

## MAINE GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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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.

<u>Director's Meetings:</u> 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

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

Find us on the Web at: www.mainegroundwater.org

### 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.

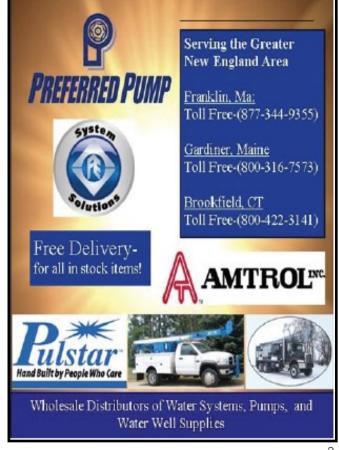
Old Business: None

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.





## **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, Hyrdogeologist, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> neighbor's tank and no closer than 100 feet from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<u>Contact your local representatives and voice your concerns.</u>

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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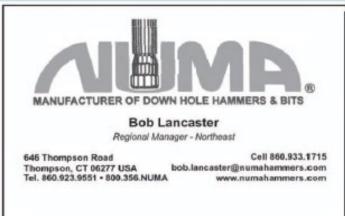
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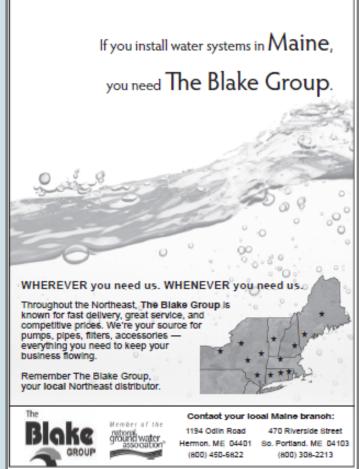
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Contact Ed, Andy, Rob, Gary, Pat or Jim with any questions

## 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!





- 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.

- MGWA's Website: If you would like to be added or need any changes on our website please contact us a info@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



## Join MGWA!

## MAINE GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: Any resident of M Drillers license or who is active in the daily of engaged in the ground water industry in Main drilling equipment, and shows proof of owners become an Active member upon the acceptant Directors of this Association and upon payme owners of stock, or only three members of a provide Drillers licenses, may become Active Members of their current Maine Water Well Drillers Commers of above corporation, partnership, or AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP: Any individual industry in The State of Maine.  ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Any corporation industry.  Dues will be payable upon the acceptance of I do hereby apply for Active, Affiliate,	perations of a corpora ne that owns and opera rship in said corporation ace of this application ent of required dues, so partnership, who do no ers. Applicants for Accommission license or a sole proprietorship with all whose employment tion or company with	tion, partnership, of thes water well on, partnership, or for membership from the bipect to the limital of have Master Water was membership in a copy of an IRS for the this application. is primarily engage any interest in the	sole proprietorship, sole proprietorship may om The Board of tion that only three such ter Well nust attach a copy orm listing the ed in the groundwater ground water  oe mailed.	
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MAIL TO: MGWA, Michelle Weeks, 29 County Road, Oakland, ME 04963 or Email: info@mainegroundwater.org

RECOMMENDED BY:

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.)

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Please RSVP by April 26, 20	7 for the LUNCH. Please list names below.	
Company Name:		
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Children under the age	f 18, will be entered into their own raffle. Please list them below.	<u>.</u>
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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 <a href="mmweeks4@gmail.com">mmweeks4@gmail.com</a>.

#### 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!
Join MGWA Application on Page 6

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