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2017 Spring Demo at Premier Pump & Supply in Oakland

Mark Your Calendars

MGWA Director’s Meetings are held at The Best Western Plus in Waterville, ME at 6:00 pm. Meeting dates and places are subject to change. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Director’s Meetings: September 11, October 16, November 6

Well Driller’s Commission Meetings: September 13, October 11, November 8 & December 13

The Commission generally meets at 9:00 A.M., the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 17 Elkins Lane in Augusta. For questions on Commission business call The Drinking Water Program at 207-287-2070 or David Braley at 207-441-5324 or visit the website at: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/wellDrillers.shtml


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The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by Vice President Frank Hegarty at 6:28 pm with the following present: Jake Coan, Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Joe Gallant, Frank Hegarty, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Ted McLeod, Susan Smith, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the March 20, 2017 Director’s Meeting minutes, as amended was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Ross Deschaine to approve the Treasurer’s report of April 10, 2017 was unanimously approved.

Membership applications: none

Legislative Committee:

LD 930-An Act To Protect Maine Families by Enhancing Well Water Regulation was voted “ought not to pass”. Several members of our associations attended. LD 454 and LD 1001 both have a work session on April 19.

Ike Goodwin’s seat on the MWWC was not renewed. A motion by Ted and seconded by Frank to have Jim work on a letter of endorsement/recommendation for Ike was unanimously approved. This letter will be sent to the Governor’s office.

New Business: A motion by Sue and seconded by Ted to not join the NGWA as an affiliate was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

Education Committee: There was a discussion about the Spring Demo to be held at Premier Pump & Supply on May 6. All details were finalized.

The fall meetings will be September 11, October 16 and November 6.

A motion to adjourn at 8:00pm made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Taplin was unanimously approved.
Maine Ground Water Association
General Meeting
May 6, 2017
Premier Pump & Supply
Oakland, ME

The MGWA General Meeting was called to order by President Mark Weeks at 11:30am, with a thank you to all suppliers for their continued generous donations, as well as Premier Pump & Supply for hosting us.

A motion by Ted McLeod to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2016 general meeting and seconded by Frank Hegarty was unanimously approved.

A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Scott Hodgdon to accept the Treasurer’s report dated May 6, 2017 was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: A letter to be sent to Governor LePage supporting Ike Goodwin as a member of the Maine Water Well Commission was approved by a show of hands.

A motion to adjourn at 11:38 pm made by Susan Smith and seconded by Pat Pratt was unanimously approved.

Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
May 6, 2017
Premier Pump & Supply

Oakland, ME

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Mark Weeks at 1:15 pm with the following present: Ross Deschaine, Joe Gallant, Frank Hegarty, Scott Hodgdon, Susan Smith, and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Joe Gallant to approve the April 10, 2017 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report had been approved at the general meeting.

Membership applications: None
Legislative Committee: None
New Business: None
Old Business: None
Education Committee: There was a discussion about the possibility of having the October meeting at Northeast Labs in Winslow and/or a speaker from MMTA.

The fall meetings will be September 11, October 16 and November 6.

A motion to adjourn at 1:32 pm made by Joe Gallant and seconded by Susan Smith was unanimously approved.
Well Driller’s Meeting  
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
Location: MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME  
Attendees:  
- Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey  
- David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC  
- Mike Otley, Public Member  
- Joe Gallant, Master Well Driller  
- Julia Kimball, Commission Clerk  
- Joe Gallant, Master Well Driller  

Excused:  
- Dwight Doughty, Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairman  

Absent:  
- Legal Counsel, Deanna White, AAG  

Minutes prepared by:  Julia Kimball  

PROCEEDINGS:  
Frank Hegarty - Meeting called to order at 9:09 a.m.  

TOPIC: February 2017 Meeting  
Motion: Mike motioned to approve the February minutes. Joe 2nd  
Vote: Unanimous to approve minutes  

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications  
None  

TOPIC: Exam Applications  
None  

TOPIC: Complaints:  
Maine Drinking Water Program vs Danny Marquis/Marquis Well Drilling: The Commission received an email complaint regarding the installation of a drinking water well to be used as a public  
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Well Driller’s Meeting  
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
Location: MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME  
Attendees:  
- Dwight Doughty, Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairman  
- David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC  
- Mike Otley, Public Member  
- Joe Gallant, Master Well Driller  
- Frank Hegarty, Master Well Driller  

Absent: Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey  

Minutes prepared by:  David Braley  

PROCEEDINGS:  
Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:03 A.M.  

TOPIC: February 2017 Meeting  
Motion: Mike motioned to approve the March minutes. Joe 2nd  
Vote: Unanimous to approve minutes, Doughty recused.  

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications  
None  

TOPIC: Exam Applications  
James Richardson - Journeyman Pump Installer Exam Application: The Commission approved the Journeyman Pump Installer Exam Application. Joe motions to approve to sit for exam. Frank 2nd  
Vote: Unanimous to approve.  

Justin Butterfield - Journeyman Pump Installer Exam Application: The Commission approved the Journeyman Pump Installer Exam Application. Joe motions to approve to sit for exam. Frank 2nd  
Vote: Unanimous to approve.  

TOPIC: Complaints:  
Maine Drinking Water Program vs Danny Marquis/Marquis Well Drilling: The Commission received an email complaint regarding the installation of a drinking water well to be used as a public  
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water supply source without prior approval from the Drinking Water Program. The driller/company is Danny Marquis, Marquis Well Drilling. The well was drilled at the Lister-Knowlton VFW in Caribou. The Commission will request more information from the driller.

TOPIC: Other Business
The Commission reviewed the Master Well Driller and Master Pump Installer license applications from James Duncan, The Stephen B. Church Company, Oxford, Connecticut. Mr. Duncan requested to be licensed without being required to sit for and pass exams using the Commission’s authority to issue licenses after finding that the State of Connecticut has licensure requirements and regulations for the profession that do not conflict with Maine’s. The Commission reviewed the relevant Connecticut statutes and regulations and determined that the State of Connecticut has adequate regulations and requirements for both licensure and well construction and that those regulations and requirements do not conflict with Maine statute and regulation. Mr. Duncan is licensed in Connecticut as a Water Supply Contractor, the equivalent of a Maine Master Well Driller, and as a Plumbing & Piping Limited Contractor, the equivalent of a Maine Master Pump Installer. The Commission determined that reciprocity may be granted for this applicant. Master Well Driller and Master Pump Installer licenses will be granted to Mr. Duncan, as well as the renewal of the Stephen B. Church Co. Company licenses for each.

The Commission discussed the minimum age for granting licenses for well drilling and pump installation, including Apprentice licenses. AAG Deanna White summarized the requirements of the Maine Department of Labor regulations, 12-170 CMR 11. Those state rules state:

Children under 14 years old are not allowed to work as an occupation;

Children under 16 years old are not allowed to work on or near power driven equipment (drill rigs and pump pullers);

Children 16 or 17 years old are not allowed to work on or near:

- Mechanical hoisting equipment (drill rigs);
- Excavation operations (excavators and backhoes);
- Welding, cutting, burning or brazing (cutting and welding casing);
- Indirect contact with pesticides (chlorine is pesticide).

There are no exceptions for immediate family members. Given these state regulations it appears that the minimum age for licensure as a well driller or pump installer is 18. The Commission will make a final determination at its next regular meeting.

Next Meeting: TBD, July, 2017 MGS 17 Elkins Lane, A-
### 2017 Spring Demo Speakers

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<td>Amber gave a demonstration on the electronic input of wells for the Maine Geological Survey that is coming soon.</td>
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<td>Ryan spoke on Solar Pumps</td>
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<td>Northeast Laboratory, Chemistry Laboratory Technical Director</td>
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<td>Zach spoke on how to take a water test.</td>
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<td>Jeff did a slide show on bit care.</td>
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2017 Spring Demo

Franklin Electric

Mark Weeks & Ted McLoad

President Mark Weeks

Oakland Lions Club

“Thank You”
Premier Pump & Supply for hosting this years Spring Demo!

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Statewide Septic System Permit Lookup Website

David Braley

The Maine Drinking Water Program along with InForMe has developed a new website that has HHE-200 forms (septic system permits) available online. The HHE-200 form includes the layout of the system with measured distances to reference points, usually the corners of structures. The service is free for anyone that needs to know the location of septic system components - home owners, municipal officials, contractors and even well drillers!!

The DWP has been receiving permits from municipalities since 1974. Until 2004 we scanned them to microfilm for permanent storage. For a fee of $15 we can search the microfilm to find copies of the permits. It usually takes a few days to complete a search. The website is intended to replace this service with instant and free access.

The website currently includes permits dating back to 2004. The Maine State Archives will be scanning the remaining permits that we have on file which date from 2003 back to 1974. The goal is to have all of the permits posted to the website within a year (or so).

So what does this mean for well drillers? It means that you now have an easy and free way to dig up information on the septic system located on your client’s property, and the location of system components on neighboring sites, allowing you to maintain appropriate setbacks and avoid problems.

To use the site go to: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/plumb/index.htm
Click on “Online Permit Search” in the menu on the right hand side of the page to open the search page, and then click the “Get Started” orange button.

The search page asks you select the town the system is located in, and a range of dates to search. The date we have for the permit will be the date it was issued by the town, not the date the system may have been installed. You may have to look at a few years to find the permit you’re searching for.

The permits on file for the dates you select will be listed by address:

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Be sure to scroll all the way down the list as many properties didn’t have a number in their street address. Those permits will be listed at the end of the list in alphabetic order by street name only.

Remember, because the date a permit is issued isn’t always the date the septic system was installed you may have to view lists from several different years to find the permit you’re looking for.

Hopefully this website will make finding the location of septic system components easier and more accurate and help you properly locate the wells you install. If you use this website before you go to a site you may be able to tell your customer where their septic system is - won’t that be a change!

If you need a permit for a system older than 2004 before we have all the files scanned we can still perform a search of the microfilm for you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need help accessing the website.
“Thank-you” Suppliers for your support with this year’s Spring Demo!

Enjoy your summer!
The next issue will be in the fall!

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