

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



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Minutes of May 20, 2021 General Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by D. Lynch at 10:13 am.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Motion to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer.

Public Comment Period

- None

Correspondence

- None

Application(s) Review

a) Approved Fire Prevention Corp.

License renewal application for John Parrinello. (Portable Fire Extinguishers)

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

b) All County Fire Protection, Inc.

License renewal application for John Ferrannini. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems)

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

c) Chase Fire Products

License renewal application for Eduard Perchenok (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Fixed Chemical Systems)

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

d) Standard Fire Protection LLC dba Vigilant Fire & Safety III

Certificate of Registration application. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Fixed Chemical Extinguishing Systems)

Motion to move application forward by J. Meyer and was seconded by A. Duspiva.

License transfer for John Campasano. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Fixed Chemical Extinguishing Systems)

Motion to move application forward by J. Meyer and was seconded by A. Duspiva.

e) Island Fire and Defense Systems, Inc.

License renewal application for Edwin Herrera. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Fixed Chemical Extinguishing Systems)

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

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

f) Riark Corp. dba ABT Design and Fire Protection

License renewal application for Alex Ramirez. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Fixed Chemical Extinguishing Systems)

Motion to move application for by J. Meyer and was seconded by A. Duspiva.

Review of Reported Complaints

- None

Report of the Chairperson

No report

Report of the County Attorney

No report

Report of Fire Marshal

- D. Lynch has no report.

Report of FMASCO

 M. Matteo reported on the food truck program being implemented by the Town of Smithtown; Brookhaven may soon have a similar program. Nassau County currently has a program in place; there may be a need to amend the law for the food trucks based on these programs; he will review and report back.

Report of Industry Representatives

- A. Duspiva will be attending the NAFED meeting next month. J. Meyer is waiting to see how that meeting goes and may attend in the future. J. Meyer looking into an issue with Captain Fire and their Ansul certificate, will report back.

Report of Authorities Having Jurisdiction

No report

<u>Unfinished Business</u>

a) William Hird & Co.

Complaint received 3/25/21 naming William Hird & Co. The location is LNJ International, 145 Ricefield Lane, Hauppauge, NY 11788. *Motion to send Letter to appear to the Certificate of Registration holder and technician C. Williams made by M. Matteo and seconded by D. Lynch.*

Email received from Tom Bury requesting to reschedule for the next meeting.

Motion to allow T. Bury to appear at June meeting by M. Matteo and was seconded by A. Duspiva.

b) LC Squared dba All Out Fire

Complaint received 1/29/21 naming All Out Fire. The location is H.L. Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Motion to send Letter to Appear made by M. Matteo and seconded by A. Duspiva. 3/18/21. Certified Letter sent, no correspondence received. 4/15/21 R. LaVacca present at the meeting. He stated to the Board that his technician should have replaced the extinguishers himself rather than having the building maintenance personnel be responsible. After receiving the complaint, he spoke with his staff to reeducate and retrain. Motion to have a Letter of Retraining sent to the Board made by D. Lynch and seconded by A. Duspiva.

Letter of retraining received from Richard LaVacca.

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

c) TFP1, Inc. dba Total Fire Protection

Complaint received 2/24/21 naming TFP1, Inc. dba Total Fire Protection. The location is Chili's Restaurant, 280 Pond Path, South Setauket, NY 11738. Motion to send Letter to Appear to both the Certificate of Registration holder and the technician named in the complaint made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo. Certified letter sent; letter received from Joseph Capone, Pres-

ident/Owner. 4/15/21 J. Capone, President, and technician G. Rodriguez were both in attendance. J. Capone addressed the issue with the tags stating they were not aware the address had to be printed on the tag, as other jurisdictions do not require this. He will have new tags made with all required information and will send a copy of said tag when they are received. J. Capone and G. Rodriguez discussed the issue from the complaint and stated that after receiving the complaint, they went back to address and correct the issue. G. Rodriguez spoke in length regarding how he serviced the system; they provided new pictures, invoices, and service reports as evidence of the correction for the Board to review. Motion to have J. Capone send a letter of retraining of their technicians as well as a new tag with correct information on it to the Board. Motion made by M. Matteo and seconded D. Lynch.

Letter of Retraining received from Joseph Capone. Follow up to see if new tags were completed.

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

d) Life Safety Fire & Security Solutions

Complaint received 2/4/21 naming Life Safety Fire & Security Solutions. The location is American Tire Distributors, 121 Wilshire Blvd, Edgewood, NY 11717. Motion made to send Cease and Desist letter made by M. Matteo and seconded by J. Meyer. 3/18/21. Certified letter sent; received an email back from Robert Vezina, President of Life Safety Engineered Systems, Inc. Letter from R. Vezina read to the Board, stating that Life Safety has never working in any capacity for American Tire and that Life Safety also sold off all of its service teams in March of 2020; they have no technicians of any kind at this time. He believes it is possible that an ex-employee sold the tags to someone who is fraudulently performing service or that American Tire bought tags and is performing the service fraudulently themselves. He asked that we keep him information as to what happens and if any further information is needed, to please contact him. 4/15/21 Motion is made to forward this issue to Legal and follow up with the DA office made by M. Matteo and seconded by D. Lynch.

Email sent 4/20/21, no further correspondence received.

Motion to table pending new information/investigation from the DA Office made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo.

e) National Fire and Safety Solutions, Inc.

Complaint (correct form) received 3/24/21 naming National Fire and Safety Solutions, Inc. The location is Speedcast, 45 Oser Avenue, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Motion made to table until follow up is complete made by J. Meyer and seconded by A. Duspiva. Correct complaint form received from FM Raia. 3/24/21. Motion to send letter reminding of the Suffolk County Rules and Regulations as to what is needed to appear on all tags in order for them to be

compliant, along with an example of a compliant tag for their reference. Motion made by D. Lynch and seconded by J. Meyer. 4/15/21

Certified letter mailed 4/28/21, signed for by Chris Cassidy 4/30/21, no further correspondence.

Motion to close and file with any complaints regarding incorrect tags after 4/30/21 will be a violation made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo.

f) New Generation Fire Corp. dba All Island Fire Protection

New license application for Ian Rankin. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Systems) 4/15/21 Motion to table application pending further review based off information contained in the application made by J. Meyer and was seconded by A. Duspiva.

Motion to table until further investigation by the County Attorney made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo.

New Business

- FM Fischer has started to research the possibility of online testing. He has been working with IT to see if it is feasible. County IT will be looking into it as well. FM Fischer is looking at the possibility of using Google Forms, reducing the time allowed to take the test, and allowing the use of reference materials. He will reach out to Nassau County and see how they handle their testing and look into the possibility of utilizing testing sites.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2021 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 10:34 AM.

(T) – Teleconferenced

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Don Lynch		Brianne Minden
Jim Meyer		Ryan Fischer
Al Duspiva		Niranjan Sagapuram (T)
Mike Matteo		