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**FEBRUARY 1, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

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

- The January 25, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
- The January 25, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

**PRODUCTS**

**P1) Enviropure Food Digestive Systems**

*Brian Adams from Enviropure. This product reduces landfill waste. This is an approved product through Mass DEP. The Town of Raynham approved their system to discharge into the municipal system. Chemicals are used to break down the waste into a fluid in order to be discharged into the sanitary system.*

*A motion was made to allow one test site at 325 Paramount Drive in Raynham by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Cruz.*

*Conditions: Quarterly test Sites*

*Result: Unanimous*



## **P2) PROTEIN MATRIX**

Paul Denaro from Protein Matrix will be asking the Board for full approval of this product following their six month Test-Site installations. MWRA has now approved their product throughout their jurisdiction.

*Test reports have been submitted to the board office for their seven test sites.*

*A motion was made to approve this product by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Knight.*

*Result: Unanimous*

### **From May 25, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

*Meeting Notes: This product is not bacteria or enzyme based. Non-toxic biodegradable and is NSF 60 certified. They are asking the Board to allow this product to be dripped into fixtures prior to the waste entering the grease interceptor. As close to the actual fixture is the best case scenario. Anthony Sillari (Somerville Plumbing Inspector) spoke on the advantages of this product. There is no connection into the potable water system. Mr. Hanley expressed concerned with this product if it's just emptied into the sink. It should be plumber's work and maybe the way to do that is through a trap primer. We need to insure this is plumber's work. Mr. Kilburn stated that, making this plumber's work may violate anti-trust.*

*A motion was made to allow 50 six month test sites for this product by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Mr. Kilburn*

*Result: Unanimous*

## **DISCUSSION(S)**

### **D1) Special Permission recycled water, Rockport Lighthouse**

*Frank Teebagy addressed the Board regarding this onsite reclaimed water system. Fresh water will be brought in for human consumption. All of the reclaimed piping will be labelled. They are planning on using PVC and PEX piping.*

*A motion was made to grant Special Permission for this installation by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Cruz*

*Result: Unanimous*

## **VARIANCES**

### **PV212-CARMINE PETROSINO - 15 SHAST DRIVE - NORTH READING**

The Petitioner (Carmine Petrosino) is requesting a variane from 248 CMR 10.10(18)(i). The owner had applied for permission years ago to construct the building without a septic system due to the high water table and was allowed to install a Clivus system. The original permit was for one person. A request for an increase in occupancy from one person was made to the North Reading Board of Health and it was approved. The plumbing inspector was contacted and indicated that the size of the building was over 1,200 square feet, which would require two restrooms or a variance. The high water table coupled with the extremely limited space under the building make it impossible to install the equipment for a second Clivus system restroom or expand the present system. The North reading Board of Health was properly petitioned

*Meeting Notes: This building is approximately 1750 square feet. Because of the regulation changes that went into effect on January 27, 2017, there is no variance required. There is an overhead door at this commercial location which would allow for a vehicle to enter. Mr. Thomas will notify the local inspector that a bollard is needed for the overhead door.*

*Result: No Board action necessary*

**PV217 - LOWELL COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL - 1857 MIDDLESEX ST. LOWELL**

The Petitioner (Joseph Broussard) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1. Petitioner notes on the first floor there are six bathrooms, two of which reside in the kitchen and two of which reside adjacent to the kitchen. Kitchen staff require an office. Our solution is to convert one kitchen bathroom into an office and the other into a unisex bathroom. As we have over exceeded our bathroom count to occupant ratio, the only point of contention is where we are seeking permission for a kitchen staff only unisex bathroom. The Lowell Board of Health was properly petitioned.

*Meeting Notes: They would like to remove one of the existing kitchen staff rest rooms and change the other to a unisex rest room. There is an overabundance of rest rooms in this location*

*A motion was made to allow the elimination of one office staff rest room and re-designate the second as unisex by Mr. McNamee and seconded by Ms. Alfasso*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV218 - TRI COUNTY MEDICAL - 1 LUMBER STREET - HOPKINTON**

The applicant (Jason Berglund) is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.14 to allow the sink(s) wastewater to be pumped to a future drain from the dining room to the kitchen at the proposed medical facility. The Hopkinton Board of Health was properly petitioned.

*Meeting Notes: The space below is a full service restaurant which does not allow them to install piping. They are requesting to use Liberty macerating toilets. The ductwork below is up against the steel. The proposal is to run a gravity sanitary line in the ceiling and pump two toilets and nine exam room sinks into this. The lavatories would connect to the tanks on the macerating toilets. Each exam room sink would have its own pump. The chairman noted that they should be providing finished engineered drawings prior to the Board considering this installation. Mr. Thomas will contact the local inspector to determine there is no other way to run this piping by gravity*

*A motion was made to table this request by Mr. Cruz and seconded by Mr. Kaldas until they can provide the required drawings*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV221 - SIMMONS COLLEGE SOUTH HALL DORMITORY- 321 BROOKLINE AVE-BOSTON**

The Petitioner (David Silverman) notes there is little or no impact on the operation of the dormitory due to the current occupancy. Students have differing schedules so their bathroom/shower usage is flexible. There have been no complaints by the Residence Life Staff regarding student inability to maintain their day to day schedules. The existing restrooms do not have space for additional plumbing fixtures. Adding space to these restrooms would require major renovations and the repurposing of adjacent bedrooms or student amenity space. This is a hardship for Simmons College and the reason we are seeking relief from the Board. Boston Inspectional Services was properly petitioned.

*Meeting Notes: They are simply changing the occupancy. 91 people will occupy this location. They are looking to raise the occupancy to 105.*

*A motion was made to approve this motion by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Cruz*

*Result: 3 for and 4 against: Recused Mr. McNamee: Motion fails*

*A motion was made to allow the increased occupancy while keeping the existing facilities by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Cruz*

*Conditions: The school will provide the Board with a letter for each of the buildings that they agree to upgrade the three buildings to the current requirements of 248 CMR 10.10 Table 1 within two years. That letter will be provided within two weeks.*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV222 - SIMMONS COLLEGE MESICK HALL DORM-291 BROOKLINE AVE-BOSTON**

The Petitioner (David Silverman) notes there is little or no impact on the operation of the dormitory due to the current occupancy. Students have differing schedules so their bathroom/shower usage is flexible. There have been no complaints by the Residence Life Staff regarding student inability to maintain their day-to-day schedules. The existing restrooms do not have space for additional plumbing fixtures. Adding space to these restrooms would require major renovations and the repurposing of adjacent bedrooms or student amenity space. This is a hardship for Simmons College and the reason we are seeking relief from the Board. Boston Inspectional Services was properly petitioned.

*Meeting Notes: 134 is the current occupancy*

**PV223 - SIMMONS COLLEGE DIX HALL DORM-30 PILGRIM ROAD - BOSTON**

The Petitioner (David Silverman) notes there is little or no impact on the operation of the dormitory due to the current occupancy. Students have differing schedules so their bathroom/shower usage is flexible. There have been no complaints by the Residence Life Staff regarding student inability to maintain their day-to-day schedules. The existing restrooms do not have space for additional plumbing fixtures. Adding space to these restrooms would require major renovations and the repurposing of adjacent bedrooms or student amenity space. This is a hardship for Simmons College and the reason we are seeking relief from the Board. Boston Inspectional Services was properly petitioned.

*Meeting Notes: 132 is the current occupancy*

**PV224-MERRIMAC VALLEY CHILDREN'S ACADEMY-468 MERRIMAC ST.-METHUEN**

The Petitioner (Richard Sebastian) is seeking a variance to open a new childcare facility at 468 Merrimac Street, Unit, B, in Methuen. The space used to be a dance studio and so will be changing in use. The existing space has two very small half baths back to back. In order to update the space and provide handicap accessibility, we have proposed to gut the two existing baths and combine the spaces into one fully accessible unisex bath. The state licenser for early education request that we have a children's toilet and hand washing station available to our toddler aged classes. In order to fit this as well as a kitchenette for employees on the one existing drain line, we cannot fit another fully accessible bath.

*Meeting Notes: The request is to have one unisex handicap rest room for staff*

*A motion was made to deny this request by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Kaldas.*

*Unanimous*

*A motion was made to allow the installation of one unisex handicap rest room for staff and designated rest rooms for the students by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Kaldas.*

*Result: Unanimous*

**PV225 – LITTLE SPROUTS DAY CARE – 150 COOLIDGE AVENUE - WATERTOWN**

The Petitioner, John Lundy is seeking a variance from 248 CMR, Section 10.10 Table 1 to allow the children's rest rooms within this facility to be shared by boys and girls. The Watertown Board of Health has been properly petitioned.

*Meeting Notes: They are requesting shared rest rooms for the students. 143 children, 28 who are infants. They are planning on limiting this use to kindergarten age children.*

*A motion was made to allow this variance as requested by Mr. Kilburn and seconded by Mr. Cruz.*

*Condition(s): The age limit of students will be seven years old*

*Result: Unanimous*

**FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required**

**Drinking fountain requirements waiver in medical and office buildings.**

**Shower requirements waiver in medical and office buildings.**

**PV097 – SAINT VINCENT PHYSICIAN SERVICES-10,010-K SHOPS WAY-NORTHBOROUGH**

**Floor drains and gas/oil/sand separator waiver when installing permanent bollard(s).**

**Full Authorization for operation of unlisted gas equipment.**

At approximately 10:35am, the Chairman stated the Board would enter into an Executive Session and would return to Open Session at approximately 10:50am. Participants are asked to leave the room.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **CHARACTER REVIEW(S)**

CR1) E.M

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 11:10am a motion was made to adjourn the February 1, 2017 Board Meeting by Mr. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Result: Unanimous

### **LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED:**

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

Respectfully Submitted By;

*Wayne E. Thomas*

Wayne E. Thomas, Executive Director  
Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;

*Paul Kennedy, Sr.,*

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