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Directors Meeting on March 20, 2017

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 There are no meeting scheduled for June, July & August

Spring Demo: May 6, 2017 at Premier Pump, 14 Glenwood Street, Oakland, ME, coffee and donuts starting at 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM Solar Pumps, Demo on State of Maine On-line well logs, Drill bit uses

Well Driller's Commission Meetings: The Commission generally meets at 9:00A.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>

National Ground Water Association: Groundwater Week December 5-7, 2017 Nashville, Tennessee More info at: <http://www.groundwaterweek.com/>

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Director's Minutes from March 20, 2017

**Maine Ground Water Association
Director's Meeting
March 20, 2017
Best Western Plus
Waterville, ME**

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

A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Ted McLeod to approve the February 27, 2017 Director's Meeting minutes, as amended was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Trevor Gould to approve the Treasurer's report of March 20, 2017 was unanimously approved.

Membership applications: Associate – Tim Cook, Blake Equipment

A motion made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Trevor Gould to accept this application was unanimously approved.

Legislative Committee:

The Water Well Commission did not meet in March. The

next meeting will be April 29.

There will be a hearing on March 30 for LD 930-An Act To Protect Maine Families by Enhancing Well Water Regulation. Ted, Sue and Frank will be speaking at the hearing. A motion by Frank and seconded by Ted to approve spending up to \$250 for a mailing to all members about this hearing was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion about hiring a lobbyist for LD 930. A motion by Frank and seconded by Ted to authorize spending up to \$3500 for this bill, if needed, was unanimously approved.

New Business: There was a discussion about raising dues to cover costs. A motion by Frank and seconded by Joe to table this discussion was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

Education Committee: There was a discussion about the Spring Demo. It will be held at Premier Pump & Supply on May 6. Mark Weeks will be looking into solar pumps, different types of bits and a demo of the new well log system. Frank Hegarty will look into bacteria testing by Northeast Lab.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20pm made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Trevor Gould was unanimously approved.



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Commission Minutes from February 8, 2017

Well Driller's Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Location: MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME

Attendees: Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chair
Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
Mike Otley, Public Member
Ike Goodwin, Master Well Driller
Joe Gallant, Master Well Driller
Julia Kimball, Commission Clerk
Legal Counsel, Deanna White, AAG

Excused-

Joe Gallant, Master Well Driller

Guests-

Chris Halsted-MGS

Amber Whittaker-MGS

Minutes prepared by: Julia Kimball

PROCEEDINGS:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

TOPIC: January 2017 Meeting

Motion: Mike motioned to approve the January minutes. Dan 2nd

Vote: Unanimous to approve minutes

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications

A Specialty Well application was brought before the Commission by Burns Inc. 40 feet from onsite leach field, 40 feet from onsite tank. No closer than 100 feet from the 1st neighbor's leach field and no closer than 100 feet from 1st neighbor's onsite tank. No

closer than 100 feet from 2nd neighbor's tank and no closer than 100 feet from the 2nd neighbor's leach field.

Motion: David motioned to accept the application with 120 feet of casing. Dan 2nd.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

TOPIC: Complaints:

TOPIC: Other Business

Open Loop Geothermal:

Deanna drafted a memorandum to be sent to Well Drillers concerning the construction of open loop dual purpose wells. The Plumbers Examining Board was encouraged to comment. Minor changes will be made to draft.

Motion: David motions to send open loop geothermal memorandum to drillers and post online. Frank 2nd. Motion carries.

MGS Well log database

Chris Halsted presented online well log card database that is still in test mode. Input was requested from drillers on format and possible additions to what MGS has on site so far. There was discussion after beta testing of bringing the database to the Maine Groundwater Association to get the opinions of more in the drilling community.

10:35: Mike motioned to adjourn, 2nd by David, approved unanimously

Next Meeting: March 7, 2017 MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, Maine 9:00 A.M.



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Legislative Info

There are several bills that are currently before the legislature that can affect us. We need your help with these bills. We will be emailing updates or changes, not mailing. We do not have a lobbyist hired. Also let us know if you find or hear of any other bills that aren't listed below. If you would like a copy of any of these bills please contact Michelle Weeks.

Contact your local representatives and voice your concerns.

Please visit The State of Maine Legislative Website for these and any other potential bills at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/>

LD 930, HP 658, An Act to Protect Maine Families by Enhancing Well Water Regulation

The public hearing was held on March 30, 2017 and a work session was held in front of the Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources and the bill was voted ought not to pass.

LD 454, HP 321, An Act to Ensure Safe Drinking Water for Families in Maine

The public hearing was held on April 7 in front of the Committee on Health and Human Services and a Work Session will be held on April 19 at 1:30 PM, Cross Building, Room 209

LD 1001, HP 702, An Act to Promote Testing of Drinking Water for Maine Families

The public hearing was held on April 7 in front of the Committee on Health and Human Services and a Work Session is being held on April 19 at 1:30 PM, Cross Building, Room 209

LD 1040, HP 729, An Act Regarding Permitting under the Natural Resources Protection Act

There was a public hearing held on March 30th and a work session held on April 5 in front of the Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources and the bill was voted ought not to pass.

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or Jim with any questions

FYI...

- Ike Goodwin did not get reappointed, by The Governor, for another term to The Well Driller's Commission. Ike does not know why. The MGWA Board voted at the November 7, 2016 Director's meeting to nominate Ike Goodwin and Frank Hegarty for the next term of commission. The MGWA Board of Director's is writing a letter to the Governor's office in hopes of getting Ike back on the board.
- 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 and he is not going to do another term.
- Please encourage drillers, pump installers and suppliers to join.
- Thank you suppliers for advertising and supporting our Association!




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- MGWA's Website: If you would like to be added or need any changes on our website please contact us a in-fo@mainegroundwater.org.
- The Maine Geological Survey Water Well Database is a tool that you can access for well information. It's located at: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/pubs/digital/well.htm>


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- Do you have an idea for our Spring Demo or Annual Meetings? Please contact a board member or email us.
- Is there an active or affiliate MGWA member that you think should be voted in as an Honorary Member? If so please contact a board member or email us.



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MAINE GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: Any resident of Maine, who has a current State of Maine Master Water Well Drillers license or who is active in the daily operations of a corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship, engaged in the ground water industry in Maine that owns and operates water well drilling equipment, and shows proof of ownership in said corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship may become an Active member upon the acceptance of this application for membership from The Board of Directors of this Association and upon payment of required dues, subject to the limitation that only three such owners of stock, or only three members of a partnership, who do not have Master Water Well Drillers licenses, may become Active Members. **Applicants for Active membership must attach a copy of their current Maine Water Well Drillers Commission license or a copy of an IRS form listing the owners of above corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship with this application.**

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP: Any individual whose employment is primarily engaged in the groundwater industry in The State of Maine.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Any corporation or company with any interest in the ground water industry.

Dues will be payable upon the acceptance of this application and an invoice will be mailed.

I do hereby apply for Active____, Affiliate____, or Associate____ Membership (check one) in the Maine Ground Water Association.

I swear and affirm that I will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association and by the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Ground Water Association. I further promise to live up to any code of Ethics adopted by this Association and conduct myself and my business in such a way as not to injure a fellow member or cause embarrassment to this Association. I will notify the Association of any change in my status affecting my qualifications for membership that I hold in this Association.

DATE: _____

PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

COMPANY NAME

POSITION

MAILING ADDRESS,

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FAX NUMBER

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RECOMMENDED BY: _____

MAIL TO: MGWA, Michelle Weeks, 29 County Road, Oakland, ME 04963 or

Email: info@mainegroundwater.org

Current Dues for Active & Associate Memberships is \$75.00 and for ffiliate Membership is \$45.00

Spring Demo Sign Up Form



MGWA SPRING DEMO
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
Premier Pump & Supply, Inc.
14 Glenwood Street
Oakland, ME

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts
9:00 AM Solar Pumps-Franklin Electric
Bacteria sampling – Northeast Labs
Types of Bits and Wear Patterns – Jeff Cummings
Online Well Logs-Maine Geological Survey
This is an outside demo.

Noon Chicken Bar-B-Q by Wayne Weeks and the Lions Club

Short business meeting and raffle will follow lunch.

There will be 3 raffles: Active & Affiliate members, suppliers and children.

(You must be present to win.)

The cost of the BBQ is \$5.00 per person, children under 18 are free.

Please RSVP by April 26, 2017 for the LUNCH. Please list names below.

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

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

Name: _____ Name: _____

Please RSVP to: Michelle Weeks, 29 County Road, Oakland, ME 04963. Please include check with RSVP, made out to MGWA. You may also email Michelle at mmweeks4@gmail.com.

**MGWA Spring Demo
May 6, 2017
At
Premier Pump**

14 Glenwood Street
Oakland, ME

8:00 AM Coffee and donuts

9:00 AM Demonstrations

Solar Pumps, State of Maine On-line well logs, Drill bit uses, Water testing

12:00 PM Lunch \$5.00 each

RSVP by April 26, 2017-Sign-up form on Page 7

Raffles for MGWA Active and Affiliate Members, Kids under 18 & Suppliers

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. 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.

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**MGWA Spring Demo
May 6, 2017
Info & Sign Up Form on Pages 7 & 8
All are invited!
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