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Mark Your Calendars

MGWA 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. There are no director’s meetings in June, July & August.

Annual Meeting: January 23, 2020

Director’s Meetings: January 23, 2020

Well Driller’s Commission Meetings: 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

NGWA Groundwater Week: December 8-10, 2020 Las Vegas, NV For more info go to: www.ngwa.org If you would like to be a delegate, please contract a director.

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**Maine Ground Water Association**  
**Director’s Meeting**  
**September 9, 2019**  
**The Best Western Plus**  
**Waterville, ME**

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 6:25 p.m. with the following present: Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Joe Gallant, Jim Innis, Susan Smith, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, Mark Weeks, Trevor Gould, Ted McLeod and Scott Hodgdon.

Minutes: A motion by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Jim Innis to approve the May 11, 2019 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: None

Old Business: We are required to educate our customers about testing their water. The State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services will furnish us with pamphlets to hand out to our customers. A copy of the pamphlet will be added to the MGWA Website.

We reviewed a preliminary update on the MGWA Contract. Frank ask that we add waiver to cover more than well drilling, to include service work and a damage waiver.

Discussion on reciprocity with New Hampshire and on Rule Making at State

New Business: None

Membership applications: Jay Otis owner of S & J Property Services, LLC from Holden Maine for membership. He had not sent in an application, just an email. A motion made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Jim Innis, after discussion, failed 5 to 2 and 1 abstained.

Spring Demo: There was a discussion on spring demo ideas.

Legislative: LD873 passed. A copy will be in the next newsletter. It’s also available online. A motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Joe Gallant was unanimously approved.
**MGWA Director’s Meeting Minutes October 14, 2019**

**Maine Ground Water Association**
**Director’s Meeting**
**October 14, 2019**
**Best Western Plus**
**Waterville, ME**

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott Hodgdon at 6:05 pm with the following present: Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Jesse Goodwin, Trevor Gould, Jim Innis, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Michelle Weeks and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the September 9, 2019 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Michelle Weeks and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the October 14, 2019 treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: There was a discussion about reciprocity with New Hampshire, Frank is drafting a letter to the Commission.

There was a discussion on changes to the contract. A motion by Mark Taplin and seconded by Trevor Gould to table this until the next meeting was unanimously approved.

New Business: The insurance for Directors and Officers is up for renewal at $798. A motion by Mark Taplin and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to renew was unanimously approved.

Education Committee: Scott will be contacting Safetyworks and MMTA about speaking at our annual meeting. Meeting dates will be discussed after securing the speaker.

Legislative Committee: LD 873 has passed and there was a discussion with questions about the equipment being moved to personal property tax.

Membership applications: None

Nominating Committee: Scott appointed Jim, Trevor and himself to the nominating committee.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting.

**Date - TBD**

A motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Trevor Gould was unanimously approved.
### Commission Minutes June 12, 2019

#### MEETING MINUTES
**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

~~~ Well Driller’s Commission
18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg., Rm 109, Augusta, ME

**ATTENDEES:**
- Commission Members:
  - Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson
  - David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
  - Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
  - Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller
  - Joe Gallant Master Well Driller
  - Mike Otley Public Member

- Legal Counsel:
  - Mary & David Woodsome Well Complaint

- Guests:
  - Debbie Dyer Public
  - David Philbrook Well Inspector
  - Mary & David Woodsome Well Complaint

- Minutes Prepared By:
  - Tina Lemieux DWP Licensing Clerk, Commission Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS:** 9:03 am

**TOPIC:** Review of Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from May 8, 2019, meeting. **MOTION:** Mike Otley 2 ND: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

**TOPIC:** Exam Applications –

- BESSLER_WD02114 – PI-M examination; APPROVED
  - Approved by Commission; has more than 3 years to qualify to take exam and properly documents.

- Motion to approve application for examination.
  - **MOTION:** David Braley 2 ND: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous

- CARTMELL, Robert – reciprocity; DENIED
  - Denied by Commission; voted and denied reciprocity.

- Motion to approve the reciprocity application from NH for PI-M.
  - **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty 2 ND: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous

**TOPIC:** Specialty Well Application – Board Approvals

- MILLS-COMAC – commission review; APPROVED

- TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – In-House Approvals
  - KIMBALL-JH SWETT
  - KIRK-LORD
  - NESTLING PINES-BISSON
  - TONGE-SKILLINGS
  - BARLEY-SUNCO

**TOPIC:** Other Business None

**TOPIC:** Complaints

- CROUSE-WOODSOME – complaint, received 3-15-19; CLOSED – 6-12-19
  - MWWC Inspector sent to validate findings and report.
  - 5-8-19, awaiting for report and findings.
  - 6-12-19, results of inspection by David Philbrook
  - • questions were about depth, yield and amount of casing; well cap and invoice read differently; video and memo, depth finder on video

- Motion to reimburse homeowner ~$350.00, for overcharge of casing.
  - **MOTION:** Glenn Dyer 2 ND: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous

- JOHNSON-ACE – complaint, received 5-7-19; OPEN
  - July 10, 2018, a well was drilled on the property of Blanche Johnson by Peter Oakes of Ace Well Service Inc.
  - • Issue began January 30, 2019, of sediment and mud.
  - • 5-8-19, Commission unanimously decided to accept complaint.
  - • 6-12-19, results of inspection by David Philbrook
    - • Solution: to vacuum well, clear well of excessive debris; able to clear well, appeared to be sediment free; could not get "good" read from sonar equipment; multiple fractures; does not appear to be an emergency; send invitation for next meeting
  - Table until meeting next month, Wednesday, July 10.

- Motion to send a request of attendance to assess potential violations.

- **MOTION:** Glenn Dyer 2 ND: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous

**TOPIC:** Specialty Well Application – complaint, received 1-7-19; OPEN

- Civil Arms Inc sent video of plumbing fixture function at David Philbrook request:
  - • Commission Clerk reported a phone call from Mr. Philbrick sighting more time to assess well if the “fix” worked; he is sending Ted McLeod with camera sometime this week to video well; asks if David Philbrook would wait to inspect until after McLeod checks it for Mr. Philbrick;

- • Commission will give a week for confirmation. - Table until meeting next month, Wednesday, July 10.

- **PUTNAM-GALLANT** – complaint, received 5-4-18; OPEN
  - • complaint #1, closed; complaint #2, open; complaint #3, open; complaint #4, open;
  - MWWC Inspector received call from Mr. Putnam with update that technical issues are resolved.
  - 5-8-19, Dwight Doughty has offered to reach out to Mr. Putnam to find out if the issues have been resolved.
  - 6-12-19, send invitations to Morton and Putnam that the case will be reviewed at next meeting.

- Table until meeting next month, Wednesday, July 10.

- **ADJOURN:** 10:20 am, Motion to adjourn.

- **MOTION:** David Braley 2 nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous
FYI...

- If you need Setback Reduction or Specialty Well Applications, they are available for download at The Well Drillers Commission’s web site or by calling 207-287-2070.

- If you need Maine Geological Survey Well Forms, please call them at 207-287-2801.

- Contact a Commission member, if you think that anything in our rules needs to be added or changed. With a new Governor in office, please keep let us know if your hear of any new legislation.

- If you’re interested in being on the Commission, please contact Joe Gallant, a MGWA board member or the Commission. Joe Gallant’s term is up at the Commission.

- MGWA’s Website: If you would like your company to be added or need any changes on our website please contact us at: info@mainegroundwater.org. You need to be a member to be on our website and to use the MGWA logo.

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**We Need You!**

Do you want to be on the MGWA Board?
Please let us know.

The nomination Committee has the following:

- President Scott Hodgdon
- Vice President Ted McLeod
- Treasurer Scott Abbotts
- Secretary Susan Smith

Two Year Directors
- Ross Deschaine
- Jim Innis
- Joe Gallant

Nominations will also be made from the floor.

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## Commission Minutes July 10, 2019

### MEETING MINUTES
**Wednesday, July 10, 2019**

**Well Driller’s Commission 18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg., Rm 109, Augusta, ME**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Commission Members:**
- Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson
- David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
- Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS
- Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
- Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller
- Mike Otley Public Member

**Legal Counsel:**
- Margaret Machaiek Assistant Attorney General

**Guests:**
- Delwin Philbrick complainant
- Blanche Johnson complainant

**Minutes Prepared By:**
- Tina Lemieux DWP Licensing Clerk, Commission Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS: 9:03 AM**

### Review of Meeting Minutes:

- **Motion to accept the minutes from June 12, 2019, meeting.**
  - **MOTION:** Glenn Dyer 2 ND: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

### Exam Applications:
- NONE

### Specialty Well Applications:
- NONE

### SWA In-House Approvals:
- NONE

### HOLMES-WEEKS_SWA

### LANDRY-SKILLINGS_SWA

### Other Business:

**Discussion for Reciprocity Issue: Recap**

- o Reciprocity issue with New Hampshire – email rcvd 4-1-19
  - 5-8-19, Motion to accept reciprocity licensees and companies from New Hampshire.
  - **MOTION:** Glenn Dyer 2 ND: David Braley VOTE: 5 YEA / 2 NAY; ACCEPTED

### Examinations:
- NONE

### Specialty Well Applications:
- NONE

### SWA In-House Approvals:
- NONE

### HOLMES-WEEKS_SWA

### LANDRY-SKILLINGS_SWA

### OTHER BUSINESS:

- Motion to find if Well Drilling licensees from New Hampshire are of equal standard as Maine.
  - **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty 2 ND: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous

### Complaints:

1. **CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK – complaint, received 1-7-19; OPEN**
   - **Motion:** to send David Philbrook, Commission Inspector, to reinspect.
   - **Motion:** to table until meeting next month, Wednesday, August 14.

2. **JOHNSON-ACE – complaint, received 5-7-19; OPEN**
   - Mr. Philbrick pushed casing back down and had Mr. McLeod camera the well.
   - **Motion:** to send Dave Philbrook, Commission Inspector, to reinspect.
   - **Motion:** to table until meeting next month, Wednesday, August 14.

3. **PUTNAM-GALLANT – complaint, received 5-4-18; OPEN**
   - Dwight Doughty has offered to reach out to Mr. Putnam to find out if the issues have been resolved.
   - **Motion:** to table until meeting next month, Wednesday, August 14.

### Violation Assessments:

- **900.1 – not responding to complaint notice within 14 days.**
- **300.0 – All ethical violations; with exceptions of 300.3.3 and 300.3.4.**

### MOTIONS:

- **Motion:** to send David Philbrook to reinspect.
- **Motion:** to send Dave Philbrook, Commission Inspector, to reinspect.
- **Motion:** to table until meeting next month, Wednesday, August 14.

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**ADJOURN: 10:45 AM**
### Commission Minutes August 14 & September 11, 2019

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**  
***Maine Water Well Commission 18***  
Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg., Rm 109, Augusta, ME

**ATTENDEES:**  
Commission Members:  
Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson  
David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC  
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller  
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller  
Mike Otley Public Member  
Joe Gallant Master Well Driller

Legal Counsel:  
Margaret Machaiek Assistant Attorney General  
Guests:  
Peter Morton Complainant  
Timothy Putnam Complainant  
Delwin Philbrick Complainant  
Debbie Dyer Public  
Tera Pare Enforcement Coordinator  
David Philbrook MWWC Inspector

Minutes Prepared By:  
Tina Lemieux DWP Licensing Clerk, Commission Clerk

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**PROCEDINGS: 9:00 AM**

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from July 10, 2019, meeting.

- **MOTION:** Glenn Dyer 2ND: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications: NONE

Specialty Well Applications: NONE

SWA In-House Approvals:

- **CARION-AFFORDABLE_SWA**
- **DORION-BURNS_SWA**
- **PROCTOR-LORD_SWA**
- **RIZZO-GOODWIN_SWA**
- **WEBB-LORD_SWA**

Other Business:

1. Discussion for Reciprocity Issue: Recap  
   - Commission in discussions with New Hampshire to resolve issues  
   - Reciprocity candidates have decided to not receive reimbursement for paid fees  
   - but to wait for the Commission to resolve reciprocity issues

2. Proposed Draft Rule Changes – David Braley  
   - David Braley and Tera Pare, Enforcement Coordinator  
   - head discussions about rules and process for changes

Complaints:

1. **JOHNSON-ACE (OAKES)** – complaint, received 5-7-19; OPEN  
   - David Philbrook, MWWC Inspector; * (video sent to DOT photo lab, link to download in email sent to members, 8-8-19)  
   - o 32’ of fill still at bottom

- **SLEEVE** has hole in the side, liner leaking

- **Joe Gallant** and Frank Hegarty offered to go out reassess the well and do what needs to be done, with understanding of not being reimbursed  
  - Commission has found no violation for Ace Well Drilling

- **No fault**, but well is still deficient for household purposes - No Motion; Table until meeting next month, Wednesday, September 11, with report from Joe Gallant and Frank Hegarty

2. **CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK** – complaint, received 1-7-19; OPEN  
   - David Philbrook, MWWC Inspector; * (video sent to DOT photo lab, link to download in email sent to members, 8-8-19)  
   - o Sleeve is leaking, has been pushed down 10’ since last inspection

- **Bore is irregular with vertical fractures**

- **Water quality has improved, but still leaking and borehole not smooth**  
  - Motion to have Delwin Philbrick fix remaining problems, reassess well problems  
  - **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

- **Table until meeting next month, Wednesday, September 11**

3. **PUTNAM-GALLANT** – complaint, initial complaint received 5-4-18; OPEN  
   - o complaint #1, closed; complaint #2, open; complaint #3, open; complaint #4, open;  
   - -Issue identified as electrical, homeowner does not have “solar” power running  
   - -Homeowner responsibility to have electrical source running to power well  
   - -Driller willing to power up well pump when homeowner has source of electricity

Motion to table complaint until homeowner reports back to Commission with results of power up

- **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty 2ND: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous

- Homeowner and Driller will resolve concern together

When it has been powered up and running, report back to Commission with results

Motion to adjourn.

- **MOTION:** Mike Otley 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURN: 11:20 AM

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### MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**  
***Maine Water Well Commission 18***  
Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg., Rm 109, Augusta, ME

**ATTENDEES:**  
Commission Members:  
Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson  
David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC  
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller  
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Legal Counsel:  
Margaret Machaiek Assistant Attorney General  
Guests:  
Debbie Dyer Public  
Tina Lemieux DWP Licensing Clerk, Commission Clerk

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The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 6:21 pm with the following present: Scott Abbotts, Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Jesse Goodwin, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Susan Smith, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Mark Weeks and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the October 14, 2019 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Mark Weeks and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the November 20, 2019 treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: There was a discussion about reciprocity with New Hampshire, this change has been put on hold with the Commission.

New Business: There will be changes to the Well Driller’s and Pump Installer’s Rules this coming year. IGSHPA has a new book out. There was a discussion about making changes to the test.

Education Committee: MMTA will be hosting our annual meeting. Scott will contact them about the date.

There was a discussion about Geoprobe coming to the Spring Demo.

Legislative Committee: LD 873 has passed and there was a discussion with questions about the equipment being moved to personal property tax again.

Membership applications: None

Nominating Committee: There was a discussion about new directors.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting. Date - TBD

A motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm made by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Jesse Goodwin was unanimously approved.
Commission Minutes Continued

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:02 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from August 14, 2019, meeting.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2 nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications: NONE

Specialty Well Applications: NONE

SWA In-House Approvals:
NAHORNEY-H2O_SWA
HIGGINS-WEEKS_SWA
SMITH-AFFORDABLE_SWA
CARLISLE-HANSCOM_SWA
HOLTZMAN-GOODWIN_SWA
STEINER-GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business:

1. Discussion for Reciprocity Issue: CLOSED

-Through talks with interested parties in New Hampshire and Maine, the Commission will not be offering reciprocity to New Hampshire well drillers and pump installers, individuals, or companies, but they may submit licensing applications to be reviewed by the Commission to sit for the exam process.

-Recent reciprocity applicants will be refunded their License Fees.

2. Discussion of possible O’Connor/Libby probation violation

-O’Connor has been seen drilling before probation end, August 18, 2019.

-Discussion of, how to proceed?

-Will discuss more at next meeting, October 9, 2019.

Complaints:

1. JOHNSON-ACE (OAKES) -- complaint, received 5-7-19; CLOSED

-Joe Gallant and Frank Hegarty have revisited Mrs. Johnson to fix well problems for no pay.

-Well issue resolved and is functional to full capacity.

2. CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK -- complaint, received 1-7-19; CLOSED, pending

-Issue closed pending report from Mr. Philbrook, inspector.

ADJOURN: 10:55 AM
MGWA Annual Meeting
January 23, 2020

Maine Motor Transport Association
142 Whitten Road, Augusta, ME

Company Name: _____________________________

Number Attending: ____________________________

Please RSVP by January 16, 2020

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