON

The Petitioner (Jimmie Ng from WSP USA) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.03 and 3.04, to use EBAA Iron Inc Flex-Tend flexible expansion joint to compensate for possible 1 – ½” settlement. The petitioner is also proposing to use the PVC version of the expansion joint to make the coupling connections to the cast iron pipe upstream and downstream of the expansion joint. The expansion joint is not product approved.

Vote: A motion was made by TW and seconded by JW to grant the variance requests from 248 CMR, Section 10.03(23) and 3.04 for this project.

Results: Motion passed (all members in favor except JM recused himself from this application review)

PV-317 HOSMER STREET REALY TRUST – 72 HOSMER STREET – MARLBOROUGH

The Petitioner (Ngoc Vuong from Cascao Jiu Jitsu) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 (18) Table 1: Pool/fitness center bath/shower, to not provide additional showers. There are currently 2 bathrooms with sinks and toilets and an additional mop sink. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by JC and seconded by WT to deny the variance request from 248 CMR, 10.10(18) table 1 to eliminate the installation of showers and to approve the installation of 1 gender-neutral shower with a maximum occupancy of 50 people including clients and staff.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-318 FRONTERA THERAPEUTICS – 40 WIGGINS AVENUE – BEDFORD

The Petitioner (Dennis Robarge from North Shore Mechanical Contractors) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.15 (10) sumps and ejectors for permission to utilize 2 lift stations for 1 mothers room and 1 break room sink which is over an inaccessible clean room manufacturing facility. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by TW and seconded by JC to grant the variance request as proposed.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-319 NEW ENGLAND INNOVATION ACADEMY 280 LOCKE DRIVE MARLBOROUGH

The Petitioner (James Hughes from Dennis Colwell Architects) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, to have unisex bathrooms throughout the school. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by JW to deny the variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.10, to have unisex bathrooms throughout the school. The Board determined that there was insufficient evidence to support the request for a variance.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-320 MICHAEL TABBAH 349 WEST CENTER STREET WEST BRIDGEWATER

The Petitioner (Michael Tabbah) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10(k), to include 2 accessible lavatories in a proposed dentist office space based on limited square footage.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK grant your variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.10(k), for this project, to allow 1 unisex bathroom for patients and 1 unisex bathroom for staff (2 total).

Results: Passed unanimously

GV-325 MICHAEL MITCHELL 444 COOPER ROAD NORTHBRIDGE

The Petitioner (Michael Mitchell) is seeking a gas variance for a stove with a wood burning box on the left and 4 propane burners of the right. The propane oven has been disconnected and the lines removed and the openings sealed off. The propane will only be used for the burners on top of the stove. There will no propane vented through the chimney. The wood burning operation has been inspected and approved by the building inspector.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by JC to grant the variance request from 248 CMR, for this project, to approve a variance on the condition that a Massachusetts licensed engineer inspection once it is finished.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV – 326 275 SPEC LAB 275 SECOND AVENUE WALTHAM

The Petitioner (Dennis Robarge from North Shore Mechanical Contractors) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.15 (10) sumps and ejectors, to utilize a lab waste lift station to pump the underground lab waste from a new lab on the first floor up to the existing pH neutralization system. The local Board of health was notified.

Vote: A motion was made by JC and seconded by HK to deny the variance request from 248 CMR, Section 10.15(10), sumps and ejectors, as presented in the variance application. The Board determined that there was insufficient evidence to support the request for a variance.

Results: passed unanimously

PV-327 1105 MASS AVENUE UNIT 1F CAMBRIDGE – POST INSTALLATION VARIANCE

The Petitioner (Corey Catalfamo from Catalfamo Plumbing) is seeking a post installation variance from 248 CMR, for the rough plumbing for a new laundry connection laundry room rough plumbing installation on the first floor of a building that is over 4 stories. The local Board of Health has been notified.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by JC to approve the variance request as long as there are no other bathrooms below.

Results: Passed unanimously

PV-363 MASS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION KASABUSKI RINK – 201 FOREST STREET SAUGUS

The Petitioner (Thomas Scarlata from Bargmann Hendrie and Archetype) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR **Section 10.10 (18)(b) 1.b Plumbing Facilities for each sex.**

The existing rink had fallen into disrepair and a scope of work was developed that includes among other work, new accessible toilets and showers for the locker rooms · New single use-unisex toilet/shower facilities to accommodate coed hockey teams and officiating crews. Hazardous material removal, selective demolition and site work will begin shortly. No plumbing work has started. The variance will allow the use of shared, unisex toilet shower facilities between the hockey locker rooms. Based on a variance request, the Plumbing Boards' direction, for the DCR Murphy Rink in 2015, the Bajko Rink in 2018, and the Metropolis Rink in 2019, a unisex, single use toilet /facility has been included for coed hockey teams and officiating crews. The unisex facility for the officiating crews also segregates the officials from the general public and teams. This is a state project.

Vote: A motion was made by WT and seconded by HK to grant the variance request.

Results: Passed unanimously

**FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required
SPECIAL PERMISSION PLUMBING**

SPP – 6 FY21 VERTEX- 316 NORTHERN AVENUE – BOSTON

Special permission plumbing was granted for the installation of a ROJ reclaimed grey water system serving bathroom core flushing fixtures and cooling towers.

BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

A motion was made by HK and seconded by DS to conclude the Open Session portion of the meeting and enter the Executive Session portion of the meeting at 12:00 p.m. to discuss applicants character, rather than competence, per M.G.L. c. 30A, §21. Each member voted yes. The chair announced that the Board would adjourn at the end of Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:20 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn by WT and seconded by HK, the motion passed with all members voting yes.