

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD
560 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 100
WARWICK, RI 02886**

IN THE MATTER OF:	:	
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JONATHAN WEBB,	:	Matter No. 23CRLB002
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Respondent	:	

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

BACKGROUND AND TRAVEL

On or about February 24, 2023, Respondent was issued a Notice of Hearing (“NOH”) by the Department of Business Regulation’s (“Department”) State Building Office, which includes the Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board (“CRLB”). The NOH provided Respondent with written notice of the appointment of a Hearing Officer to conduct an Administrative Hearing to determine whether Respondent has violated Chapter 5-65 of the Rhode Island General Laws (“Chapter 5-65”) and whether fines and/or other relief should be ordered. In the NOH, the CRLB asserted that on or about May 27, 2022, Respondent violated Chapter 5-65, including:

1. R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-3(a) provides, “[a] person shall not undertake, offer to undertake, or submit a bid to do work as a contractor on a structure unless that person has a current, valid certificate of registration for all construction work issued by the board.”
2. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-(10)(c), subject to providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing, if a nonregistered contractor violates any provision of § 5-65-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws or the Regulations, the Department’s State Building Office (“Office” or “SBO”), which includes the CRLB, may impose a fine of up to \$5,000, for a first violation and a fine of up to \$10,000, for each subsequent violation.
3. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-10(b): “Subject to providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing, in addition to all other remedies, when the board or office has reason to believe that a person has engaged in, or is engaging in, any act, practice, or transaction that violates the provisions of this chapter or the regulations promulgated

thereunder, the board or office may order such person to cease and desist from the violation.”

4. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-16(f)(3), in addition to the authority to impose fines, the CRLB is authorized to provide any other relief and/or remedy provided under Chapter 5-65 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Rules and Regulations for Contractors, 440-RICR-00-00-2.
5. Respondent is not a registered contractor with the CRLB and prior to entering into this Stipulation and Consent Order he has never been registered as a contractor with the CRLB.
6. On or about May 27, 2022, Respondent entered into a contract with a Rhode Island consumer to perform contractor services at the consumer’s residence in Woonsocket, RI.
7. Pursuant to that contract, the consumer paid Respondent a \$1,200 deposit. Thereafter, Respondent failed to perform the services under the contract.
8. Prior to the pre-hearing conference held in this matter, Respondent did provide a full refund of the \$1,200 deposit back to the consumer.

The Parties attended the pre-hearing conference (“PHC”) held on March 27, 2023. After the PHC but prior to a full hearing being conducted, the Respondent and the CRLB (“The Parties”) reached an agreement to settle the matter without the need for a hearing. This Stipulation and Consent Order confirms the terms of said agreement, which are as follows.

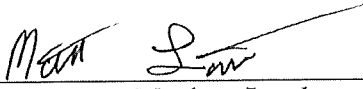
TERMS

1. The Respondent enters into this Stipulation and Consent Order freely, knowingly, and voluntarily with the CRLB to settle the matter without the need for a hearing.
2. The Respondent acknowledges that they have had an opportunity to retain legal counsel to represent them in this matter, and that they fully understand all the terms contained within this Stipulation and Consent Order.
3. It is the CRLB’s position that had this matter proceeded to a hearing, the CRLB would have proven the allegations against Respondent to a preponderance of the evidence.
4. The Respondent hereby agrees to permanently cease and desist from engaging in any and all unregistered contractor activities within the state of Rhode Island.
5. By agreeing to resolve this matter through the execution of this Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives his/her right to an administrative hearing and

waives his/her right to any further appeals to the CRLB and the Superior Court under Chapter 5-65 and the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

6. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, in the event he engages in unregistered contractor activities in violation of this Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent will be in violation hereof and, upon ten (10) days written notice to Respondent, the CRLB shall be entitled to resume and continue the administrative action before the Hearing Officer pursuant to the NOH.
7. Compliance with the terms of this Stipulation and Consent Order does not relieve the Respondent of any obligation to comply with other applicable laws or regulations administered by or through the Department of any other governmental agency.

For the Department:

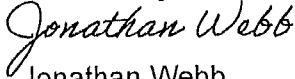


Print Name: Matthew Lambert
Title: Principal State Building Code Official

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Date

For the Respondent:

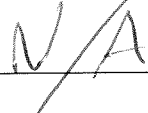


Print Name: Jonathan Webb

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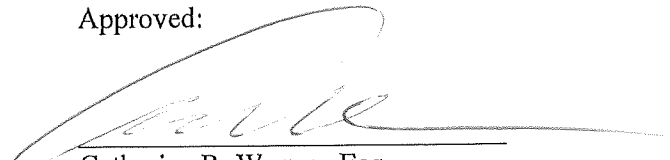
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If represented by counsel,
Respondent's counsel:



Print Name:
Date:

Approved:



Catherine R. Warren, Esq.
Hearing Officer
Date: April 14, 2023

NOTICE PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 42-35-12

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION PURSUANT TO RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS TITLE 42, CHAPTER 35. FINAL BOARD ACTIONS ARE GENERALLY APPEALABLE TO THE BOARD WITH A SUBSEQUENT RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE SUPERIOR COURT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ACTION BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW OF SAID COURT. HOWEVER, THE RESPONDENT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT BY WAIVING ITS RIGHT TO A COMPLETE HEARING AND AGREEING TO THIS STIPULATION AND CONSENT, ANY SUCH RIGHT OF APPEAL HAS BEEN WAIVED.

CERTIFICATION

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-65-6, I hereby certify on this 12th day of April, 2023, that a true copy of the within Stipulation and Consent Order was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to:

Jonathan Webb
31 Douglas St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

And by email to:

1. Jonathan Webb, Respondent (jonnywebb71@gmail.com)
2. Matthew Lambert, Principal Investigator, Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board, DBR (matthew.lambert@dbr.ri.gov).


Print: Meghan Johns