



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**
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Minutes of the
February 10, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by J. Searing at 1:05pm.

Public Comment Period

R. Reynolds discussed the application and the cost associated with it. E. Springer explained the application process and that the license and certificate of registration were good for two years. He also stated that since the law changed, all companies need to file a new application regardless of when their previous license expired.

J. Meyer questioned the proficiency exam and asked if all applicants would need to take it. He discussed having two different licenses, one for systems and one for portables. The Board discussed the endorsements that each licensee applies for. J. Meyer questioned the Clean Agent only companies and the reasoning for them not to be required to have a shop. He also discussed pre-piped hoods and the fact that they are not worked on in Suffolk County and are being shipped into Suffolk and those companies are stated that those companies should be required to have a license. M. Matteo stated that water wash hoods also need to be looked into. They are not UL listed for fire suppression system. J. Meyer also questioned companies that sell portable fire extinguishers for example, Home Depot, Lowes, etc. J. Caputi responded that this law does not regulate sales of portable extinguishers and referred him to the general business law 391-J.

D. Hausz directed a question about dry chemical systems and the listing to a UL300 standard to M. Matteo. M. Matteo will review the question and get back to him. D. Hausz also asked if issues that were not resolved at previous meetings would be brought back up at the next meeting under old business and the Board answered yes.

J. Searing stated that the official agenda will be given out at the beginning of each meeting and every effort will be made to post an agenda prior to the meeting.

The Board again asked that any questions from the public be put in writing and submitted to the Board.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by P. Hanratty to accept the minutes with corrections from the December 9, 2010 meeting; seconded by M. Matteo. Motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The Board received a letter from F. Lamuto stating that he is no longer part of Fire Control Systems and that the corporation is now handled by C. Spilberg. The Board tabled this item until new business.

Application(s) Review

E. Springer stated that a letter was sent out to all companies extending the license expiration date to April 29, 2011 and the deadline for paperwork to be in by to February 25, 2011. He also stated that all companies must reapply because of the changes to the law. At the time of the meeting the Board only received 15 application and none of them were complete.

Reported Violations Review

E. Springer read a complaint that was received from Pinnacle Hood & Fire Protection in regards to Fire Control Systems for their work at the Green Cactus located at 655 Route 109 in West Babylon. Frank was identified in the complaint as the employee from Fire Control Systems doing the work. He is not licensed and should have not been doing any work. E. Springer is investigating the complaint. M. Matteo stated that Pinnacle Hood & Fire Protection should also be investigated because they do not have a license to do work. The Board questioned C. Spilsburg who was in the audience and he stated that he was the one doing the work, not Frank. He stated that the tags were expired and stated that the story was made up. The Board will continue the investigation.

Report of the Chairperson

J. Searing stated that he would defer his report until new business.

Report of the County Attorney

J. Caputi had nothing to report at this time.

Report of Fire Marshals

E. Springer stated that he is receiving complaints from business owners in regards to extinguisher companies coming into their business unannounced and gave an example of what was happening.

Unfinished Business

J. Searing stated that a resolution needs to be made on the Fire Command hearing. The Board will discuss the matter in executive session and will return to the matter at the end of the meeting.

J. Searing stated that there will be a hearing for Firematic Supply Co., Inc. at the next meeting. The matter will also be discussed during the executive session.

J. Searing showed the Board the finished Certificate of Registration. The registration number that is assigned will be not changed on renewal. The license number will be the registration number plus a letter, for example the registration number is 160 and the

employee's license number would be 160A. J. Searing called for a vote to approve the Certificate. The Board voted unanimously to accept the certificate.

J. Searing showed the Board the finished License ID Card. At this time the license will expire at the same time as the Certificate of Registration but in the future they will expire two (2) years from the date of issue, but if the Certificate of Registration expires and is not renewed, the license becomes null and void. J. Searing called for a vote to approve the License ID card. The Board voted unanimously to accept the ID card.

New Business

J. Searing discussed the proposed changes to section 294-22 on the law in regards to the Licensing Board. NAFED no longer wishes to nominate members to the Board, there for it is proposed that resumes are to be submitted to the Commissioner. The term will change from four (4) years to three (3). The Fire Marshal's Association will continue to nominate their representative. J. Caputi will review the proposal that J. Searing wrote. The changes will need to go before the Legislature and a public hearing will be held. The entire Board voted to move forward with the proposed changes.

J. Searing asked C. Spilsburg of Fire Control Systems if any changes were made in his corporation. J. Searing reminded C. Spilsburg that all changes within a corporation need to be reported to the Board. He was told to file a revised statement of employees, ect. immediately.

P. Hanratty made a motion to go into executive session. M. Matteo seconded. Motion carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 2:49pm.

J. Searing stated that the Board has decided to defer the decision on Fire Command's hearing at this time so that the Board could gather more information from the DOT. At this time there is a question coming up that the Board is unable to answer.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by P. Hanratty, and seconded by M. Matteo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
John M. Searing	Jacqueline Caputi	Kristine Bolliger
Edward Springer	Reynold R. Alexander	
Kenneth Hahn	Renee Duspiva	
Peter Hanratty	Chris Spilsburg	
Michael Matteo	Don Hausz	
	Jim Meyer	
	Alex LaValle	
	Al Duspiva	

NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP	March 10, 2011
TIME	10:00am hearing 10:30am meeting
LOCATION	FRES Library