Thank You, Tim Doyle from Maine Motor Transport!

Mark Your Calendars

MGWA Director’s Meetings are being held Via Zoom. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. There are typically no director’s meetings in June, July & August. Please check with the website, your email, or contact a director for more info.

**Director’s Meetings:**
- May 20, September 16, October 21, November 18

**Spring Demo:** Dual Rotary Demo, by Chad Grignon of Pine State Drilling at Evergreens Campground, Solon, Maine on June 15, 2024. Information & Sign-up on back page.

**MGWA 3rd Annual Golf Scramble and Lunch:** September 2024, at Turner Highlands, 10 Highland Avenue, Turner, ME

**Well Driller’s Commission Meetings:**
The Maine Water Well Commission meets monthly at 9:00 am every 2nd Wednesday. The venue of the meeting will be announced after each meeting. In-Person Meetings: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME. Virtual Meetings: info can be found at the commission website. For questions on Commission business call The Drinking Water Program at 207-287-2070 or visit the website at: [http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/wellDrillers.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/wellDrillers.shtml)

**NGWA Groundwater Week:** Please let a director know if you would like to be a delegate.
- Las Vegas, Nevada December 10-12, 2024
- New Orleans, Louisiana December 9-11, 2025

For more info please go to: [https://groundwaterweek.com/](https://groundwaterweek.com/)

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For information on this newsletter contact Susan Smith at info@mainegroundwater.org
The Annual Meeting was called to order by Vice President Justin Lanphier of Hatch Well Drilling at 10:01 A.M. with the following present, Susan Smith of Hansen’s Well Drilling, Inc., Ross Deschaine & Terri Deschaine of Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, Inc., Scott Abbotts of Goodwin Well & Water, Riley DeLisle & Elisha Hopkins of Hatch Well Drilling, Noah Rolfe of Kennebec Well Drilling, Frank Hegarty of Hegarty Plumbing & Heating, Rick Schrepper & Mitch Woodbury of Preferred Pump, Scott Hodgdon of Hodgdon Well, Randy Marquis & Aidan Walker of Marquis Well & Pump, Mark Weeks & Michelle Weeks of Weeks & Sons, and Chad Grignon & Veronique Grignon of Pine State Drilling.

Minutes: A motion made by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023, Annual Meeting was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: A motion made by Noah Rolfe and seconded by Mitch Woodbury to approve the MGWA Annual 2023 Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved. Frank Hegarty and Mitch Woodbury reviewed the Annual Treasurer’s books and found everything in order.

Old Business: Discussion on drill rig overweight issues. Directors had voted to not pursue the overweight legislation. Chad Grignon thinks that we should pursue it. Vice President Justin Lanphier formed the following committee Chad Grignon, Scott Abbotts, Noah Rolfe, and Frank Hearty.

New Business: None

Membership Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Frank Hegarty, Justin Lanphier, Scott Hodgdon & Noah Rolfe) NEWWA Member(s): Frank Hegarty

Education/Outing Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Jesse Goodwin, Mitch Woodbury & Rick Schrepper) MGWA 3rd Annual Golf Tournament is September 2024, more info will follow. Discussion on holding spring demo of having Johnson Well Screen, Geoprobe and/or Chad Grignon dual rotary drill rig.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) Frank Hegarty reported that the commission is still working on legislation, complaints and he stated that the hearing process has been changed by the State of Maine Supreme Court. Frank also stated that the commission told them that they are not supposed to be on trade associations while serving on the commission.

Election of Board: Committee is Board of Directors: Nominations were opened from the floor. Nominations from the floor were closed with none. A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Scott Abbotts to close nominations was unanimously approved. A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded Scott Abbotts to cast one ballot to vote the Slate from the nomination committee of; President Jesse Goodwin, Vice President, Justin Lanphier, Treasurer, Scott Abbotts, and Secretary Susan Smith, Past President is Scott Hodgdon, and the following three of Chad Grignon, Frank Hegarty, and Noah Rolfe for two-year term of director was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn at 11:14 A.M. made by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Terry Deschaine was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary
# MGWA Annual Treasurer’s Report

## Annual Treasurer’s Report Worksheet 2023

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The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by Vice President Justin Lanphier at 11:30 a.m. with the following attending, Scott Abbotts, Frank Hagerty, Susan Smith, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Hodgdon, Noah Rolfe, and Chad Grignon.

Minutes: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Noah Rolfe to approve the January 8, 2024, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Education/Spring Demo Committee: Discussion on what to do for a spring demo.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) Commission is reviewing rules. Frank reported that there may be an issue with commission board members being on a trade board.

NEWWA Director(s): (Frank Hegarty)

Outing/Golfing Committee: (Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Abbotts, and Dan Crowley) MGWA 3rd Annual Golf Tournament has been scheduled for September 2024.

Membership Applications Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Frank Hegarty, Justin Lanphier, Scott Hodgdon and Noah Rolfe)

Nomination Committee:

Annual Meeting:

Next Meeting(s): Meetings are typically held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom.

March 18, April 15, May 20, September 16, October 21, November 18

Adjourn: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded Mitch Woodbury was unanimously approved to adjourn at 11:41 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Susan Smith, Secretary

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The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Jesse Goodwin at 6:34 p.m. with the following attending, Justin Lanphier, Susan Smith, Mitch Woodbury, Chad Grignon, Meaghan Knowlton, Glenn Dyer, and Randy Marquis. A motion by Mitch Woodbury and seconded by Meaghan Knowlton to start the meeting was unanimously approved.

Minutes: A motion by Justin Lanphier and seconded by Mitch Woodbury to approve the February 7, 2024, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Education/Spring Demo Committee: Chad Grignon is willing to demo his drill rig and has a few locations picked out. Discussion on where, when, inviting non-members, ordering MGWA t-shirts & hats, raffle, and a meal.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) New Legislation to rule changes to be voted on. New literature on hydro-fracking and clearing up vague rules.

NEWWA Director(s): (Frank Hegarty) Show and attendance was good.

Outing/Golfing Committee: (Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Abbotts, and Dan Crowley) MGWA 3rd Annual Golf Tournament has been scheduled for September 2024.

Membership Applications Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Frank Hegarty, Justin Lanphier, Scott Hodgdon and Noah Rolfe)

Nomination Committee: TBA

Annual Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting(s): Meetings are typically held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom. April 15, May 20, September 16, October 21, November 18

Adjourn: A motion by Meaghan Knowlton and seconded Justin Lanphier was unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
Via Zoom
April 22, 2024

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Jesse Goodwin at 6:35 p.m. with the following attending, Justin Lanphier, Susan Smith, Mitch Woodbury, Chad Grignon, Austin Beverage, Noah Rolfe, and Scott Hodgdon. A motion by Noah Rolfe and seconded by Justin Lanphier to start the meeting was unanimously approved.

Minutes: A motion by Mitch Woodbury and seconded by Justin Lanphier to approve the March 18, 2024, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Austin Beverage to approve the treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None
New Business: None
Education/Spring Demo Committee: Chad Grignon has found a place to hold the spring demo. It’s at Evergreens Campground in Solon with a tentative date of June 15, 2024. A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Noah Rolfe to have MGWA pay for costs of well supplies, food, tent, tables, chairs, porta potty’s, well screen, K-Packer, casing & supplies, T-shirts, raffle items, 50/50 raffle, etc., and ask for a donation for food was unanimously approved. Discussion on T-shirts, MGWA logo and quality and planning. People could also contact the campground and camp out. A motion by Chad Grignon and seconded by Austin Beverage to set a budget figure of not over $18,000 was unanimously approved. Jesse Goodwin appointed the Board of Directors to be the spring demo sub-committee. A sub-committee meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) Jesse reported that Commission is working on complaints and rulemaking.

New Business:

Outing/Golfing Committee: (Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Abbotts, and Dan Crowley) MGWA 3rd Annual Golf Tournament has been scheduled for September 2024.

Membership Applications Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Frank Hegarty, Justin Lanphier, Scott Hodgdon and Noah Rolfe)

Nomination Committee: TBA

Annual Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting(s): Meetings are typically held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom. May 20, September 16, October 21, November 18

Adjourn: A motion by Justin Lanphier and seconded Austin Beverage was unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary
Meeting – HYBRID (In-Person/ZOOM)
18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT
Alex Pugh, Hydrogeologist, DWP
Jessica Meeks Hydrogeologist, MGS
Jesse Goodwin Master Well Driller
Mike Otley Public Member
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
(ZOOM) Guests:
Margaret Machaiek AAG

MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Meeting – HYBRID (In-Person/ZOOM)
18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT
Alex Pugh, Hydrogeologist, DWP
Jessica Meeks Hydrogeologist, MGS
Jesse Goodwin Master Well Driller
Mike Otley Public Member
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
(ZOOM) Guests:
Margaret Machaiek AAG

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:
- Wednesday, November 8, 2023
– Monthly Meeting – (In-Person/ZOOM)

Motion to advance the minutes.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Alex Pugh
VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:
1. RILEY DELISLE_WD02365 (P) Journeyman) - *(Effective Date: 7-7-2022)
  - approved
  ☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Jesse Goodwin
 VOTE: Unanimous

2. RYAN STEVENSON_WD00559 (WD-Master) - *(Effective Date: 11-2-2011)
  - approved
  ☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Jesse Goodwin
 VOTE: Unanimous

3. LOGAN CUMMINGS_WD02313 (WD-Journeyman) - *(Effective Date: 4-20-2021)
  - approved
  ☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Jesse Goodwin
 VOTE: Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House

Approval:
1. BOHLING-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA

Other Business:
1. EXAMS: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 10 am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email
   ☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Alex Pugh
 VOTE: Unanimous

2. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: Re-submission of Appointment Packets
   a. If you turned one in more than a year ago please recreate a new packet.
   i. Go To: Process | Office of Governor Janet T. Mills (maine.gov)
   1. “Personal Boards,” print and complete paperwork
   2. Submit completed packet via email to:

   Melissa A. O’Neal-Low, Director
   Boards and Commissions
   Office of the Governor, State House Station 1, Augusta, ME 04333
   207-287-3543 – o; 207-287-1034 – f;
   207-441-6735 - m
   Melissa.Oneal-Low@maine.gov

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

DWP (Tufts) - A-Z WATER SYSTEMS – complaint, rcvd 9-13-22 – OPEN (9-14-22)
5-10-23, Motion to assess violations, points, and associated fines for A-Z Water Systems Inc.
- Alex Pugh/Ryan Gordon – 6 yea/1 recused *(Frank Hegarty)
- 6-7-23, Notice of Violations, sent
- 6-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting July 2023
- Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley – Unanimous
- 6-29-23, Response Email, A-Z Water Systems – appealing decision
- 7-12-23, Future headings for complaints, use program/business title and contact representative in parentheses. *(copies of response letters available at the next meeting)
- 8-9-23, A-Z Water System will be appealing the complaint.
- 10-11-23, Pending Fair Hearing: pre-hearing, and hearing
- 12-5-23, withdrawal of appeal pending on receipt of fines, $1000.00

**HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-09-21 – OPEN**
- 11-10-21, complaint accepted

- 06-14-23, *Follow-up; Dwight Doughty to contact Carmel Well Drilling.
- 06-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting July 2023
- Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley - Unanimous
- 7-12-23, Motion to 1) get spring sample, 2) void or deny SWA, 3) send letter: in violation of agreement and violation points will be discussed at next meeting.
- Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley - Unanimous

Lab Reports received to date:
- 9-11-2022, Lab Report, rcvd 2/14/23, Fall 2022
- 6-20-2023, Lab Report, rcvd 7/14/23, Spring 2023
- 9-26-2023, Lab Report, rcvd 9/28/23, Fall 2023
- 10-11-23, Pending completion of water samples of well, one more sample to do Spring 2024.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

FAIR HEARINGS:

HINTON - AFFORDABLE – complaint
rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN
- 11-10-2021, Complaint accepted
- 11-22-2021, Response, HINTON-AFFORDABLE CMPLT
- 01-05-2022, Inspection, Philbrook, HINTON-AFFORDABLE CMPLT
- 01-10-2022, Hegarty Pics, Hinton Property
- 05-05-2022, Violation Ltr, Affordable
- 05-23-2022, Appeal Response Ltr, Affordable
- 10-16-2023, Pre-hearing conference, recorded
- 1-24-2024, Hearing scheduled at: 18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, January 10 2024 – (In-Person/ZOOM)
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 9:41 am

Motion to Adjourn.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Frank Hegarty
VOTE: Unanimous

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MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Friday, January 26, 2024
Emergency Meeting – via Zoom

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair)
Hydrogeologist, DOT
Alex Pugh, Hydrogeologist, DWP
Jessica Meeks, Hydrogeologist, MGS
Jesse Goodwin, Master Well Driller
Mike Otley, Public Member
Frank Hegarty, Master Well Driller

Guests:
Margaret Machaiek, AAG
Tammy Steuber, DHHS
Legal Coordinator

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 8:00 am

"I move that we enter executive session for the purpose of consulting with the Commission’s attorney concerning settlement of contemplated litigation and the legal rights and duties of the Commission with respect to the Hinton/Affordable complaint pursuant to Title 1, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph E."

MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Mike Otley
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 10:00 AM

MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Meeting – IN-PERSON / ZOOM
18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair)
Hydrogeologist, DOT
Alex Pugh, Hydrogeologist, DWP
Jesse Goodwin, Master Well Driller
Mike Otley, Public Member
Frank Hegarty, Master Well Driller

(ZOOM) Guests:
Margaret Machaiek, AAG
Jessica Meeks, Hydrogeologist, MGS

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:06 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:
*Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – Monthly Meeting – (In-Person/ZOOM)
*Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – Meeting Cancelled, due to storm
*Friday, January 26, 2024 – Emergency Meeting (Executive Session) (ZOOM)

Motion to accept the minutes.
*MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Jesse Goodwin
VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:
DEVIN MEDCOFF_WD02199
Motion to approve.
*MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Jesse Goodwin
VOTE: Unanimous

Motion to approve.
*MOTION: Jesse Goodwin 2nd: Alex Pugh
VOTE: Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. LAPIONTE-GOODWIN_SWA
2. MCCONARTY-LORD_SWA
3. SEABORNE-GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business:
1. EXAMS: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 10 am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. GAP MOUNTAIN DRILLING – GARTH DUBOIS – *joining online
   a. Issue: Does a company license need the Responsible Master of the company to possess both a Well Driller and Pump Installer – Master License?
      i. Has company license for Maine (WD CO, PI CO)
      ii. Has individual license for Maine (WD-M, only)
   b. What can Gap Mtn do to become compliant?

   COMPANY: GAP MOUNTAIN DRILLING LLC / WD CO, PI CO / EXP 2023
   INDIVIDUAL: CHRISTOPHER BERNIER_WD02040 / WD-M, O-GTE / EXP 2023
   *
   ?? NO MASTER PUMP INSTALLER FOR COMPANY ??

Tabled until next meeting, 3-12-24.

- Gap Mountain did not show for the meeting.
- Commission will accept an application for the PI-M and demonstration of experience for Pump Installing.
- Commission will review at next meeting, (reciprocity, experience, and licensure in good standing).
- Cite 202.0 of Rules and Regulations

1. CEC – ANNUAL REPORTS
   a. The 2023 CEC Annual Reports have been filed *(see handout)
- Commission reviewed; Annual report of spending for year of 2023.

2. RECIPROCITY – Alex Pugh
   a. Dmitry Kuravskiy, Cielus Energy, and College of the Atlantic in Maine. *(see handout)

   - Commission discussed issue; more information is needed to decide.
   - There are other cases of companies that are exclusively Geothermal Companies and individuals that are Geothermal Masters. *(Sima Drilling Company Inc and Wragg Bros of VT).

3. Meeting Date Change: April 10, 2024
   a. ISSUE: The Affordable hearing has been rescheduled to April 10th at 9:00. ~ Tammy Steuber
   b. Same date as MWWC Monthly Meeting.

   - Commission discussed issue; will decide to reschedule or not, closer to proposed date.

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

   5-10-23, Motion to assess violations, points, and associated fines for A-Z Water Systems Inc.
   o Alex Pugh/Ryan Gordan - 6 yea/1 re-sued (Frank Hegarty)
   - 6-7-23, Notice of Violations, sent
   - 6-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting July 2023
   o Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley — Unanimous
   - 6-29-23, Response Email, A-Z Water Systems – appealing decision
   - 7-12-23, Future headings for complaints use program/business title and contact representative in parentheses. *(copies of response letters available at the next meeting)
   - 8-9-23, A-Z Water System will be appealing the complaint.
   - 10-11-23, Pending Fair Hearing; pre-hearing and hearing
   - 12-5-23, withdrawal of appeal pending on receipt of fines, $1000.00.

Motion to close complaint.

*MOTION: Jesse Goodwin 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

**HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-09-21 – OPEN**
   - 11-10-21, complaint accepted
   - 11-10-21, complaint tabled
   - 06-14-23, *Follow-up; Dwight Doughty to contact Carmel Well Drilling.
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   o Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley - Unanimous
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   - 9-11-2023, Lab Report, rcvd 2/14/23, Fall 2022
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   - 10-11-23, Pending completion of water samples of well, one more sample to do Spring 2024.

FAIR HEARINGS:

HINTON- AFFORDABLE – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN
   - 11-10-2021, Complaint accepted
   - 11-22-2021, Response, HINTON-AFFORDABLE COMPLT
   - 01-05-2022, Inspection, Philbrook, HINTON-AFFORDABLE COMPLT
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MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – (In-Person/Zoom)
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

**MOTION: Jesse Goodwin 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 9:55 am
Motion to adjourn.

* MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
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Meeting – IN-PERSON / ZOOM
18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair)
Hydrogeologist, DOT
Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP
Jessica Meeks Hydrogeologist, MGS
Jesse Goodwin Master Well Driller
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
Edward Bowie Master Well Driller
Mike Otley Public Member

(ZOOM) Guests:
Margaret Machaiek AAG
Tammy Steuber Hearings Coordinator

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:
- Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Monthly Meeting – (In-Person/ZOOM)

Motion to accept the minutes.

☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:
1. DMITRY KURAVSKIY - reciprocity candidate, Geothermal – Master - APPROVED

Motion to approve.

☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-
House Approval:
1. DANNER-WESTERN_SWA

Other Business:
1. EXAMS: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 10 am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. RECIPROCITY – Alex Pugh
a. Dmitry Kuravskiy, Celius Energy, and College of the Atlantic in Maine. *(see handout)

- Commission discussed issue; more information is needed to decide.

- There are other cases of companies that are exclusively Geothermal Companies and individuals that are Geothermal Masters. *(examples: Sima Drilling Company Inc and Wragg Bros of VT).

- 3-13-24 – Approved: Dmitry Kuravskiy, reciprocity license for Geothermal Company and Geothermal Individual Licenses.

3. Meeting Date Change: April 10, 2024 and April 17, 2024
a. ISSUE: The Affordable hearing has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 10th at 9:00 am – Tammy Steuber
b. MVWWC Monthly Meeting date change to: Wednesday, April 17th at 9:00 am

4. Commission Member Terms:

*Commission Members: Jesse Goodwin & Mike Otley were renewed with everyone else but received a short expiration of term.

a. Dwight Doughty, Chair - will contact Governor’s Office to rectify term issue.

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION 2024
Appt Date EXPIRE
SEAT 1 ALEX PUGH (David Braley)
SEAT 2 JESSICA MEEKS 10/16/23
SEAT 3 DWIGHT DOUGHTY
SEAT 4 FRANK HEGARTY 1/25/24-1/28/2026
SEAT 5 JESSE GOODWIN 1/25/24-10/10/2024
SEAT 6 EDWARD BOWIE 1/25/24-11/28/2026
SEAT 7 MICHAEL OTLEY 1/25/24-10/10/2024

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a. Alex Pugh - will contact Carmel WD to get Spring 2024 sample.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

☐ MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion: Alex Pugh 2nd: Jesse Goodwin Vote: Unanimous

"I move that we enter executive session for the purpose of discussing with the hearing coordinator concerning settlement of contemplated litigation and the legal rights and duties of the Commission with respect to the Affordable / Hinton complaint pursuant to Title 1, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph E."

Entered Executive Session: 9:20 am
Exited Executive Session: 9:50 am

*Monthly Meeting resumed.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

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ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 9:55 am
Motion to Adjourn.  ☐ MOTION: Dwight Doughty 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

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Yearly Advertising Rates
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Email your ad copy to: info@mainegroundwater.org
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- Maine Motor Transport Association Training & Event Schedule and Intrastate Compliance Checklist within 100 air miles can be located at www.mmta.com or by calling 207-623-4128.

- The MGWA and The Water Well Drilling Commission are two separate entities. The MGWA mission is to support its members, and The Well Driller’s Commission mission is to support the consumer.

- Consider attending the Maine Water Well Commission meetings and the MGWA Meetings.

- Well drilling machines are exempt from filing IRS Form 2290. Please go to IRS publication i2290 and look at page 3, Vehicles not considered highway motor vehicles, to find more info. There is a link to this publication on MGWA website.

- 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 or info on filing them online, please call 207-287-2801. Please complete the Maine Geological Survey Well Forms. Don’t be the reason we get legislation and/or permits.

- 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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**Suppliers, Please consider giving a Company Sponsorship, Donation and/or Raffle Item(s) for our Spring Demo on June 15, 2024.**
MGWA Spring Demo
June 15, 2024

Dual Rotary Demonstration
by Chad Grignon of Pine State Drilling
at Evergreens Campground & Restaurant
202 Ferry Street, Solon, Maine
www.evergreenscampground.com
207-643-2324

7:30AM-8:30AM Coffee & Donuts
8:30AM-Noon Demonstration
Noon Lunch & Raffles

*Please RSVP for lunch and raffle by May 22, 2024*

Come stay the weekend. The campground contact info is above.
It's first come, first serve.

Company Name: _____________________________________________________________________
Name: _____________________________________________Steak___Chicken___T-shirt Size_____
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