



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**
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Minutes of the
September 15, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by J. Searing at 9:21a.

P. Hanratty is excused from the meeting.

Public Comment Period

D. Hausz questioned the status of the resolution to amend the law in regards to the Board members. R. Nissan answered that it is still pending and to date has not been submitted to the committee.

D. Hausz also questioned the licensing conflicts among certain jurisdictions. The Board replied that if a town requires a town license the company must have both a town license and a county license. M. Matteo stated that the Town of Huntington has required a license for at least twenty (20) years.

E. Springer addressed an email sent to him by D. Hausz in regards to questions on the written exam. He stated that he has reviewed all of the questions and on the portable exam one question has been reworded and all of the other questions were taken right out of NFPA 10. He stated that the clean agent questions were also right out of the NFPA manual. The questions that were in question on the dry/wet chemical exam did not line up with the numbering of the exam, so he was unable to review those questions.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by K. Hahn to accept the minutes from the August 2, 2011 meeting with corrections; seconded by M. Matteo. Motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Application(s) Review

E. Springer reported that King's Fire Protection, Inc. and numerous other companies were sent several letters to comply with the new law. To date all of them have failed to respond. The Board decided to send a cease and desist order to all companies that have failed to respond.

Reported Violations Review

E. Springer reported that he received a call from a deli on Washington Avenue in West Sayville in regards to a service call that King's Fire Protection, Inc. was going to

perform. The owner wanted to get an estimate on bringing a current system up to compliance. J. Hines from King's tore the tags off the system and started checking boxes on his paperwork and did not actually perform any service to the system. The extinguishers were not due for service for another six months. E. Springer issued a field appearance ticket that is due in court in October. M. Scala was also at the location and took off once E. Springer came out of the back of the deli. M. Scala will also receive a field appearance ticket for conducting business without a license.

E. Springer stated that he is following up with a number of other complaints.

M. Matteo stated that even though the town writes tickets, they will still follow up with the Board if necessary.

E. Springer stated that he seems to be getting complaints about the same companies and the same individuals who are going from company to company.

Report of the Chairperson

J. Searing reported that the Board had a workshop before the tropical storm. They addressed pre-piped hoods and the trainee program. R. Nissan stated that the Board cannot regulate a manufacturer under the current version of the law. E. Springer contacted S. Lund from the Nassau County Fire Marshal's office to inquire as the reasoning that they do not allow pre-piped hoods. The business owners that were in attendance have concerns about allowing this type of hood.

J. Searing reported that the Trainee Program is still a work in progress. He reported that there was discussion about modeling the program similar to getting a driver's license.

Report of the County Attorney

R. Nissan reported that the resolution to amend the Board member section of the law is still pending.

R. Nissan spoke to the District Attorney's office in regards to the violations and summons that have been issued to make sure that they will have the cases covered in court.

Report of Fire Marshals

E. Springer reported that there are now forty (40) registered shops and one hundred eleven (111) licenses issued. There are still a few shops pending. E. Springer made a motion to extend the expiration date of their previous license another month. K. Hahn seconded. Motion carried.

E. Springer reported that he has been getting numerous complaints. He reported that he received a complaint from Fire Control Systems that Ian Rankin stole money from them. E. Springer advised them to go to the police.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by M. Matteo and seconded by K. Hahn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:58a.

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
John M. Searing	Randy Nissan	Kristine Bolliger
Edward Springer	Robert Corcoran	
Kenneth Hahn	Don Hausz	
Michael Matteo	Ron Alexander	
	Jimi Meyer	
	Al Duspiva	

NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP	October 18, 2011
TIME	9:00am
LOCATION	FRES Library