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AUGUST 2, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Paul Kennedy Sr.	Chairman, Journeyman Gasfitter	√	
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter	√	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	√	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member		√
Mr. Joseph Waskiewicz	Member, Master Plumber	√	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	√	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	√	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber		√
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, Public Safety	√	

9:00 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW: By Chairman Paul Kennedy

- Emergency Egress and Cell Phone Policy

9:05 A.M.: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- The July 26, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Alfasso did not participate in this vote because she was not in attendance at the July 26th meeting.
Motion to approve by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Waskiewicz.

Unanimous

- The July 26, 2017 Executive Session Minutes

Ms. Alfasso did not participate in this vote because she was not in attendance at the July 26th meeting.
Motion to approve by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Waskiewicz.

Unanimous

DISCUSSION(S)

The chair announced as a general reminder that a meeting of the PVC Committee will be held on August 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

D1) The Plumbing Academy (Petitioner Norman St. Hilaire) presented a proposal seeking approval to offer educational online tier programs.



Meeting Notes: Mr. Norman St Hilarie presented a video on his tier education courses. All classes will be presented by live instructors and class attendance will be actively monitored. Students will be tested to confirm they are absorbing the information. If the students don't pass these assessments, they will be required to retake the class to obtain credits. Students will be shown, via webcam, on a bank of screens in front of the instructor to confirm that they are present. The number of students will be at 25.

A motion was made to Approve by Mr. Waskiewicz and seconded by Mr. McNamee

Result: unanimous

VARIANCE REQUEST(S)

PV1 – SAIGON SANDWICH HOUSE – 60 HAROLD PLACE – TEWKSBURY

The Petitioner (William Logan) requested a post installation variance from 248 CMR 10.06 to utilize existing PVC piping for the operation of a sandwich restaurant. The petitioner noted that the previous business was also a food service. The existing PVC piping is located under finished concrete and tile flooring. A cutting was made which found that the PVC piping runs beyond the front door into the concrete infrastructure, removal may damage the foundation. The Tewksbury Board of Health is aware of this variance request.

Meeting Notes: During the meeting, the Petitioner noted that the wrong address was on the application, this was actually located in Lowell, the Board of Health there was notified. The Petitioner notified the Board that permits were secured in 2011 for the building to install a 3 bay sink. The Plumber is looking to connect to the PVC at the closest possible location to the foundation and adapt to cast iron and copper. He will install a cleanout at the connection. This will be takeout establishment only. They will be selling cold cut sandwiches only. There will be no frying.

A motion was made to approve by Mr. Waskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Cruz.

Condition(s): Approved materials shall be installed and connected to the PVC as close to the foundation as possible. A cleanout is also required at the transition to the PVC.

Result: unanimous

PV8 – MILLER FIELD – WINTHROP SCHOOL – 100 CROSS STREET - WINTHROP

The Petitioner (James McKenna) sought a variance from 248 CMR 10.10(18) Table 1 regarding fixture counts for an athletic field/stadium. Bleacher seating will be provided for up to 1,330 people. The Applicant calculates that this would require 23 toilets for females, 6 urinals and 6 toilets for males. The applicant proposes a reduction in fixtures to allow 10 toilets for females (43% of requirements) and 4 urinals and 4 toilets for males (66% of requirements). The applicant also proposes reducing the number of lavatories per gender to 4 from the required 5. The Winthrop Board of Health supports the petition for this variance.

Meeting Notes: Mr. McNamee recused himself and left the room during this agenda item.

The petitioner indicated that the ability to add additional bathrooms is restricted by wetlands/conservation. Upon questioning, the Petitioner indicated that a male toilet could be changed to a female toilet to come closer to the 50% standard typically required by the Board.

A motion was made to approve by Mr. Waskiewicz and seconded by Ms. Alfasso.

Condition(s): Increase the number of toilets by 1 in the woman's room, this additional toilet may be taken from the men's room.

Result: Unanimous

PV10 - NEW UMASS AMHERST PHYSICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

The Petitioner (Patrick Harold) sought a variance from 248 CMR 10.06(2)(m) to utilize 8 inch ductile iron in lieu of code required Type K 8 inch copper for use in a water service main to be installed above grade in a tunnel. As this is a State project, no board of Health Petitioning is required.

Meeting Notes: Mr. McNamee did not participate in this agenda item. The Petitioner indicates that the water service main in question is running through a building tunnel to feed other buildings, it does not serve the tunnel or surrounding building at issue.

A motion was made to approve by Mr. Waskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Cruz.

Result: unanimous

PV11 – ANCHOR INE PROPERTIES - 200 FIFTH AVENUE - WALTHAM

The Petitioner (John Bangs) seeks a variance from 248 CMR 10.15(10(A)(2) to install a lift station for a sink to be utilized in lieu of a gravity drain. The Petitioner notes that this installation involves putting a counter and sink in a former garage area where the sole access to a plumbing drain would require coring through approximately 4 feet of concrete stairs as well as another 13-24" of a foundation wall. The Waltham Board of Health was properly petitioned.

Meeting Notes: The Petitioner indicated this would be required for a single sink

A motion was made to Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Waskiewicz.

Result: Unanimous

FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required

Medical/Health Care Building utilizing one unisex/gender neutral bathroom for 7 employees or less

PV9-MEDSPRING URGENT CARE - 1815 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. - CAMBRIDGE

No action taken

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:45 a.m. the Chairman stated the Board would enter Executive Session after a brief recess and would return to Open Session at approximately 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of adjourning Participants were asked to leave the room until their matter was called.

A motion was made to enter executive session at 9:55 by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Waskiewicz, thereafter a roll call vote was taken:

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	RECUSED	ABSTAINED
Mr. Kennedy	X				

Mr. McNamee	X				
Ms. Badway			X		
Mr. Waskiewiez	X				
Mr. Kaldas	X				
Ms. Alfasso	X				
Mr. Cruz	X				
Mr. Knight			X		
Mr. Kilburn	X				

BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:

None, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mr. Waskiewiez and, seconded by Ms. Alfasso at 10:12 am.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes from prior meeting
3. Variance applications for above referenced agenda items

Respectfully Submitted By;

Frederick M. Lima
for Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;

Paul Kennedy, Sr.,

Paul Kennedy Sr., Chairman
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters