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.

**Director’s Meetings:** September 10, October 8, November 12

**Spring Demo:** May 19, 2018, Preferred Pump, 465 Water Street, Gardiner, ME. RSVP by May 12, 2018

**Well Driller’s Commission Meetings:** May 9, June 13, July 12, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14 & December 12

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 Bradley 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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Director’s Meeting

March 12, 2018

Best Western Plus

Waterville, ME

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 6:22 pm with the following present: Scott Abbots, Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Joe Gallant, Jesse Goodwin, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Ted McLeod, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Mark Weeks and seconded by Ted McLeod to approve the February 12, 2018 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Scott Hodgdon to approve the March 12, 2018 treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

New Business: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Joe Gallant to change the By-Laws to read as follows:

5. Honorary Membership: Persons of acknowledged eminence in the ground water industry in the State of Maine, or those who have contributed a special service to the furtherance of this industry and association, may be elected either Honorary Active Members, or Honorary Affiliate Members or Honorary Associate Members. was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

Education Committee: The spring demo will possibly be held at Ross and Terri Deschaine’s shop in Sabattus. Some ideas are truck safety and compliance, geologist, equipment swap, and Joe/Frank to speak on rulemaking. The possible dates are May 5 or 12.

Legislative Committee: Rulemaking under the Water Well Commission will take place this year and will include requiring sanitary well caps and distribution of educational materials on water testing, which falls under L.D. 454 that became law in 2017.

Membership applications: None

The next meeting will be April 9, 2018.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Weeks was unanimously approved.
The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 6:15 pm with the following present: Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Joe Gallant, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Susan Smith, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the March 12, 2018 Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: A motion by Michelle Weeks and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the April 9, 2018 treasurer’s report was unanimously approved.

New Business: Questions were brought up about the limited electrical license. Clarification will follow in the newsletter.

Old Business: None

Education Committee: Joe Gallant and Mark and Michelle Weeks were appointed to the committee for the demo. The spring demo will be held at Preferred Pump in Gardiner. A motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Mark Taplin to have the Oakland Lions Clubs provide the meal, with a guarantee of $1000.00 or 100 meals at $10.00 per meal above and beyond 100. This motion was unanimously approved. Speakers will be lined up.

Legislative Committee: None

Membership applications: None

The next meeting will be May 19, 2018.

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Joe Gallant was unanimously approved.
The info below is the answer to a question that Joe Gallant asked: "What can a Maine licensed pump installer wire, without a Maine Limited Electrician Water Pumps License?" There is also information on what is needed to get a Maine Limited Electrical Water Pumps License.

Here’s the law:

10. Pump installers. A person licensed under chapter 69-C, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps of the same or smaller size in residential properties and the installation of new water pumps and associated equipment of 3 horsepower or smaller;

The question we had regarded “associated equipment”: The associated equipment is equipment specifically associated with water pumps such as pressure switches and any controls on the load side of a disconnect that control the water pump. The disconnect (if one is required) and the wiring to the panel must be installed by a licensed electrician.

Regarding the limited to water pumps license examination requirement question, here’s the law and rule:

Law: B. In order to obtain a license under this subsection, a person must meet the following requirements, as applicable:

A limited electrician in water pumps must provide evidence of having completed at least 135 hours of electrical education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution and provide evidence of 2,000 hours of work experience approved by the board in rules. A limited electrician in water pumps is restricted to performing electrical work between the branch circuit overcurrent device, the water pump and associated controls.

Rule: 1. To sit for the limited electrician’s examination in water pumps, the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:

a. 135 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Motors/Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and

b. 2,000 hours of work experience, at least 1,000 hours of which is in water pump installations.

Please let me know if you have other questions and thanks for asking.
Ray Stanford
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If you have any questions you can contact one of the following:
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35 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0035
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- If you need Maine Geological Survey Well Forms, please call them at 207-287-2801.

- Please send in your dues. Thank you to those of you that already have!

- Contact a Commission member, if you think that anything in our rules needs to be added or changed. Rule making is set happen this year.

- Anyone have an idea for our Spring Demo?

- 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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MGWA Spring Demo

May 19, 2018
465 Water Street
Gardiner, Maine

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When you RSVP, your name will be entered into the raffle
(You must be present to win raffle.)

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Children under the age of 18, will be entered into their own raffle. Please list them below.

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Please RSVP to: MGWA, PO Box 207, Gorham, ME  04038 or email: info@mainegroundwater.org
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Well Driller’s Commission
MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, Me

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty
    Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson
David Braley
    Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
Mike Otley
    Public Member
Daniel Locke
    Hydrogeologist, ME Geological Survey
Glenn Dyer
    Master Well Driller
Legal Counsel:
Guests:
Minutes Prepared By:
    Tina Lemieux
    DWP, clerk

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:09 am
Motion to discuss.
MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous
TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from January 10, 2018, meet-

ing.
MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous
TOPIC: Exam Applications
    NONE
TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications
    NONE
TOPIC: SWA In-House Approvals
    NONE
TOPIC: Other Business
    Unlicensed activity: Viera Artesian Wells.
    Issue closed - fees paid and exam to be scheduled.
    Unlicensed activity: Smith Pump.
    Issue closed - two letters pending legal review and to be
    sent.
TOPIC: Complaints
    Anonymous/Temple Well Drilling: Setbacks and construc-
    tion issues.
    Specialty Well application made out after the fact. Summer
    condos, no one there.
    Waiting - until May.
    Chad Grignon: Pipe Steaming.
    Does not require licensing, repair and maintenance does
    not require plumbing license.
    Issue closed - internal plumbing, Maine Plumbers Exam-
    ining Board, no license required.
ADJOURN: 9:20 am
Motion to adjourn.
MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous
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Sign-up form on Page 9  

All are welcome to attend our spring demo!

If you’re not a MGWA member and have received this newsletter, we’ve invited all Maine Licensed drilling and pump companies. Please join us. If you’re already a member and receiving an additional newsletter, please give it to a driller, pump installer or supplier that’s not a member and encourage them to join. Applications will be available at the demo and are on our website.