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**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.**

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## Mark Your Calendars

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.

The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month and are upcoming on May 13 and June 10. These meetings are held at 286 Water Street, Key Bank Plaza, in Augusta.

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**For questions on Commission business call Dave Braley at 207-441-5324**

# 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 05164. 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.



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# MGWA Director's Minutes for April 6

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/HP 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.



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# 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.

## RSVP

To: Michelle Weeks  
29 County Road  
Oakland, Maine  
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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!

There was no Commission meeting in April. The March Minutes will be available on the MGWA Website at [mainegroundwater.org](http://mainegroundwater.org) when they are approved. You will also find the MGWA Treasurer's 2014 report and the 2014 MGS Well Log Report on the Website.

The complete minutes for the November Commission meeting are also on the Website. Because space in the newsletter is limited, some discussion items were eliminated from the minutes printed here in the newsletter.



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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.

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# 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: October & November Minutes

Motion: Frank motioned to review. David Braley and Don Robbins recused themselves from the discussion.

Discussion – transcript style vs. bulleted style. Future minutes shall be brief and bulleted style.

Motion: Frank moved to approve the October & November minutes as is. Seconded by Joe.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

## 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: 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.

Discussion: 300.3.5 relating to ethics, and 300.1 relating to no contract.

Motion: Ike moved to find a violation of 300.1 due to no written contract as required by State law.

2nd by: David.

Discussion: additional discussion; based on the 1st attempt, the driller should have addressed the issue more fully with the homeowner.

Please See Commission on page 7.

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## 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.

Motion: Ike moved to find the above finding of facts.

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

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# 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: 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

## 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.

# 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, Ass't. 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 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?

The total contract price was \$4,500. He collected \$2,500, which is more than 50% of the job.

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 that it is so much per foot. 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 1/3% 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.

**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,

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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 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 assess 3 points for the violation. Seconded: Ike. Vote: Unanimous.

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

\*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 time-frame.

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 recording, 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 well log. 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, mitigation or aggravating circumstances to modify the actual fine or license suspension in any particular instance". I recommended applying the points, and violations, and take into account 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 tabling until the fair 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? Deanna – no. 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 hearing coming up in December, this (complaint/violations/findings) is on hold. The hearing will be held, but no decisions will be made, the hearings 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 Journeyman's license, but is no longer employed by Affordable.

Please see November on page 11



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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 - Merl '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 Braley, that meets the setback distance 60' required. A Specialty 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.

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