



**SUFFOLK COUNTY PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND  
AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD**  
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Minutes of June 17, 2021 General Meeting

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- Motion to accept the minutes from the May 20, 2021 meeting made by J. Meyer and seconded by M. Matteo.

**Public Comment Period**

- None

**Correspondence**

- None

**Application(s) Review**

**a) New Generation Fire Corp. dba All Island Fire Protection**

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

***Motion to move application forward made by J. Meyer and seconded by D. Lynch.***

**Review of Reported Complaints**

- None

**Report of the Chairperson**

- *J. Kuethen thanked the industry as well as the Board for their continued hard work.*

**Report of the County Attorney**

- *No report*

**Report of Fire Marshal**

- *D. Lynch has no report.*

**Report of FMASCO**

- *M. Matteo reported the in-person meeting went well.*

**Report of Industry Representatives**

- *J. Meyer has nothing to report.*

**Report of Authorities Having Jurisdiction**

- *No report*

**Unfinished Business****a) William Hird & Co.**

Complaint received 3/25/21 naming William Hird & Co. The location is LNK 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.*

**T. Bury is present for the meeting and reported that he would be going to the location today to replace the tags. He reported that C. Williams is licensed in the city and they do inspections together; T. Bury was quarantined at the time of this inspection so C. Williams went without him and signed the tags. M. Matteo stated that the inspection at least a month overdue so T. Bury will have to do a full inspection today and replace the tags. M. Matteo stressed the importance of proper inspection of Clean Agent Systems and that unlicensed/non-employee technicians cannot be inspecting them. J. Kuethen expressed his concerns with C. Williams having access to William Hird tags since he is not an employee. D. Lynch expressed his concerns that T. Bury admitted to being caught in the past for this exact complaint. Quarantine was typically only 14days; he should have made more of an effort to reschedule and do it correctly. T. Bury admitted to it being a misstep, he had no intent of wrongdoing and he did not sign the tags ahead of time and hand them over to someone. He admitted it was a mistake and he should have followed up after his quarantine.**

**Motion made to require a written response with acknowledgement of the situation along with how they intend to move forward. The Board also requested a list of all accounts serviced by William Hird in Suffolk County. Motion made by M. Matteo and seconded by D. Lynch; J. Meyer abstained from vote.**

**b) 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.*

**Discussion ensued; this is the first case of its kind so it is taking slightly longer; we may require more information from the Certificate of Registration Holder. Motion to table for continued review; letter to be sent to Ian Rankin and All Island Fire Protection making them aware of the delay. Motion made by D. Lynch and seconded by J. Meyer.**

**New Business**

- a) J. Meyer made the Board aware the Captain Fire Protection Corp. is no longer an Ansul Distributor, as per an email from an Ansul representative. M. Matteo reported that permits were filed with Brookhaven Town and work is not being completed and there are currently four permits with no movement. J. Bonilla was supposed to provide documentation to the Town, but never followed up and has had no correspondence since. Discussion ensued regarding projects that are currently in process; it will be the discretion of the AHJ regarding the completion of the work, but no new work will be allowed.

**Motion to send letter making Captain Fire Protection Corp. aware that all endorsements on J. Bonilla's individual license as well as the Certificate of Registration for the sale, service and maintenance of automatic fire extinguishing systems has been revoked effective immediately. Motion made by D. Lynch and seconded by J. Meyer.**

- b) Deputy Commissioner Patrick Beckley was introduced to the Board. The Board spoke about the origin of FELB and all its responsibilities. M. Matteo and the rest of the Board thanked Deputy Commissioner Beckley for attending today.

**Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM, at the Suffolk County Fire Academy.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Kuethen and was seconded by D. Lynch, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

(T) – Teleconferenced

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>
Don Lynch	Richard LaVacca	Brianne Minden
Joseph Kuethen	Thomas Bury	Ryan Fischer
Jim Meyer		Niranjn Sagapuram (T)
Mike Matteo		