

SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD



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Minutes of February 17, 2022 General Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by D. Lynch at 10:17 am.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Motion to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting made by J. Meyer and seconded by A. Dupsiva.

Public Comment Period

- None

Correspondence

Email received from Bureau Chief Robert Braun; Samantha McEachin is now the AC assigned to FELB

Ms. McEachin had a family emergency and was unable to dial in to today's meeting; the Board is looking forward to working with her.

Application(s) Review

a) M&M Fire Extinguishers Sales & Service, Inc.

New license application for Robert Hodges. (Portable Fire Extinguishers)

Motion to move applications forward made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer.

b) Chase Fire Products, Inc.

Certificate of Registration renewal application. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems, High Pressure Hydrostatic Testing)

License renewal application for Artem Perchenok. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems, High Pressure Hydrostatic Testing)

Motion to move both applications forward made by J. Meyer and seconded by A. Duspiva.

c) Fire Command Co., Inc.

License renewal application for Richard DiGiacono, Sr. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems)

Motion to move application forward made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer.

d) Interstate Fire & Safety Equipment Company

Certificate of Registration renewal application. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems, High Pressure Hydrostatic Testing, Clean Agent Systems)

License renewal application for William Barnes, Jr. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems, High Pressure Hydrostatic Testing)

License renewal application for Dwayne Richards. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems, High Pressure Hydrostatic Testing)

License renewal application for Frederick Turner. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems, High Pressure Hydrostatic Testing, Clean Agent Systems)

Motion to move all applications forward made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo.

Review of Reported Complaints

a) Complaint received 2/17/2022 naming Alphaco Sprinkler LLC. The location is II Buco Out East LLC, 231 Main Street, Amagansett, NY 11930.

Discussion ensued regarding the complaint. Suggestion to reach out to Tom Baker for any additional information. Motion to table until further investigation can be completed made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer.

Report of the Chairperson

Not present.

Report of the County Attorney

Not present.

Report of Fire Marshal

D. Lynch thanked R. LaVacca for coming to the FELB meetings each month and being for consistently being involved.

Report of FMASCO

M. Matteo has no report.

Report of Industry Representatives

J. Meyer and A. Duspiva have no report.

Report of Authorities Having Jurisdiction

 M. Matteo reported that the Food Truck program is moving along and making progress. He said to expect to see food trucks not inspected by Suffolk County contractor and that NYS is accepting a more universal inspection. Further discussion ensued. M. Matteo will continue to keep the Board updated.

Unfinished Business

a) J. Fire Protection Inc. dba Star Fire Protection Co.

Complaint received 11/9/2021 naming J. Fire Protection Inc. dba Star Fire Protection Co. The location is Islandia Expressway Realty LLC, 2929 Express Drive North, Islandia, NY 11749. Discussion ensued regarding the complaint. Motion to send a Letter to Appear with a renewal reminder made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo. Letter to Appear sent certified mail 12/9/21. Motion to grant extension, send letter that we are aware the notice was sent out late and that they are expected to appear at the January meeting. Motion made by J. Meyer and seconded by A. Duspiva. Email sent to J. Ragnanan with copy of original Letter to Appear 1/3/22. Email read 1/3/22, no further correspondence. No response and no one present at meeting; they are no longer licensed in Suffolk County. Motion to send Cease and Desist letter, as well as request to return their Certificate of Registration and licenses that are expired; further, they cannot submit new or renewal applications until they come before the Board, as previously requested, to respond to the complaint received. Motion made by M. Matteo and seconded by A. Duspiva. Cease and Desis sent certified mail; Failure to Appear letter sent certified mail.

No further correspondence received. Motion to close and file made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer.

b) Standard Fire Suppression Corp.

Complaint received 11/17/2021 naming Standard Fire Suppression Corp. The location is Ferguson Plumbing Supply, 900 Sylvan Avenue, Bayport, NY 11705. This company is not licensed in Suffolk County. Motion to send letter to Cease and Desist made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer. Copy the FMASCO representative so he can distribute the notification to all AHJ's. Cease and Desist letter sent certified mail 12/8/21; copy of letter sent via email to M. Matteo. Motion to table until next month for follow up made by J. Meyer and seconded by D. Lynch. Certified letter returned as "Undeliverable Without Company Name or Suite Number" by the US Post Office. Discussion ensued; motion made to re-send Cease and Desist to both addresses, the one listed on their invoice and the one listed on their webpage, made by M. Matteo and seconded by A. Duspiva. Cease and Desist sent certified mail to both addresses; the one addressed to "425 Grand"

St., Suite 1 in New York, NY 10002" was returned 1/30/2022 as "Not Deliverable as Addressed, Unable to Forward". The envelope addressed to "750 Third Avenue, New York, NY 11017" was returned 2/8/2022 as "Return to Sender, Attempted – Unknown, Unable to Forward".

Motion to close and file made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer.

New Business

D. Lynch spoke about implementing a FELB education program where we would send letters to Chambers of Commerce volunteering to give a presentation at Chamber meetings. He asked for support from the Board and is welcome to any suggestions. M. Matteo commented that he fully supports the idea; he thinks it's a great way to educate them on the function of FELB.

Expirations

Certificate of Registration

None

Individual Licenses

None

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM, at the Suffolk County Fire Academy.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by M. Matteo and was seconded by J. Meyer, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

(T) – Teleconferenced

MÉMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
M. Matteo	A. Loiacono	Brianne Minden
Jim Meyer	R. LaVacca	Ryan Fischer
Al Duspiva		
Donald Lynch		