

**Rockland County**  
**Home Improvement Licensing Board**  
**Thursday January 5, 2023**

A meeting of the Rockland County Home Improvement Licensing Board was held on Thursday, January 5, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room, 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.

**Members Present:**

Michele C. Durso, Michael DiBella, Seth Glasser, Irene Insignares, John G. Ferguson, Joseph Caruso, Andrew Yarmus, Stephen Coyle

**Members Absent:**

James J. Elcik

**Others Present:**

William Hartnagel, Esq., Agnes Niemczyk, Erica Chang, Scott Goldman, Adam Briskin Esq., Chaim Katz

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Designee Michele C. Durso.

**MOTION:**

By Member A. Yarmus, second by Member S. Glasser to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held December 1, 2022. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing Rules and Regulations Appendix A**

Electronic recording made.

**Classification 35**

Board discussed whether there should be an exemption for outdoor temporary/seasonal religious structures; also, whether the classification be expanded to include sheds and unattached garages. The Board requested additional time to review and research.

**MOTION**

By Member S. Coyle, second by Member M. DiBella to continue Public Hearing on Rules and Regulations Appendix A Classification 35 until February regular meeting.

**H-22047 J Channel Roofing & Siding Inc.**

Applicant of record Chaim Katz is present. Mr. Katz submitted two additional letters of reference. Member M.DiBella told Mr. Katz that the two reference letters do not meet minimum criteria. The Board advised Mr. Katz to submit two additional reference letters that meet the basic reference letter criteria as stated in the Rockland County Home Improvement license application.

**MOTION:**

By Member S. Glasser, second by Member J. Caruso to submit two additional reference letters by the February regular meeting. All in favor.

**H-3003 Richard Orsini Inc. d/b/a Green Horizons Landscape Construction**

Adam Briskin, Esq. representing applicant of record Richard Orsini is present. Mr. Orsini, who was out of state, could not attend the meeting. Discussion open complaint No. 256-22. Inspector E. Chang updated the Board on the complaint. The Town had a remaining punch list of three items. Mr. Briskin, Esq. addressed the Board that the owner of the property did not want Mr. Orsini to return. The Board advised Mr. Briskin, Esq. to have the Office of Consumer Protection schedule a meeting between his client, Mr. Orsini and the consumer to mediate the complaint. If there is no resolution, the complaint should be brought back in front of the Board at the next regular meeting.

**Jungho Kim d/b/a Joy's Construction**

Chair Designee M. Durso addressed the Board regarding prosecution No. 22-493L. During the November 2022 Board meeting the Board allowed Mr. Kim two weeks to complete work on his sister's house. The work was not completed and will resume March of 2023. Mr. Kim has a home improvement business in New Jersey but not in Rockland County. Member J. Ferguson advised that Mr. Kim needs to acquire a Rockland County Home Improvement license or hire a licensed contractor. Board, by consensus, agreed to have Mr. Kim apply for a Rockland County home improvement license.

**H-19271 A T Home Improvements**

No one present for A T Home Improvements. Chair Designee M. Durso addressed the Board regarding open complaint No. 393-22 and open Violation No. 22-513LC. Applicant of record Andrew Torres and L'Tanya Watkins, Esq., complainant Chuck Bracken, along with currently hired general contractor Michael Demarco attended a meeting on December 07, 2022, at the office of Consumer Protection. On December 8, 2022, the Office of Consumer Protection received an official letter from L'Tanya Watkins, Esq. that Andrew Torres d/b/a A T Home Improvements will not be entering into a settlement with homeowner, Mr. Bracken.

**MOTION:**

By Member J. Ferguson, second by Member S. Glasser to set a Public Hearing by next regular meeting to suspend/revoke Rockland County Home Improvement license for Andrew Torres d/b/a A T Home Improvements. All in favor.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Scott Goldman addressed the Board regarding landscaping companies who work for surrounding neighbors and leave piles of leaves on the street around his property, the leaves are not picked up for weeks and blow onto his property causing him unnecessary mess to clean up. Member S. Coyle told Mr. Goldman that situation is an ordinance problem and needs to be addressed with the Town where he resides. The Board, by consensus, agreed this needs to be addressed with the Town and not with the Home Improvement Licensing Board.

With the agenda completed in its entirety, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

**The next regular scheduled Meeting will be Thursday February 2, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele C. Durso  
Chair Designee