MAINE GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2023 EDITION

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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: Via Zoom at 6:30 PM on September 11, October 16, November 20

MGWA 2nd Annual Golf Scramble and Lunch: September Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Turner Highlands, 10 Highland Avenue, Turner, ME  More info coming.

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

NGWA Groundwater Week: Las Vegas, Nevada December 5-7, 2023 For more info please go to: https://groundwaterweek.com/

Find us on the Web at: mainegroundwater.org
For information on this newsletter contact Susan Smith at info@mainegroundwater.org
Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
February 6, 2023
In Person at The Best Western Plus in Waterville

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by Jesse Goodwin at 2:21 p.m. with the following present: Justin Lanphier, Scott Abbotts, Susan Smith, Noah Rolfe, Frank Hegarty, Trevor Gould, and Mitch Woodbury from Preferred Pump.

Minutes: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the December 12, 2022, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Education Committee: Frank Hegarty will contact Chad Grignon of Pine State Drilling, to see if he would be willing to demonstrate his dual rotary drill rig.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin)

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 2:38 p.m. was made by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Frank Hegarty was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
March 20, 2023
Via Zoom

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by VP Justin Lanphier at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Scott Abbotts, Susan Smith, Noah Rolfe, Frank Hegarty, Austin Beverage, Randy Marquis, Meaghan Knowlton, Trevor Gould, Mitch Woodbury from Preferred Pump, and Jesse Goodwin arrived to meeting late.

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

Treasurers Report: A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Noah Rolfe to approve Treasurer’s report was unanimously approved. Scott reported dues and advertising are coming in. The new website is working well, members are paying online. There have been a few errors, but it seems to be good so far. We are trying to migrate the GoDaddy over to the Wild Apricot.

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Old Business:

New Business: Scott Abbotts will pay each of the delegates $200 for attending the National Ground Water Association delegates meeting in Vegas. Mitch is going to post the MGWA meeting and info on Facebook drillers page.

Education Committee: Frank Hegarty and Ted Rolfe spoke with Chad Grignon of Pine State Drilling, and he agreed to demonstrate his dual rotary drill rig, if the Association can find a place to drill a well and hold the demo. Chad wants to be sure people don’t stand too close to his equipment, while it’s running. The Association may get a hold of Habitat for Humanity to see if that’s an option. Frank will reach out to Chad. Discussion on Association should pay for Chad’s costs of drilling. We’ll try to get suppliers and drillers to donate.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin)
Frank and Jesse reported the Commission is still working on complaints. The Commission has a new inspector. Frank stated members should attend the Commission meetings. The Commission must vote to bring a complaint forward to discuss the issue. Discussion on members being on both the MGWA Board and the MWWC board. This has been something that has been in place for years. Board members don’t see it as an disadvantage, but as an advantage to report back and forth to each board. It is important to have drillers on the Commission. Please contact Frank and Jesse if you have any concerns about either board.

NEWWA Directors: (Frank Hegarty & Scott Abbotts) Scott Abbotts attended as a director. Scott reported he thought attendance was down. Frank said he spoke to NGWA and asked them to consider to have the certification test available at the NEWWA spring demo.

Outing Committee: (Jesse Goodwin, Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Abbotts and Dan Crowley)
MGWA 2nd annual Golf Tournament is September 14, at Turner Highlands. There will be more information coming.

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

Nomination Committee:
Next Meeting(s) will be held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., April 17, May 15, September 18, October 16, November 20

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. was made by Frank Hagerty and seconded Meaghan Knowlton was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
April 17, 2023
Via Zoom

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by Past President Scott Hodgdon at 6:36 p.m. with the following Board Members attending: Scott Abbotts, Susan Smith, Noah Rolfe, Austin Beverage, Meaghan Knowlton, and Mitch Woodbury and member Randy Marquis.

(Continued on page 4)
Minutes: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Noah Rolfe to approve the March 20, 2023, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Meaghan Knowlton to approve Treasury’s report was unanimously approved. Scott Abbotts reported that he paid the delegates, had some bank fees and that he will dues reminders soon.

Old Business: Scott Abbotts paid delegates for attending NGWA delegates meeting.

New Business:

Education Committee: Mitch will call Chad Grignon and plan for the spring demo in 2024.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin)

NEWWA Directors: (Frank Hegarty & Scott Abbotts)

Outing/Golfing Committee: (Jesse Goodwin, Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Abbotts, and Dan Crowley) MGWA 2nd annual Golf Tournament is September 14, at Turner Highlands. The committee may plan to have dinner, after the Golf Tournament, so members can attend even if they don’t golf. There will be more information coming.

Membership Applications Committee: (Scott Abbots, Frank Hegarty, Justin Lapthier, Scott Hodgdon and Noah Rolfe)

Nomination Committee: TBD

Next Meeting(s) will be held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., May 15, September 18, October 16, November 20

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. was made by Scott Abbotts and seconded Meaghan Knowlton was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

Maine Ground Water Association Director’s Meeting 
May 15, 2023
Via Zoom

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Jesse Goodwin at 6:32 p.m. with the following Board Members attending, Scott Abbotts, Susan Smith, Noah Rolfe, Meaghan Knowlton, Frank Hagerty, Scott Hodgdon, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Hodgdon, and member Randy Marquis and Danny Crowley.

Minutes: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Mitch Woodbury to approve the April 17, 2023, Director’s Meeting minutes was approved, Jesse Goodwin and Frank Hagerty abstained from the vote because they were not at the meeting.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Noah Rolfe to approve Treasury’s report was unanimously approved. Scott Abbotts reported dues are still coming in and we are still having issues with the new MGWA Website.

Old Business: None

New Business: Frank Hagerty will get Barry Sandford’s Honorary Membership Plaque and give it to him.

Education Committee: Frank Hagarty will speak with Chad Grignon and schedule the spring demo for 2024.

Commission/ Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) Jesse reported that the Commission is bogged down and stuck with complaints and definitions with varied opinions. Rules state that a journeyman or master must directly supervise an apprentice, which carries through with the electricians’ and plumbers’ rules, and there are some decisions that are saying that’s not necessarily true. Jesse and Frank are frustrated with some of the new opinions on rules. One board member stated he may resign. The attorney general’s office has changed how the Commission process operates and there have been three attorneys on the Commission and now there is a new one that must get up to speed. There is a parallel set of rules and regulations for the Drinking Water Program that do not necessarily agree with the commission rules. There can be a violation of the Commission rules and the Drinking Water Program can grant a variance. There are complaints that the AG’s office does not pursue because they do not have the resources. Maine Geological Survey is also having issues with their software program. Frank and Jesse encourage people to attend the Commission meetings. When Frank first got on the commission, they did not have an inspector and the Commission members got business cards and now the AG’s office has asked the Commission members not to act as an inspector. In the past if a Commission member caught someone doing a violation or got involved with an issue, they would recuse themselves. MGWA used to be able to give an opinion on any proposed rule changes and that is no longer the case until there is a public comment period. There are more people taking exams and getting licensed.

NEWWA Directors: (Frank Hegarty & Scott Abbotts)

Outing/Golfing Committee: (Jesse Goodwin, Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury, Scott Abbotts, and Dan Crowley) MGWA 2nd annual Golf Tournament is September 14, at Turner Highlands. The committee is meeting on Thursday.

Membership Applications Committee: (Scott Abbots, Frank Hegarty, Justin Lapthier, Scott Hodgdon and Noah Rolfe)

Nomination Committee: TBD

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Adjourn: A motion by Meaghan Knowlton and seconded Frank Hagerty was unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary
Maine Ground Water Association  
Annual Treasurer’s Report 2022  

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Respectfully Submitted:

Scott C. Abbotts  
Treasurer
Commission Minutes

MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
(IN-PERSON)
Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT
Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP
Ryan Gordon Hydrogeologist, MGS
Mike Otley Public Member
(ZOOM)
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

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

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Monthly Meeting *(HYBRID)
   ☑ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: unanimous

Exam Applications:
1. AIDAN WALKER_WD02335 - WD-J / PI-J
   Motion to accept candidate to sit for the exam.
   ☑ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: unanimous

2. RANDY SAUCIER_WD02294 - WD-J / PI-J
   Motion to accept candidate to sit for the exam.
   ☑ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. LILLY-HANSENS_SWA

Other Business:
1. EXAMS: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. INQUIRY: Tina Lemieux
   FG SULLIVAN DRILLING CO INC_WDC0078 / WD CO, PI CO / EXP 2023
   FRANCIS G SULLIVAN JR_WD00252 / WD-M / EXP 2023

*The Commission ruled that Mr. Sullivan will submit an exam application and follow the process to take the exam for PI-M.

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

a. 9-14-22, complaints accepted
1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER
   ME0092430
2. SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855 - closed,
   *(12-14-22)
   b. 10-6-22, Notification Letter sent via email and regular mail, has 14-days to respond
   c. 10-12-22, Alex Pugh reached out to DEP and Plumbing Board and reported,
   i. Plumbing Board stated, “A-Z was not the last to touch the well.”
   d. 10-20-22, Response Letter, Heidi Levesque
   e. 11-9-22,
   1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER – ME0092430
   2. SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855 - closed, *(12-14-22)

Carl Levesque: statements
- Jed Haws - approved and inspected
- Kate Tufts - said it is resolved, after-the-fact permit issued
- Levesque - issue is over 2 1/2 -years *(3-15-20)

f. 12-14-22, Alex Pugh: to do follow-up with statements and information gathering
- Sebago LL-A-Z portion of complaint closed
- complaint, tabled for more information gathering
- information request sent (1-3-23), to Kevin Levesque, Levesque WD about A-Z complaint

FAIR HEARINGS:

HINTON-AFFORDABLE & A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN
a. 4-13-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems and Affordable Well Drilling
b. 5-5-22, Violation Letters sent to A-Z and Affordable
   c. 5-11-22, A-Z Appeal Response letter
   d. 5-23-22, Affordable Appeal Response letter
   e. 6-8-22, Pending Fair Hearing scheduling (date and time), (MOU, FHRF)

a. 6-8-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems
b. 7-1-22, Violation letter sent to A-Z
   c. 7-12-22, A-Z Appeal Response, received
   d. 7-13-22, Fair Hearing to be scheduled after paperwork submitted, (MOU, FHRF)
e. 10-19-22, Jones - A-Z, Settlement Proposal received

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** For FAIR HEARING dates, times, and access via Zoom, please go to the MWWC webpage** ( MEDWP.com → Professionals → Maine Water Well Commission )
MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
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Meeting – HYBRID (In-Person/Zoom)
18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
(IN-PERSON)
Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP
Ryan Gordon Hydrogeologist, MGS
Mike Otley Public Member
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
Jesse Goodwin Master Well Driller
(ZOOM)
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Guests:
Margaret Machaiek AAG
Stephanie Everette, Stephen Everette, Daniel Bowden
Complainants
Brian Streeter Mst. Well Driller/Pump Installer

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:07 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from Wednesday, January 08, 2023, Monthly Meeting *(HYBRID) and change exceptions on second page.
☐ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: 5 yea / 1 recused
*Jesse Goodwin, not present at last meeting

Exam Applications:
1. THEODORE R MCLEOD III_WD00410 - (WD-M)
Motion to accept the exam application.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Alex Pugh VOTE: unanimous

2. DYLAN KIERKLEWSKI_WD02225 - (WD-J)
Motion to accept the exam application.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: 5 yea / 1 nay
*Glenn Dyer voted no

3. BENJAMIN BOURASSA_WD02314 - (PI-J)
Motion to accept the exam application.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: 5 yea / 1 nay

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

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 9:47 am

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**HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-01-21 – OPEN**

a. 5-11-22,
o Motion to table issues until all 4 – quarterly samples are taken. *(2022-2023, Spring/Fall) Hegarty/Locke – Unanimous
o Motion to turn over alleged SWA forgery issue to Margaret Machaiek, AAG office Dyer/Goodwin – Unanimous

b. 6-8-22,
o Water well was difficult to assess, decided to have Carmel WD take periodic samples, over the course of 1-2 years
o Waiting upon sampling compliance, Spring/Fall 2022, (June 20, 2022)
o Karl Rudnicki is appealing the MWWC decision; issue is tabled until compliance is met
c. 9-13-22, * Follow-up Conducted: Karl Rudnicki and Alex Pugh

***************** To be Continued *****************

**NEXT MEETINGS**

MONTHLY MEETING:
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 9am – Hybrid (In-Person/ZOOM)
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

FAIR HEARINGS:
Cancelled/to be rescheduled –
Fair Hearing – HINTON – AFFORDABLE complaint_10-20-22, 9am
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

Cancelled/to be rescheduled –
Fair Hearing – JONES – A-Z complaint_10-18-22, 9am
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

** ALL MEETINGS, TIMES, AND VENUES WILL BE POSTED TO THE WEB PAGE **

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

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 9:47 am
Commission Minutes Continued

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*Glenn Dyer voted no

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. JOHNSON-HASKELL SWA
2. STEPHENS-WEEKS_SWA

a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

Other Business:
1. EXAMS: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
2. SWA Document changes: Alex Pugh
   a. proposed changes to include new language for the specialty well application
   b. proposed that the new language be placed in “rules” before changing application language due to issues of enforcement

Motion to new add Specialty Well Application parameters to include the maximum distance of placement.

☐ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

Proposed Language:
“The driller shall make every reasonable effort to maximize the separation between the well and the contamination source.” ~Alex Pugh

NEW COMPLAINTS:

EVERETT-WESTERN - complaint, rcvd 2-1-23 - new complaint
a. 2-1-23, pending commission review
b. 2-8-23, Stephanie/Stephen Everette attended meeting, mentioned video of well available, will make available at next meeting.
c. 2-8-23, complaint accepted

Motion to accept the complaint, (2-8-23)

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

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- information request sent (1-3-23), to Kevin Levesque, Levesque WD about A-Z complaint

g. 2-8-23, No response received from Kevin Levesque,
- will attempt to contact via phone and/or email, and send another request for information

*Alex Pugh - to inquire and discuss with Kate Tufts about possible amending complaint to include Kevin Levesque
*Tina Lemieux - will attempt to make contact via phone and/or email, and possibly send another request for information

**HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-01-21 – OPEN**
a. 5-11-22,
o Motion to table issues until all 4 – quarterly samples are taken. *(2022-2023, Spring/Fall)
Hegarty/Locke – Unanimous
o Motion to turn over alleged SWA forgery issue to Margaret Machaiek, AAG office
Dyer/Goodwin – Unanimous
o Motion to table complaint until next meeting (6-8-22).
Otley/Dyer - Unanimous
b. 6-8-22,
o Water well was difficult to assess, decided to have Carmel WD take periodic samples, over the course of 1-2 years
o Waiting upon sampling compliance, Spring/Fall 2022, (June 20, 2022)
o Karl Rudnicki is appealing the MWWC decision; issue is tabled until compliance is met
c. 9-13-22, * Follow-up Conducted: Karl Rudnicki and Alex Pugh

**************** To be Continued ****************

FAIR HEARINGS:

HINTON-AFFORDABLE & A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd (Continued on page 9)
11-03-21 – OPEN
a. 4-13-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems and Affordable Well Drilling
b. 5-5-22, Violation Letters sent to A-Z and Affordable
c. 5-11-22, A-Z Appeal Response letter
d. 5-23-22, Affordable Appeal Response letter
e. 6-8-22, Pending Fair Hearing scheduling (date and time), (MOU, FHRF)

a. 6-8-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems
b. 7-1-22, Violation letter sent to A-Z
c. 7-12-22, A-Z Appeal Response, received
d. 7-13-22, Fair Hearing to be scheduled after paperwork submitted, (MOU, FHRF)
e. 10-19-22, Jones - A-Z, Settlement Proposal received

FAIR HEARINGS:
Cancelled/to be rescheduled –
Fair Hearing—HINTON—AFFORDABLE complaint_10-20-22-9am
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

Cancelled/to be rescheduled –
Fair Hearing—HINTON—A-Z complaint_11-14-22, 9am
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

Cancelled/to be rescheduled –
Fair Hearing—JONES—A-Z complaint_10-18-22, 9am
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

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**NEXT MEETINGS**

MONTHLY MEETING:
Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 9am – (In-Person/Zoom)
Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

Motion to Adjourn.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 10:42 am

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MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
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Meeting – HYBRID (In-Person/Zoom)
18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

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

(ZOOM)
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Guests:
Margaret Machaik AAG
Kate Tufts, Public Water Inspector, DWP
Stephanie Everette,
Stephen Everette,
Daniel Bowden
Complainants
Meaghan Knowlton, President Western Maine Water Inc
Complaint

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:02 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from Wednesday, February 08, 2023. Monthly Meeting *(HYBRID)
☐ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: 5 yea / 1 recused
*Dtewight Doughty - recused, (not present at last meeting)

Exam Applications:
1. STEVEN LAPIERRE_WD02144 - (WD-J), (effective date, 7-18-2013) - approved
Motion to approve Steven LaPierre to sit for the exams.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: 5 yea / 1 recused
*Jesse Goodwin - recused

2. NOAH GAGNE_WD02384 - (PI-J), **see New Business - declined
Motion for candidate to come back in one year, according to MWWC rules and regulations.
☐ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

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Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. GRANT-LORD_SWA
2. HEFFEMAN-STERNs - GOODWIN_SWA
3. KARAKIS - GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business:
1. EXAMS: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. APPRENTICE APPLICATION: Tina Lemieux
   a. Sunco Pump & Well Drilling has a candidate, NOAH GAGNE_WD02384 - (PI-J)
   b. An exam application was received for the PI-J exam, but no apprentice license was found
   c. New Apprentice application has been processed for current date, (effective date, 2-22-23)
   • Candidate must have a year time and experience
   • Old application (8-18-2021) has been found by the well company (was not submitted until now)
   • Payroll report has been submitted as proof of date of hire and work time

*Will the Commission review and accept time and experience to allow candidate to sit for Journeyman Exams?

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

EVERETT-WESTERN - complaint, rcvd 2-1-23 - OPEN
a. 2-8-23, complaint, accepted
b. 2-10-23, Notice Letters, sent to Everett and Western Maine Water Inc
c. 2-24-23, Response, received from Western Maine Water Inc
d. 3-8-23, Meaghan Knowlton, present by Zoom. Reviewed possibilities of problem.
   (Possible: “Dirty fracture”, rock problem, no issues from surface water, should camera well)

Motion to send Dave Philbrick to camera well; 3-8-23.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

a. 9-14-22, complaints, accepted
1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER – ME0092430
2. SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855 – closed, *(12-14-22)
b. 10-6-22, Notification Letter, sent via email and regular mail, has 14-days to respond
c. 10-12-22, Alex Pugh reached out to DEP and Plumbing Board and reported,
   i. Plumbing Board stated, “A-Z was not the last to touch the well.”
d. 10-20-22, Response Letter, Heidi Levesque
e. 11-9-22,
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Carl Levesque: statements; Jed Haws - approved and inspected; Kate Tufts - said it is resolved, after-the-fact permit issued; Levesque - issue is over 2 1/2 -years *(3-15-20)
f. 12-14-22, Alex Pugh: to do follow-up with statements and information gathering
   - Sebago LL-A-Z portion of complaint closed
   - complaint, tabled for more information gathering
   - information request sent (1-3-23), to Kevin Levesque, Levesque WD about A-Z complaint
   g. 1-7-23, Response received, Manon Levesque

Motion to table complaint until next meeting; 4-12-23.
☐ MOTION: Dwight Doughty 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: 5 yea / 1 recused
*Frank Hegarty - recused

TUFTS (2) - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING - complaint rcvd 2-21-23 - OPEN
a. 3-8-23, complaint accepted, TUFTS - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING

Motion to accept complaint and send out Notice to Levesque WD; 3-8-23.
☐ MOTION: Dwight Doughty 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: 5 yea / 1 recused
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d. 2-14-23, received lab report for Carmel Well Drilling - from Clear Water Lab
   o Waiting for Spring 2023, for next lab report(s)

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ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 10:50 am

Motion to Adjourn.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

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- 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.

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