This newsletter is funded by the Maine Groundwater Association through member dues and advertising. Any member of the Association wishing to receive a newsletter may contact the president or treasurer of the Association listed on the front of the newsletter.

Maine Groundwater Assoc.
PO Box 207,
Gorham, ME 04038-0207

Mark Your Calendars!
Spring Demo
May 16

Current Board Members
Past President Jim Innis ewelldrillers@gmail.com
VP Mark Weeks mmweeks@roadrunner.com
Treasurer Susan Smith hansenswell@gmail.com
Sec. Michelle Weeks mmweeks@roadrunner.com
Past President Jim Innis 207-942-5646

Directors
Term Expiring 2016
Harry Hanscom - 825-4983
Scott Hodgdon - 782-4533
Marc Stevens - 563-3003

Term Expiring 2017
Frank Hegarty - 929-0274
Ted McLeod - 848-5520
Mark Taplin - 374-5447

This year’s Spring Demo will be held on Saturday, May 16 in Lisbon. Horizontal drilling will be demonstrated. Please see page 4 for details for the day! Hope to see everyone there.

Find us on the Web at mainegroundwater.org
MGWA Director’s Minutes for March

Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
March 2, 2015
The Best Western Plus
Waterville, ME

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Joe Gallant at 6:21 p.m. with the following present: Susan Smith, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Frank Hegarty, Mark Taplin, Marc & Patty Stevens, and Mark & Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Mark Taplin and seconded by Jim Innis to approve the January 10, 2015 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Mark Weeks and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the Treasurer’s report of March 2, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Membership Applications: Applications for Associate Memberships were presented for Andrew Erickson, Edwin Erickson, Robert Erickson, Patrick O’Toole, and Howard Goss of Groundwater Supply, 217 Leominster Road, Sterling, MA 01564. A motion made by Mark Weeks and seconded by

Mark Taplin to approve all five applications was unanimously approved.

Legislative Committee: A discussion was held on the commission publishing driller violations on the DHS website. A motion made by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Susan Smith to approve this was unanimously approved.

Education Committee: We are waiting on dates of either May 2 or May 16 for the spring demo.

Old Business: A discussion was held on changing the by-laws for affiliate and associate members to have a voting right.

New Business: A discussion was held on hiring lobbyists, the price at which contracts are needed, and Maine Consumer Law. There was a discussion on the possibility of having the Attorney General speak about Maine Consumer Law.

A motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Mark Weeks was unanimously approved.

Anonymous Complaint - Meri ‘Sam’ Dunham

Additional information is needed to consider the complaint. Doris to send letter to the driller informing him of the complaint. The complaint indicates that the septic system is 64’ from the tank. Per David Briley, that meets the setback distance 60’ required. A Specially Well Application is not required.

The setback distance from the leach field was not addressed. Additional information required from Mr. Dunham. The homeowner does not know where the leach field is located.

Exams Requested

Maher, David - Exam Application
Motion: Ike moved to approve to sit for exam. Seconded by Frank. Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Bourque, David – Exam Application
Motion: Ike moved to deny. Seconded by Frank.

Discussion: The application lists Mr. Bruce Morgridge as an employer since 2009; however when the Commission contacted Mr. Morgridge, he stated that Mr. Bourque performed several jobs for him, but was not his employee.

Vote: Unanimous to deny. Additional information needed.

Action: Doris to contact Mr. David Bourque, of Southern Maine Pump Supply, for more info.

Other Discussion:

Proposed changes in the rules regarding drinking water supply, related to grouting, and the 48 hr. pump test & the current rules state the pump test methodology has to be approved by the DWP.

Proper well development – references the water well MGWA construction manual, and allows the DWP more discretion on a case-by-case basis.

Vacant Commission Seat: Don Robbins is moving on. Don has someone in mind who will fax an application to the Governor’s office. According to David, several people have submitted applications to sit on the Commission.

November Minutes, continued from page 10

Jeff Hurst has just started. He doesn’t know anything about pumps yet. He goes out on the job with Jason Bisson, who is a master pump installer. Regarding torque arrestors, we do put one green torque arrestor on the pump, then we use the plastic wire guards every 50’ for the 1st 100’ ft. She never left the office; she doesn’t know what a pump system looks like. As far as the torque arrestors, she just does the ordering.

Re: Apprentices used for pump installation - Re: Lack of submission, 901.1, MGS Log - Re: Torque arrestor, only one per system – Re: WD number on vehicles – Motion: David moved that, given a lack of evidence of potential violations, that this be dismissed. Seconded by: Joe

Vote: Unanimous to dismiss the complaint.

AMTROL

Wholesale Distributors of Water Systems, Pumps, and Water Well Supplies

If you install water systems in Maine, you need The Blake Group.

Serving the Greater
New England Area
Franklin, MA
Toll Free-(877-344-9355)
Elyria, OH
Toll Free-(800-316-7573)
Brookfield, CT
Toll Free-(800-422-3141)

Free Delivery—for all in stock items!

PREFERRED PUMP

November Minutes, continued from page 10

Jeff Hurst has just started. He doesn’t know anything about pumps yet. He goes out on the job with Jason Bisson, who is a master pump installer. Regarding torque arrestors, we do put one green torque arrestor on the pump, then we use the plastic wire guards every 50’ for the 1st 100’ ft. She never left the office; she doesn’t know what a pump system looks like. As far as the torque arrestors, she just does the ordering.

Re: Apprentices used for pump installation - Re: Lack of submission, 901.1, MGS Log - Re: Torque arrestor, only one per system – Re: WD number on vehicles – Motion: David moved that, given a lack of evidence of potential violations, that this be dismissed. Seconded by: Joe

Vote: Unanimous to dismiss the complaint.

Anonymous Complaint - Meri ‘Sam’ Dunham

Additional information is needed to consider the complaint. Doris to send letter to the driller informing him of the complaint. The complaint indicates that the septic system is 64’ from the tank. Per David Briley, that meets the setback distance 60’ required. A Specially Well Application is not required.

The setback distance from the leach field was not addressed. Additional information required from Mr. Dunham. The homeowner does not know where the leach field is located.

Exams Requested

Maher, David - Exam Application
Motion: Ike moved to approve to sit for exam. Seconded by Frank. Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Bourque, David – Exam Application
Motion: Ike moved to deny. Seconded by Frank.

Discussion: The application lists Mr. Bruce Morgridge as an employer since 2009; however when the Commission contacted Mr. Morgridge, he stated that Mr. Bourque performed several jobs for him, but was not his employee.

Vote: Unanimous to deny. Additional information needed.

Action: Doris to contact Mr. David Bourque, of Southern Maine Pump Supply, for more info.

Other Discussion:

Proposed changes in the rules regarding drinking water supply, related to grouting, and the 48 hr. pump test & the current rules state the pump test methodology has to be approved by the DWP.

Proper well development – references the water well MGWA construction manual, and allows the DWP more discretion on a case-by-case basis.

Vacant Commission Seat: Don Robbins is moving on. Don has someone in mind who will fax an application to the Governor’s office. According to David, several people have submitted applications to sit on the Commission.
toilets, even after running it for days and days. (Please see MGWA website for reminder of discussion, following are the actions taken on this complaint.)

*The discussion revolved around 407.1; recovery rate violation. Under the guidelines is 5 points.
Motion: Frank moved to assess 5 points for the violation. Seconded: Joe. Vote: Unanimous.

*The discussion revolved around 300.1; too large of a deposit.
Motion: Joe moved to access 3 points for the violation. Seconded: Frank. Vote: Unanimous.

*Discussion around 408.1; required well information.
Motion: Joe moved to access 3 points for the violation. Seconded: Ike. Vote: Unanimous.

We would like to draw everyone’s attention to the advertising on pages 2 through 10 which has made this newsletter possible. Please mention to the advertisers who have supported the MGWA that you saw their ads and next time you need something, Remember Their Support of Our Association! Targeted advertising works and this newsletter goes to potential customers across the state.

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Joe Gallant at 6:24 p.m. with the following present: Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Frank Hegarty, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, Ted McLeod, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the March 2, 2015 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the Treasurers report for the month of April 6, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the Treasurer’s report of April 6, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Membership Applications: None

Legislative Committee: A discussion was held on LD 1162/HF 796 – An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families.

Education Committee: Ted McLeod confirmed the date of May 16 for the spring demo at ETTI, 175 Lisbon Rd., Lisbon Falls. Scott Kelly will be doing horizontal drilling. Coffee will be 8-9 am, with drilling beginning at 9 am. Jeff Quinn will also be there from Baroid for fusion welding. The Oakland Lions Club will be doing lunch. We will have a suggestion box for next year’s demo as well as memberships applications available. A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Ted McLeod to get a plaque for Scott Kelly of ETTI was unanimously approved.

Old Business: There was a discussion on having Deanna White to speak at next year’s annual meeting about Maine Consumer Law.

A motion by Mark Taplin and seconded by Frank Hegarty to pay $400 each to the delegates who went to the 2014 NGWA meeting was unanimously approved. The 2015 NGWA meeting payment amount will be discussed at the September meeting.

New Business: A discussion was held on the MGWA’s liability insurance renewal. There was also a discussion on Gov. LePage moving the Water Well Commission from DHHS to DEP.

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Taplin was unanimously approved.

PUMPS, MOTORS & CONTROLS
A.Y. McDonald • F.E. Myers • Flint & Walling • Grundfos • Franklin

ENVIRONMENTAL & DRILLING PRODUCTS
Steel Locking Caps & Protective Casings • Stainless Steel & PVC Flush Joint Screens & Casing
Morris Watertight Manholes & Locking Vaults • Bentonite & Baroid Drilling Products
Grundfos Redi-flo Pumps • Geo-Thermal Grouts & Loops

TANKS
Well Xtrol & Perma Tank • Norvesco Polyethylene & In-Well

SUPPLIERS & MANUFACTURERS
Alloy Screen • American Granite • Baker • Baroid • Boshart • Campbell • CertainTeed • Cresline
Fiormatic • GeoPro • Kalas • Monoflex • Oil Creek Plastics • Royer • Service Wire
Simmons • Smeal • U.S. Silica • Western Rubber

www.morrispipe.com
Spring Demo Slated for May 16 in Lisbon

The Spring Demo is on Saturday, May 16th. The demo will demonstrate Horizontal Directional Drilling and it being hosted by Scott Kelly of Enterprise Trenchless Technologies, Inc and Jeff Quinn of Baroid. It is being held at ETTI, Kelly Park Location, 175 Lisbon Road, Lisbon, ME. This is an outside demo.

Wayne Weeks and The Lions Club will be providing the chicken barbecue. In order to provide them with the best information possible on how many to cook for, we do need your RSVP’s as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing everyone and are working hard at making this a great Spring Demo.

If you have any questions, you can call any of the directors listed on the front page of the newsletter.

---

Commission Minutes for November 2014

Editor’s Note - These minutes did not appear in the January newsletter due to a lack of space. The entire discussion may be seen on the MGWA website.

Attendants: Commission Members: Dwight Doughtry, Jr. Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT; Joe Gallant, Master Driller; Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer; Ike Goodwin, Master Driller; Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, MGS; David Braley, Sr. Geologist, MeCD; Absent: Don Robbins, Public Member; and Legal Counsel: Deanna White, Asst. AG – Office of the Attorney General.

Guest: Danny Woodsome, Woodsome WDC; Nick Gray via conference call; James Bisson of Affordable WDC, and Heather Bisson.

Minutes prepared by: Doris Labranche.

Proceedings:

Dwight Doughty – Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Topical Approval of Oct. 2014 Minutes

Discussion: The October minutes were reviewed but not finalized. Due to the large amount of information contained in the minutes, the minutes will again be reviewed at the December meeting.

Motion: David Braley moved to table the minutes in order for them to be reviewed. Seconded by: Frank Vote: Unanimous

Action: Members to review and provide comments.

Topic: Nick Gray Builders Complaint – Woodsome WDC

Discussion: According to Danny Woodsome, he drilled the well initially to 120’. Mr. Woodsome did not provide a copy of the contract. Mr. Woodsome did receive $2,500 as a down payment to start the job. There was no invoice because the job was never done. No well log. The well log is usually provided to the owner when he installs the pump. The well was drilled when the house was still in ‘shell’ form. The house was being built through the winter. The well was drilled during August of 2013. Mr. Gray hired Yankee to install the pump.

Judd Goodwin drilled the well deeper to 400’. Question: Who lined the well?

Mr. Woodsome knew that the well was currently at 120’, wanted an additional $800 to drill the well deeper, when Mr. Woodsome knew that the well was currently at 120-150’ (estimate). Mr. Woodsome’s statement was a drilled well up to 300’ for $4,500.

Discussion: According to Danny Woodsome, he drilled well up to 300’ foot for $4,500; after it that it is still to 300’ foot for $4,500. There was no invoice on record.

Mr. Woodsome left the site with the impression he had obtained sufficient quantity.

Mr. Woodsome inquired on how he could avoid this in the future. Ike responded by informing him to have a contract, and to meet his obligations in a timely manner. When there is no contract, there are things in the rules that are recommendations like flow, etc. If there is no contract, the rules allow the Commission to use the recommendations as requirements. There was a verbal agreement to drill up to a 300’ foot well for $4,500; after it that it is still to 300’ foot for $4,500. There was no requirement on yield; he left that up to me, on what was sufficient to run the house. Because there was no contract, there is an obligation on the driller’s part to make certain there is adequate supply.

Ethics: 300.1: all work shall be performed in accordance with State and Local regulations, and shall be performed with the customer’s best interest as a primary goal. There was no signed written contract in this situation. There are requirements that the contract must address. There was a $2,500 deposit on a $4,500. According to State regulations, the limit is 13% of the job. A contract is needed at $3,000 or more.

Ethics: 300.1: the terms of the verbal agreement was a drilled well up to 300’, an adequate supply and for a pump system. According to Mr. Gray, Mr. Woodsome wanted an additional $800 to drill the well deeper, when Mr. Woodsome knew that the well was currently at 120-150’ (estimate). Mr. Woodsome’s statement was a drilled well up to 300’ for $4,500.

Ethics: 300.1: No Maine Geological Survey log filed.

Ethics: 300.2: Professionalism; lack of response. Question from Ike to Danny: Did you end up installing the water line/electric line from the well to the house? Danny: “Yes, I did, they had me do that.” I installed the offset line – last fall. I didn’t install the pump because they had no heat to the house. The well was drilled; I came back a month later and did that. At that time the well was still filled up with water, I had no reason to believe we would have a problem.

Ike referenced Mr. Gray’s complaint relating to lack of response and yield, and the comment about making many phone calls to Woodsome and no response, and when Woodsome did respond back, Mr. Woodsome informed Mr. Gray that he would return for an additional fee of $800.

Mr. Gray has indicated that he called many times and did not get a response.

Mr. Nick Gray was contacted via conference call: he said $3,300 was for the well; and $1,200 was the pump & installation.

Ike moved to find a violation of 300.1 due to no written contract. Signed by: Frank Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Ike moved to find a violation of 300.1 for taking a deposit in excess of 1/3 of the total contract of the down payment, which is allowed by state statute.

Seconded by: Joe. Vote: All, except for Dwight, in favor.

Motion: Joe moved to find a violation of 407.1, recovery rates not met. Seconded by: Frank Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Nick Gray, via conference call.

Dwight, question to Mr. Gray, there is some suggestion that the well was sealed, 150’ of gyro seal? It was sealed because there was so much sand. That was after the well was advanced? Correct. That was after the well was advanced because we were getting so much sand; the sand clogged up fixtures.
Commission Minutes for February 2015

Well Driller’s Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
286 Water Street, 3rd Floor

Attendees: Commission Members: Dwight Doughty, Jr., Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT; Joe Gallant, Master Driller; Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer; Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey; David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC; Mike Otley, Public Member; Legal Counsel: Deanne White, AAG.

Minutes prepared by: David Braley

Proceedings:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Topic: January 2015
Motion: Mike motioned to approve the January minutes. Dan 2nd.

Discussion: Deanne mentioned that Mark Randlett was the hearings officer not legal counsel for the Commission, change noted. Mike noted that he is the public member and the minutes should state that, change noted.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Topic: Exam Applications
The following individuals were approved to sit for exams, motioned by Joe, 2nd by Frank:

LEVESQUE, Carl – PI-M

Topic: Specialty Well Applications
None

Topic: Other Business
None

Next Meeting: March 11, 2015 286 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 9:00 a.m.

Drillers, Pump Installers - Please Submit or Update Your Info

The MGWA has moved into cyberspace and some of you have not moved with them.

According to Treasurer Susan Smith, who has undertaken the challenge of getting the MGWA on the Internet, she is still missing the company information for a number of MGWA members. This is the perfect opportunity to get your business out there to the general public - some of whom may be looking to get a well drilled.

It has become common knowledge that a large portion of the population now does most of their business “Online.” They look for businesses, research them and contact them all online.

If you do not have a presence, you could be missing out on new customers which mean new business opportunities.

The MGWA Web Site is a perfect opportunity to make your presence known for those potential customers.

You can contact Susan with questions at 207-839-6637 or send the information she needs to Ssmith104@maine.rr.com. Don’t miss this opportunity!

GROUNDWATER SUPPLY CO., INC

217 Leominster Rd Route 12
Sterling, MA 01564
(P) 978-422-3209
(F) 978-422-6055
Monday – Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm
sales@groundwatersupply.net
www.groundwatersupply.net

A family business since 1992, located in Central Mass, We are a wholesale supplier and source for Water Well, Environmental, Geothermal, Geotechnical and Construction drilling.
We represent many manufactures and have most everything you could possibly need for your drilling project. Let us help you find what you need!
Contact Ed, Andy, Rob, Gary, Pat or Howard with any questions
Commission Minutes for January 2015

Well Driller’s Meeting & Fair Hearing
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
286 Water Street, 3rd Floor

Attendees: Commission Members: Dwight Doughty, Jr. Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT; Joe Gallant, Master Driller; Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer; Ike Goodwin, Master Driller; Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey; David Braley, Sr. Geologist, MeCDC; Mike Otley, Public Member; Legal Counsel: Deanna White, AAG; and Hearings Officer, Mark Randlett; AAG.

Guest: Danny Woodsome, Woodsome WDC.

Minutes prepared by: Doris Labranche, Commission Clerk.

Proceedings:
Dwight Doughty - Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
Welcome: Mike Otley was welcomed to the Commission. He is replacing Don Robbins.

Topic: Other Business
Licensees who want to become ‘active’ after being ‘in-active’ (i.e. not working for several years), must still pay past year(s) licensing fees. For future discussion – licensee status types.

Topic: Complaints
Merle ‘Sam’ Dunham vs. Anonymous:

Finding of Facts:
• Anonymous complaint stated location of system was ‘obvious’.
• Mr. Dunham stated that he drilled a well in Bucksport.
• What appears to be ‘obvious’ is in fact a ‘pad’.
• Set back distances meet or exceed set back requirements.
• No apparent violation.

Motion: Ike moved to find the above finding of facts.
2nd by: Mike.
Vote: 7-0 in favor of findings.

Finding of Facts:
• Verbal agreement to drill and install pump with no provision for unit prices or additional fixed price for casing or any drilling beyond certain distances.
• Ace installed pump system the day after the well was drilled.
• Obstruction occurred at 85’.
• Pump set above obstruction and hooked up.
• Homeowner had substantial problems with sediment.
• Ace returned and found pump stuck in well but was not able to remove it.
• Ace re-installed pump to a depth of 10’ below liner.
• Customer continued to experience problems.
• Attempt made to pull pump out from inside liner but could not.
• Ace refused to accept any further responsibility.

Topic: Exam Applications
The following individuals were approved to sit for exams:

BOURQUE, David – PI-M
BOWLEY, Bret – WD-M

Topic: Specialty Well Applications
Approved: Peter Oakes, Ace Well Service, Inc. / Mr. John Cusick, Homeowner

Topic: Specialty Well Applications
Approved: Peter Oakes, Ace Well Service, Inc. / Mr. Forrest Peaslee

January Commission Minutes, continued from page 6

Finding of Facts:

Finding of Facts:
• No apparent violation.

Motion: Ike moved to table complaint.
2nd by: Mike.
Vote: 7-0 in favor of findings.

Chapter 3, Section 300-3-5

Motion: Joe moved to find violation
2nd by: Frank
No additional discussion.
Vote: 4-3 relating to ethical violation; Mike, David, and Ike voted against.

Mr. Nick Gray vs. Woodsome WDC

Motion: Frank moved to table complaint
2nd by: Ike.
Vote: 7-0 in favor to table until next meeting.

Topic: Fair Hearing

A Fair Hearing, regarding Danny Woodsome of Woodsome Well Drilling Co., was conducted by Mr. Mark Randlett, AAG, Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Randlett, AAG, will provide a Decision and Order on the Fair Hearing at the next Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

FYI Advertisers

A note to those who have advertising in the MGWA newsletter. We appreciate your business for the past year and would like to remind you that your advertising agreements expired with the December/January issue of the newsletter. If you do not see your advertisement in this newsletter, it is because we did not receive your renewal.

To continue your advertising, we ask that you email Jody Goodwin at jodyike@megalink.net.

You may continue using your previous ad or send a new camera ready ad for the two remaining issues in September and December of 2015. Please renew by July 15.

For more information, rate quotes, to change your ad or inquire about other available size spaces, please contact Jody at the above email address.

Thank you for your continued support of the MGWA.
Commission Minutes for January 2015

Well Driller’s Meeting & Fair Hearing
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
286 Water Street, 3rd Floor

Attendees: Commission Members: Dwight Doughty, Jr., Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT; Joe Gallant, Master Driller; Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer; Ike Goodwin, Master Driller; Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey; David Braley, Sr. Geologist, MeCDC; Mike Otley, Public Member; Legal Counsel: Deanna White, AAG; and Hearings Officer, Mark Randlett; AAG.

Guest: Danny Woodsome, Woodsome WDC.

Minutes prepared by: Doris Labranche, Commission Clerk.

Proceedings:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome: Mike Otley was welcomed to the Commission. He is replacing Don Robbins.

Topic: Specialty Well Applications

The following individuals were approved to sit for exams:

BOURQUE, David – PI-M
BOWLEY, Bret – WD-M

Topic: Specialty Well Applications

Approved: Peter Oakes, Ace Well Service, Inc. / Mr. John Cusick, Homeowner

Topic: Other Business

Licensees who want to become ‘active’ after being ‘in-active’ (i.e. not working for several years), must still pay past year(s) licensing fees. For future discussion – licensee status types.

Topic: Complaints

Merle ‘Sam’ Dunham vs. Anonymous:

David Braley provided an update. No additional action required based on lack of information provided. The Commission voted to approve the following Finding of Facts:

Finding of Facts:

• Anonymous complaint stated location of system was ‘obvious’.
• Mr. Dunham stated that he drilled a well in Bucksport.
• What appears to be ‘obvious’ is in fact a ‘pad’.
• Set back distances meet or exceed set back requirements.
• No apparent violation.

Ace Well Service – Mr. Peter Oakes vs. Mr. Forrest Peaslee

Motion: Ike moved to accept the complaint. 2nd by: Joe. Vote: Unanimous to accept the complaint.

Need for a written contract.

Verbal agreement to drill and install pump with no provision for unit prices or additional fixed price for casing or any drilling beyond certain distances.

• Pump set above obstruction and hooked up.
• Homeowner had substantial problems with sediment.
• 300.3.5 relating to ethics.

Motion: Ike moved to find violation. 2nd by: Frank. Vote: 7-0 in favor of findings.

Mr. Nick Gray vs. Woodsome WDC

Motion: Frank moved to table complaint 2nd by: Ike. Vote: 7-0 in favor to table until next meeting.

Topic: Fair Hearing

A Fair Hearing, regarding Danny Woodsome of Woodsome Well Drilling Co., was conducted by Mr. Mark Randlett, AAG, Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Randlett, AAG, will provide a Decision and Order on the Fair Hearing at the next Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

January Commission Minutes, continued from page 6

Finding of Facts:

• Verbal agreement to drill and install pump with no provision for unit prices or additional fixed price for casing or any drilling beyond certain distances.

• Homeowner had substantial problems with sediment.

• Ace returned and found pump stuck in well but was not able to remove it.

• No apparent violation.

• Additional discussion; based on the issue more fully with the homeowner.

• Pump set above obstruction and hooked up.

• Customer continued to experience problems.

• Ace refused to accept any further responsibility.

A note to those who have advertising in the MGWA newsletter. We appreciate your business for the past year and would like to remind you that your advertising agreements expired with the December/January issue of the newsletter. If you do not see your advertisement in this newsletter, it is because we did not receive your renewal.

To continue your advertising, we ask that you email Jody Goodwin at jodyike@megalink.net. You may continue using your previous ad or send a new camera ready ad for the two remaining issues in September and December of 2015. Please renew by July 15.

For more information, rate quotes, to change your ad or inquire about other available size spaces, please contact Jody at the above email.

Thank you for your continued support of the MGWA.

FYI Advertisers
Commission Minutes for February 2015

Well Driller’s Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
286 Water Street, 3rd Floor

Attendees: Commission Members: Dwight Doughty, Jr. Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT; Joe Gallant, Master Driller; Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer; Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey; David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC; Mike Otley, Public Member; Legal Counsel: Deanna White, AAG.

Minutes prepared by: David Braley

Proceedings:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Topic: Complaints

Ace Well Service – Mr. Peter Oakes vs. Mr. Forrest Peaslee

Frank motioned to assess no points or penalties for violation of Section 300.3.5 of the Rules, 2nd by Dan. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Nick Gray vs. Woodsome WDC

This complaint remains tabled as the Commission prepares a draft consent agreement.

Topic: Fair Hearing

The Commission received and reviewed the summary results from the Fair Hearing held in January concerning violations found by the Commission regarding complaints received and violations identified against Woodsome Well Drilling Co. and Danny Woodsome.

The report was prepared by hearings officer Mark Randlett, A.A.G.

Frank motioned and Dan 2nd to accept the report as final and to offer Mr. Woodsome 45 days from the receipt of written notice regarding this final action to either pay the included $5,000 fine in full or enter into a payment plan agreeable to the Commission.

License renewal for Mr. Woodsome for 2016 will be contingent upon either full payment or compliance with the agreed upon payment schedule.

Approved unanimously.

Mike motioned to adjourn at 10:28, 2nd by Joe. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2015 286 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 9:00 a.m.

Drillers, Pump Installers -
Please Submit or Update Your Info

The MGWA has moved into cyberspace and some of you have not moved with them.

According to Treasurer Susan Smith, who has undertaken the challenge of getting the MGWA on the Internet, she is still missing the company information for a number of MGWA members.

This is the perfect opportunity to get your business out there to the general public - some of whom may be looking to get a well drilled.

It has become common knowledge that a large portion of the population now does most of their business “Online.” They look for businesses, research them and contact them all online.

If you do not have a presence, you could be missing out on new customers which mean new business opportunities.

The MGWA Web Site is a perfect opportunity to make your presence known for those potential customers.

You can contact Susan with questions at 207-839-6637 or send the information she needs to Ssmith104@maine.rr.com.

Don’t miss this opportunity!

A family business since 1992, located in Central Mass, We are a wholesale supplier and source for Water Well, Environmental, Geothermal, Geotechnical and Construction drilling.

We represent many manufactures and have most everything you could possibly need for your drilling project. Let us help you find what you need!

Contact Ed, Andy, Rob, Gary, Pat or Howard with any questions.
Spring Demo Slated for May 16 in Lisbon

The Spring Demo is on Saturday, May 16th. The demo will demonstrate Horizontal Directional Drilling and it being hosted by Scott Kelly of Enterprise Trenchless Technologies, Inc and Jeff Quinn of Baroid. It is being held at ETTI, Kelly Park Location, 175 Lisbon Road, Lisbon, ME. This is an outside demo. Wayne Weeks and The Lions Club will be providing the chicken barbecue. In order to provide them with the best information possible on how many to cook for, we do need your RSVPs as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing everyone and are working hard at making this a great Spring Demo. If you have any questions, you can call any of the directors listed on the front page of the newsletter.

RSVP

To: Michelle Weeks
29 County Road
Oakland, Maine
04963
or email to: mmweeks4@gmail.com

Please indicate the number of people attending and what company. You must RSVP by May 1 to be included in the raffle. Thanks!

Commission Minutes for November 2014

Editor’s Note - These minutes did not appear in the January newsletter due to a lack of space. The entire discussion may be seen on the MGWA website.

Attendees: Commission Members: Dwight Doughty, Jr. Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT; Joe Gallant, Master Driller; Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer; Ike Goodwin, Master Driller; Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, MGS; David Braley, Sr. Geologist, MeCDC; Absent: Don Robbins, Public Member; and Legal Counsel: Deanna White, Asst. AG – Office of the Attorney General.

Guest: Danny Woodsome, Woodsome WDC; Nick Gray via conference call; James Bisson of Affordable WDC, and Heather Bisson.

Minutes prepared by: Doris Labranche.

Proceedings: Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Topic: Approval of Oct. 2014 Minutes

Discussion: The October minutes were reviewed but not finalized. Due to the large amount of information contained in the minutes, the minutes will again be reviewed at the December meeting.

Motion: David Kelly moved to table the minutes in order for them to be reviewed. Seconded by: Frank Vote: Unanimous

Action: Members to review and provide comments.

Topic: Nick Gray Builders Complaint - Woodsome WDC

Discussion: According to Danny Woodsome, he drilled the well initially to 120’. Mr. Woodsome did not provide a copy of the contract. Mr. Woodsome did receive $2,500 as a down payment to start the job. There was no invoice because the job was never done. No well log. The well log is usually provided to the owner when he installs the pump. The well was drilled when the house was still in ‘shell’ form. The house was being built through the winter. The well was drilled during August of 2013. Mr. Gray hired Yankee to install the pump. Judd Goodwin drilled the well deeper to 400’.

Question: Who lined the well?

Mr. Woodsome knew that the well was currently at 120-150’ (estimate). Mr. Woodsome’s statement was a drilled ‘shell’ form. The house was being built through the winter. The well was drilled; I came back a month later and did that. At that time the well was still filled up with water, I had no reason to believe we would have a problem.

Ike referenced Mr. Gray’s complaint relating to lack of response and yield, and the comment about making many phone calls to Woodsome and no response, and when Woodsome did respond back, Mr. Woodsome informed Mr. Gray that he would return for an additional fee of $800.

Mr. Gray has indicated that he called many times and did not get a response.

Mr. Nick Gray was contacted via conference call: he said $3,300 was for the well; and $1,200 was the pump & installation.

Motion: Ike moved to find a violation of 300.1 due to no written contract. Seconded by: Frank Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Ike moved to find a violation of 300.1 for taking a deposit in excess of 1/3rd of the total contract of the down payment, which is allowed by state statute. Seconded by: Joe. Vote: All, except for Dwight, in favor.

Motion: Joe moved to find a violation of 407.1, recovery rates not met. Seconded by: Frank Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Nick Gray, via conference call. Dwight, question to Mr. Gray, there is some suggestion that the well was sealed, 150' of gyro seal? It was sealed because there was so much sand. That was after the well was advanced? Correct. That was after the well was advanced because we were getting so much sand; the sand clogged up fixtures.
Water Well Commission Minutes for November, cont. from page 9

Toilets, even after running it for days and days. (Please see MGWA website for remainder of discussion, following are the actions taken on this complaint.)

* The discussion revolved around 407.1: recovery rate violation. Under the guidelines it is 5 points.
Motion: Frank moved to assess 5 points for 407.1, quantity of water. Seconded: Ike. Vote: Unanimous.

* The discussion revolved around 300.1: no written contract. Motion: Joe moved to access 3 points for the violation. Seconded: Ike. Vote: Unanimous.

* The discussion revolved around 300.1: too large a deposit. Motion: Joe moved to access 3 points for the violation. Seconded: Frank. Vote: Unanimous.

* The discussion revolved around 408 Well Information. 901.1 Compliance with other laws and rules, and reconsidering a violation under 300.1, failure to file an MGS log. Question: when is the MGS log required to be filed? It is when the well is complete. Danny thought the well was complete at that time. It wasn’t until the following spring that he found out that it had to be drilled. Statute requires that the MGS log be filed within a certain timeframe.
Motion: Ike moved to reconsider a violation for failing to file a MGS log. Seconded: Joe. Vote: Unanimous to reconsider.

* Discussion: According to 408.1: required well information reporting, the statute requires the driller to file a report with Maine Geological Survey. In addition, the discussion revolved around 901.1, Compliance with Other Laws and Rules.
Motion: Ike moved to find a violation of 901.1 for failure to file an MGS log well. Seconded: Joe. Vote: Unanimous.

* Discussion relating to points (the points are only a guideline): Motion: Frank moved to assess the violation found & assess 0 points. Seconded: David. Vote: All in favor of the violation with the exception of Daniel Locke.

Four (4) violations were assessed, total of 11 points. Points are kept on file for 3 years.

ike discussed page 1, last paragraph of the Guidelines: “these guidelines notwithstanding, the commission will have the flexibility to take into account any extenuating, mitigating or aggravating circumstances to modify the actual fine or license suspension in any particular instance.” I recommended applying the points, and violations, and lay anchor any of these mitigations in the areas of fines and suspensions.

ike discussed considering fines or license suspensions, it is not just in light of this one violation, but the need to consider what has happened within the last 3 years, and the fact that there is a hearing coming up, which may or may not result in any changes of any of our previous decisions, I suggest that we table any considering of any fines or suspensions until after that hearing, and the process has been completed.

ike moved to make the above statement a motion and ruling and also the hearing process is complete.
Seconded by: David. Vote: Unanimous.

David Braley informed Mr. Woodsome: we have found violations, we have assessed points, the only thing we haven’t done is assign any penalties. Can Mr. Woodsome assign this to the December’s fair hearing, all in one shot, if he chooses to appeal our finding of violations and points? Descree: After the hearing is totally complete, you can re-visit this issue as a separate case.
David Braley summarized for Mr. Woodsome: You have a fair shot with coming up in December, this complaint/violations/findings is on hold. The hearing will be held, but no decisions will be made, the hearing officer will take some time to digest what he hears and makes a decision weeks after that. This will just sit on hold probably into the winter, probably February or March, and what will come out of this will probably be impacted by what comes out of the fair hearing. Everything is on hold.

Complaint: Joni Sansouci vs. Affordable WDC
Allegation: apprentices installing pump systems. Mike Bessler has a Journeymen’s license, but is no longer employed by Affordable.

We would like to draw everyone’s attention to the advertising on pages 2 through 10 which has made this newsletter possible. Please mention to the advertisers who have supported the MGWA that you saw their ads and next time you need something, Remember Their Support of Our Association!
Targeted advertising works and this newsletter goes to potential customers across the state.

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Joe Gallant at 6:24 p.m. with the following present: Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Frank Hegarty, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, Ted McLeod, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the March 2, 2015 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the Treasurer’s report of April 6, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Membership Applications: None

Legislative Committee: A discussion was held on LD 1162/HF 796 – An Act To Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families.

Education Committee: Ted McLeod confirmed the date of May 16 for the spring demo at ETTI, 175 Lisbon Rd., Lisbon Falls. Scott Kelly will be doing horizontal drilling. Coffee will be 8-9 am, with drilling beginning at 9 am. Jeff Quinn will also be there from Baroid for fusion welding. The Oakland Lions Club will be doing lunch. We will have a suggestion box for next year’s demo as well as membership applications available. A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Ted McLeod to get a plaque for Scott Kelly of ETTI was unanimously approved.

Old Business: There was a discussion on having Deanna White to speak at next year’s annual meeting about Maine Consumer Law. A motion by Mark Taplin and seconded by Frank Hegarty to pay $400 each to the delegates who went to the 2014 NGWA meeting was unanimously approved. The 2015 NGWA meeting payment amount will be discussed at the September meeting.

New Business: A discussion was held on the MGWA’s liability insurance renewal. There was also a discussion on Gov. LePage moving the Water Well Commission from DHHS to DEP.

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Taplin was unanimously approved.

---

**STEEL PRODUCTS**
Well Casing 1” - 48” • Galvanized Pipe 1” - 8” • Stainless Steel 304 & 316 • Drive Shoes & Couplings

**PUMPS, MOTORS & CONTROLS**
A.Y. McDonald • F.E. Myers • Flint & Walling • Grundfos • Franklin

**ENVIRONMENTAL & DRILLING PRODUCTS**
Steel Locking Caps & Protective Casings • Stainless Steel & PVC Flush Joint Screens & Casing Morris Watertight Manholes & Locking Vaults • Bentonite & Baroid Drilling Products Grundfos Redi-flo Pumps • Geo-Thermal Grouts & Loops

**WATER MISC. SUPPLIERS & MANUFACTURERS**
Alloy Screen • American Granby • Baker • Baroid • Boshart • Campbell • CertainTeed • Cresline • Flomatic • GeoPro • Kalas • Monoflex • Oil Creek Plastics • Royer • Service Wire • Simmons • Smeal • U.S. Silica • Western Rubber

**TANKS**
Well Xtrol & Perma Tank • Norwesco Polyethylene & In-Well

**1-800-835-0777**
Ph: 1-800-635-0777
Fax: 1-800-635-6591
E-mail: 1-800-637-7724

---

**www.morrispipe.com**
Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
March 2, 2015
The Best Western Plus Waterlake, ME

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Joe Gallant at 6:21 p.m. with the following present: Susan Smith, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Frank Hegarty, Mark Taplin, Marc & Patty Stevens, and Mark & Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Mark Taplin and seconded by Jim Innis to approve the January 10, 2015 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Mark Weeks and seconded by Jim Innis to approve the Treasurer’s report of March 2, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Education Committee: We are waiting on dates of either May 2 or May 16 for the spring demo.

Old Business: A discussion was held on changing the by-laws for affiliate and associate members to have a voting right.

New Business: A discussion was held on hiring lobbyists, the price at which contracts are needed, and Maine Consumer Law.

There was a discussion on the possibility of having the Attorney General speak about Maine laws and Maine Consumer Law.

A motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Mark Weeks was unanimously approved.

Membership Applications: Applications for Associate Memberships were presented for Andrew Erickson, Edwin Erickson, Robert Erickson, Patrick O’Toole, and Howard Goss of Groundwater Supply, 217 Leominster Road, Sterling, MA 05164. A motion made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve all five applications was unanimously approved.

Legislative Committee: A discussion was held on the commission publishing drillers violations on the DHS website. A motion made by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Susan Smith to approve this was unanimously approved.

Education Committee: A discussion was held on changing the by-laws for affiliate and associate members to have a voting right.

New Business: A discussion was held on hiring lobbyists, the price at which contracts are needed, and Maine Consumer Law.

There was a discussion on the possibility of having the Attorney General speak about Maine laws and Maine Consumer Law.

A motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Mark Weeks was unanimously approved.

Anonymous Complaint - Merl ‘Sam’ Dunham
The complaint indicates that the septic system is 64’ from the tank. Per David Braley, that meets the setback requirement. The complaint was emailed separately.

Re:  WD number on vehicles – Submitted.
Re:  Torque arrestor, only one per system – Submitted.
Re:  Lack of submission, 901.1, MGS Log - Submitted.
Re:  Apprentices used for pump installation - Submitted.
Re:  A pump system looks like a pump, then we use the plastic wire guards every 50’ for the 1st 100 ft. She never left the office; she doesn’t know what a pump system looks like. As far as the torque arrestors, she just does the ordering.

Motion: David moved that, given a lack of evidence of potential violations, that this be dismissed. Seconded by Joe Taplin and approved.

Vote: Unanimous to dismiss the complaint.

Exams Requested
Serving the Greater New England Area
Franklin, Ma
Toll Free (877) 344-9355
Gardiner, Maine
Toll Free (800) 516-7573
Brookfield, CT
Toll Free (800) 422-3141

If you install water systems in Maine, you need The Blake Group.

We are waiting for dates of the spring demo. It was emailed separately.

mgwa.org

November Minutes, continued from page 10

Jeff Hurst has just started. He doesn’t know anything about pumps yet. He goes out on the job with Jason Bisson, who is a master pump installer. Regarding torque arrestors, we do put one green torque arrestor on the pump, then we use the plastic wire guards every 50’ for the 1st 100 ft. She never left the office; she doesn’t know what a pump system looks like. As far as the torque arrestors, she just does the ordering.

Motion: Apprentice used for pump installation - Approved.
Re: Lack of submission, 901.1, MGS Log - Approved.
Re: Torque arrestor, only one per system – Approved.
Re: WD number on vehicles – Approved.

Motion: David made that, given a lack of evidence of potential violations, that this be dismissed. Seconded by Joe Taplin and approved.

Vote: Unanimous to dismiss the complaint.

Anonymous Complaint - Merl ‘Sam’ Dunham
Additional information is needed to consider the complaint. Doris to send letter to the installer informing him of the complaint.

The complaint indicates that the septic system is 64’ from the tank. Per David Braley, that meets the setback distance 60’ required. A Specially Well Application is not required.

The setback distance from the leach field was not addressed. Additional information required from Mr. Dunham. The homeowner does not know where the leach field is located.

Exams Requested
Maher, David - Exam Application
Motion: Ike moved to approve to sit for exam. Seconded by Frank Voltz. Unanimous to approve.
Bourque, David - Exam Application
Motion: Ike moved to deny. Seconded by Frank Voltz. Discussion: The application lists Mr. Bruce Bourque as an employer since 2009; however when the Commission contacted Mr. Morgridge, he stated that Mr. Bourque performed several jobs for him, but was not his employee. Vote: Unanimous to deny. Additional information needed.
Action: Doris to contact Mr. David Bourque, of Southern Maine Pump Supply, for more info.

Other Discussion:
Proposed changes in the rules regarding drinking water supply, related to grouting, and the 48 hr. pump test & the current rules state the pump test methodology has to be approved by the DWP.

Prep work delivery – references the water well MGWA construction manual, and allows the DWP more discretion on a case-by-case basis.

Vacant Commission Seat: Don Robbins is moving on. Don has someone in mind who will fax an application to the Governor’s office. According to David, several people have submitted applications to sit on the Commission.
This newsletter is funded by the Maine Groundwater Association through member dues and advertising. Any member of the Association wishing to receive a newsletter may contact the president or treasurer of the Association listed on the front of the newsletter.

Maine Groundwater Assoc.
PO Box 207,
Gorham, ME 04038-0207

Mark Your Calendars!
Spring Demo
May 16

Officers:
President Joe Gallant
207-839-3030
VP Mark Weeks
207-465-3753
Treasurer Susan Smith
207-839-3293
Sec. Michelle Weeks
207-465-3753
Past President Jim Innis
207-942-5646

Directors:
Terms expiring 2016:
Harry Hanscom - 825-4983
Scott Hodgdon - 782-4533
Marc Stevens - 563-3003

Term expiring 2017:
Frank Hegarty - 929-0274
Ted McLeod - 848-5520
Mark Taplin - 374-5447

Find Us on the Web at
www.mainegroundwater.org

Here are the dates which have been set for various meetings. The MGWA Director’s meetings are at The Weathervane, 470 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville, at 6:00 pm. They are set for October 5 and November 2. Spring Demo will be held May 16 in Lisbon. Horizontal drilling will be demonstrated. Please see page 4 for details for the day! Hope to see everyone there.

What’s Inside
MGWA Directors
pages 2 & 3
Spring Demo
page 4
Commission Minutes
pages 6 to 11
Contacts
page 12

Mark Your Calendars
For questions on Commission business call Dave Braley at 207-441-5324

FYI: You May Want to Cut and Keep!

What’s Inside
MGWA Directors
pages 2 & 3
Spring Demo
page 4
Commission Minutes
pages 6 to 11
Contacts
page 12

This year’s Spring Demo will be held on Saturday, May 16 in Lisbon. Horizontal drilling will be demonstrated. Please see page 4 for details for the day! Hope to see everyone there.