



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**
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Minutes of December 19, 2019 General Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by J. Kuethen at 10:02 AM.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting was made by M. Matteo, and was seconded by K. Hahn and carried.

Public Comment Period

- None

Correspondence

AB Fire certified mail returned to sender, never picked up at the post office.

No further action to be taken at this time.

Resignation letter from Kenneth D. Hahn.

Resume received from David Castagna.

Application(s) Review

a) Captain Fire Prevention Corp.

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

New license application for Joseph Martir Bonilla. (Portable Fire Extinguishers, Dry/Wet Chemical Fixed Extinguishing Systems)

Motion to hold application until appropriate training certificates for Portable Fire Extinguishers received by M. Matteo and was seconded by K. Hahn. Applicant present at meeting and advised by FELB which certifies are acceptable and where to submit them.

b) Approved Fire Prevention Corp.

New license application for Luke Horstmann. (Portable Fire Extinguishers)

Motion to move forward with license by M. Matteo and was seconded by K. Hahn.

Review of Reported Complaints

- a) Complaint received 12/4/19 naming Town Fire Equipment. The location is Randy's Auto Repair, 242 Medford Ave. Patchogue NY 11772.

Motion to send letter to appear before the board by M. Matteo and was seconded by K. Hahn. Upon review of the complaint, R. Fischer noted that no address appears on the tags as required by FELB law

Report of the Chairperson

- *J. Kuethen thanks all for their continued cooperation and attendance. He also wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. He thanked Kenneth Hahn for his many years of service, noting he was one of the founding members of the FELB, and wished him luck upon his retirement.*

Report of the County Attorney

- *N. Sagapuram has no report; wished the board and all present a happy holiday.*

Report of Fire Marshal

- *D. Lynch was not present; Commissioner Jordan wished everyone a happy holiday and to thank Kenneth Hahn for his service and wish him well in his retirement.*

Report of FMASCO

- *M. Matteo attended the annual meeting; no new business. Wishes all a happy holiday.*

Report of Industry Representatives

- *K. Hahn thanked everyone for their support through the years.*

Report of Authorities Having Jurisdiction

- *None present*

Unfinished Business

- a) NAFED online training for new applicants.

10/19: Al Dispiva (A's Sheet Metal) stated that he has not taken online training, but has been to plenty classroom. He will look into the online training and report back.

J. Meyer stated that he will look into it as well but still believes that the manufacturer extinguisher training is better than the NAFED courses.

M. Matteo stated that we should take a good look at this as the AHJ's look to the contractors as the SME's. We need to ensure the training that the employee's receive is proper. He would also like to look into the training.

Received a letter from Larry LoVerde of Firematic in regard to the online training. He stated that the online training was pretty good with a certificate issued after a 30 question test at the end. But a hands-on training is definitely better, although it is costly at around \$800/day and usually out of state.

Al Dispiva (A's Sheet Metal) stated that although it is free for members, he had trouble logging on since he owns the business vs. being an individual in the field. He states that a class needs to cover ALL aspects of training, how to fill the extinguisher, but also what to do with it in the field after, including, selection, placement and hanging, etc.

There are no definitive answers as to whether this online training will be sufficient at the moment, and continued research is necessary. Motion was made by M. Matteo that the board draft and send a letter to NAFED requesting that the board be granted access to view these classes in order to review and see if this training would meet our requirements. The motion was seconded by J. Meyer.

Still awaiting response from NAFED for access to review classes. Tabled for further review.

New Business

- a) Proposed General Monthly Meeting dates for 2020.
J. Kuethen stated that due to remediation within the FRES building, meeting locations may be changed. Please check the FELB webpage for updates.
- b) Resignation letter from Kenneth Hahn

Resignation letter will be forwarded to the Commissioner. Notice for applications will be posted to the FELB webpage.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made to adjourn by J Kuethen and seconded by K. Hahn, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

(T) – Teleconferenced

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Joseph Kuethen	Joseph Bonilla	Ryan Fischer
Kenneth Hahn	Wayne Calder	Niranjan Sagapuram(T)
Michael Matteo	Al Dispiva	Brianne Minden
	David Castagna	