



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND  
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**  
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Minutes of the  
October 27, 2011 Meeting

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The meeting was brought to order by J. Searing at 9:18am.

**Public Comment Period**

D. Hausz questioned the status of the resolution to amend the law in regards to the Board members. R. Nissan replied that as of a week ago it still had not been submitted to the Legislature.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by M. Matteo to accept the minutes from the September 15, 2011 meeting; seconded by E. Springer. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None

**Application(s) Review**

The Board discussed and reviewed the Certificate of Registration application for American Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc. and the License application for Jonathan Kovitz. M. Matteo made a motion to recommend to the Commissioner that American Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc. be issued a certificate of registration and Jonathan Kovitz be issued a license. P. Hanratty seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed and reviewed the Certificate of Registration application for Approved Fire Prevention Corp. and the License applications for Christopher Ribando and Joseph Ribando. M. Matteo made a motion to recommend to the Commissioner that Approved Fire Prevention Corp. be issued a certificate of registration and Christopher Ribando and Joseph Ribando be issued licenses. E. Springer seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Certificate of Registration application for Garland Fire Systems, Inc. E. Springer reported that they applied for a clean agent and portable endorsement, but they do not have a shop and typically take an extinguisher that needs services to a contractor. A facility inspection is still pending. The Board agreed to hold off on the application until the facility inspection was complete.

**Reported Violations Review**

E. Springer reported that three (3) field appearance tickets that he issued were due in court. R. Nissan stated that generally cases that have not been seen before get postponed the first time in court and a conference is held.

### **Report of the Chairperson**

J. Searing stated that a question came up at the last exam in regards to the exam being open book according to NFPA 10. J. Searing reported that the authority having jurisdiction can decide if the exam will be open book or not and the Board had decided that it would not be.

E. Springer reported that an individual has failed the exam three (3) times. E. Springer stated that he would like to give the individual one more opportunity to retake it, but this time have proctor read the test to him. The Board agreed.

### **Report of the County Attorney**

R. Nissan stated that he had nothing further to report and that he would continue to put pressure on getting the resolution amendment moving forward.

### **Report of Fire Marshals**

E. Springer reported that there are now forty six (46) Registered Shops and one hundred thirty four (134) License holders. He stated that they have two (2) facility inspections in Pennsylvania pending that roughly two (2) hours apart from each other. He is trying to get them scheduled on the same day.

E. Springer reported that cease and desist letters were sent out to companies that did not reapply under the new law. Several of those companies have since reapplied and have been issued certificates.

E. Springer reported that Town Fire Supply and Town Fire Equipment were sent cease and desist letters because they were lacking HazMat training. Both companies have signed up for a class on November 16<sup>th</sup>, so E. Springer would like to allow them to continue doing business as long as they go to training and submit the certification immediately following. The Board agreed.

E. Springer reported that two (2) fire marshals attended a Badger training class this month. He would like to send the rest of the fire marshals as well. He would also like to send them to fixed extinguisher training.

E. Springer reported that he has not received many complaints this month.

M. Matteo also stated that he has not heard too many complaints lately.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

R. Alexander asked if industry representatives could meet with town agencies to discuss the requirements for each township. J. Searing stated that that is something outside the scope of the Board but asked M. Matteo to ask the Fire Marshal's Association if they would meet with the industry representatives.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by M. Matteo, and seconded by K. Hahn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:41am.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
John M. Searing	Randy Nissan	Kristine Bolliger
Edward Springer	Don Hausz	
Kenneth Hahn	Alex LaValle	
Peter Hanratty	Ron Alexander	
Michael Matteo	Anthony Varajao	

<b>NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP</b>	December 1, 2011
<b>TIME</b>	9:00am
<b>LOCATION</b>	FRES Library