Thank You, Scott Hodgdon for serving two years as President and for your many years as a board member!

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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.

General Meeting: Tim Doyle from MMTA, will explain how to property register a drill rig, CLD license, license issues, drug testing, FMCSA Clearinghouse, at Goodwin Well & Water, Route 4, 2282 Auburn Road, Turner, ME on April 8, 2022 from 8:00 am -10:00 am. No charge to attend.

Director’s Meetings: April 11, May 9, September 12, October 10, November 14

MGWA 1st Annual Golf Scramble: September 15, 2022 Check in 8 am -9am, Shotgun Start 9 am at Turner Highlands, 10 Highland Ave, Turner, ME 04282. Info on Page 18.

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: 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

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For information on this newsletter contact Susan Smith at info@mainegroundwater.org
The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Scott Hodgdon at 7:04 p.m. with the following present: Joe Gallant, Jesse Goodwin, Susan Smith, Jim Innis, Scott Abbotts, Glenn Dyer, Justin Lanphier, and Daniel Locke.

Minutes: A motion by Jesse Goodwin and seconded by Joe Gallant to approve the October 11, 2021, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: A motion by Joe Gallant and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: Discussion on having a MGWA table at NEWWA to promote membership. Joe Gallant will get info.

New Business: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Justin Lanphier to hold the Annual & Director’s meeting in person and via Zoom. Susan will call to make date and snow date was unanimously approved. Dan Locke said the Maine Geological Survey is looking for unused wells on the coastal peninsulas and islands with no pumps in them. They would like to check them with pressure transducers. Dan is also going to give an info guide for homeowners on buried wells for our website. Dan also let us know that Chris Halsted is unfortunately leaving MGS. Chris has been a great asset for developing the online well survey.

NEWWA is planning to hold the spring demo on March 12, 2022. They are not planning to have the dinner. It will be a one-day expo show on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are planning to hold classes on Friday and Saturday. Discussion on MGWA having a display table at NEWWA show.

Education Committee: None

Legislative Committee: None

Membership Applications Committee: None

Nomination Committee: Scott Hodgdon appointed himself, Susan Smith, and Justin Lanphier to the Nomination committee.

Next Director’s Meeting:

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. was made by Justin Lanphier and seconded by Joe Gallant Goodwin was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Scott Hodgdon of Hodgdon Well Service at 5:24 p.m. with the following present; Joe Gallant of Hillock Well Drilling, Susan Smith of Hansen’s Well Drilling, Inc., Jesse Goodwin of Goodwin Well & Water, Scott Abbotts of Goodwin Well & Water, Justin Lanphier of Hatch Well Drillers, Trevor Gould of H2O Well Drilling, Noah Rolfe of Kennebec Well Drilling, Ted McLeod of Ted McLeod Inc., Brian Streeter of Streeter & Sons Well Drilling Inc., Rick Schrepper of Preferred Pump, and Mitch Woodbury of Preferred Pump.

Minutes: A motion made by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2021 Annual Meeting and the Special Membership Minutes from was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion made by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the MGWA Annual 2021 Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved. Joe Gallant and Justin Lanphier reviewed the Annual Treasurer’s books and found everything in order.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion made by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Justin Lanphier to make Barry Sandford and David Braley Honorary Members was unanimously approved.

Discussion on membership, dues notices and board members not paying for MGWA membership. Three dues notices are sent out to each member with the third notice stating it is the final one. A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Justin Lanphier to allow Trevor Gould to pay his outstanding dues for 2021 and if he pays 2022 dues, he will be able to complete the remainder of his term as a director was unanimously approved.

Membership: None

Education/Outing Committee: Discussion on an outing on putting together a golf scramble with a silent auction, food and a get together.

Legislative: Joe Gallant has stepped down from the commission and Jess Goodwin has taken his place.

Election of Board: Scott Hodgdon opened nominations from the floor. Nominations from the floor were closed with none. A motion by Jesse Goodwin and seconded by Joe Gallant to vote the following Slate from the nomination committee; President Jesse Goodwin, Vice President, Justin Lanphier, Treasurer, Scott Abbotts, and Secretary Susan Smith was unanimously approved.

The nomination committee had the following for three, two-year director’s; Noah Rolfe, Frank Hegarty, Brian Streeter

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and Jim Innis. Ballots were distributed and Zoom members were asked for their vote. Scott Abbotts counted the votes with the following results, Noah Rolfe 9 votes, Brian Streeter 7 votes, Frank Hegarty 6 votes, Jim Innis 5 votes.

A motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. made by Jesse Goodwin and seconded by Trevor was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
January 24, 2022
In Person at The Best Western Plus & Via Zoom

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Jesse Goodwin at 6:15 p.m. with the following present: Justin Lanphier, Joe Gallant, Susan Smith, Scott Abbotts, Trevor Gould, Scott Hodgdon, Brian Streeter, and Noah Rolfe.

Minutes: A motion by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Brian Streeter to approve the November 18, 2021 Director’s Meeting minutes was Unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Justin Lanphier to approve the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: A discussion on, if we need to change our By-Laws, with reference to the due’s notices and lapse of membership, if dues aren’t paid. Three notices are mailed to members, with the third one stating that it is the final notice.

New Business: None

Outing Committee: Jesse Goodwin appointed himself, Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury and Scott Abbotts to plan an outing for this spring/summer or fall. There will be more information coming soon.

Correction: The Education & Commission/Legislative Committee items were not on the minutes at the time of their approval, at the March 14, 2022 Director’s Meeting. These two items will be presented and voted on, at the April 11, 2022 Director’s Meeting.

Education Committee: A motion by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Scott Abbotts to have the MGWA Annual & Director’s Meeting for 2023 and to hold the refresher Erosion Control Class was unanimously approved. Susan Smith will set it up and more info will follow.

Commission/Legislative Committee: Discussion on well drillers rules that the separation between a well and septic tank is 60’ and with the septic rules the separation between a well and septic tank is 50’. We should try to get them to match.

Membership applications: None

Next Meeting(s) will be held on February 16, March 14, April 11, May 9, September 12, October 10 & November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. was made by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Trevor Gould was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

Maine Ground Water Association
Director’s Meeting
February 16, 2022
Via Zoom

The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Jesse Goodwin at 7:09 p.m. with the following present: Justin Lanphier, Susan Smith, Scott Abbotts, Scott Hodgdon, Brian Streeter, and Noah Rolfe.

Minutes: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Brian Streeter to approve the January 24, 2022, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Justin Lanphier to approve the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: A discussion on, if we need to change our By-Laws, with reference to the due’s notices and lapse of membership, if dues aren’t paid. Three notices are mailed to members, with the third one stating that it is the final notice.

New Business: None

Outing Committee: Jesse Goodwin appointed himself, Rick Schrepper, Mitch Woodbury and Scott Abbotts to plan an outing for this spring/summer or fall. There will be more information coming soon.

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Education Committee: A motion by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Scott Abbotts to have the MGWA Annual & Director’s Meeting for 2023 and to hold the refresher Erosion Control Class was unanimously approved. Susan Smith will set it up and more info will follow.

Commission/Legislative Committee: Discussion on well drillers rules that the separation between a well and septic tank is 60’ and with the septic rules the separation between a well and septic tank is 50’. We should try to get them to match.

Membership applications: None

Next Meeting(s) will be held on March 16, April 11, May 9, September 12, October 10 & November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Justin Lanphier and seconded by Noah Rolfe was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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The MGWA Director’s Meeting was called to order by President Jesse Goodwin at 7:04 p.m. with the following present: Justin Lanphier, Susan Smith, Scott Hodgdon, Brian Streeter, Brian Streeter, Frank Hegarty, Noah Rolfe, Heather, Terri Deschaine, Ross Deschaine, Meaghan Knowlton, Unknown Guest, and Tim Doyle from Maine Motor Transport Association.

Discussion with Tim Doyle from MMTA about registering drill rigs correctly. Drill rigs are considered and should be registered as, Special Mobile Equipment Class A with a tractor plate. A drill rig with 3 axles cannot exceed 54,000 lbs., unless you have a yearly overweight permit, then the drill rig can up to 15% over or up to 62,100 lbs. If your drill rig is over that weight, with 3 axles, it is considered an extreme load and you can’t get a yearly overweight permit, and you will need a trip permit’s. A drill rig with 4 axles cannot exceed 69,000 lbs. without an 15% overweight permit. With Special Mobile Equipment Class A, you need to register for the entire weight of your truck.

Discussion on trying to increase the overweight permit or come up with another option to be legal or try to get an exemption for the drill rigs or one based upon being under yearly mileage. We would need to work with the DOT, to try and make any changes.

Discussion on what is needed for CDL driver’s licenses.

Discussion on excise taxes, you should only be charged excise tax on the truck and chassis, not on the drill rig. The drill rig portion should be charged as personal property tax, through your town.

Water/service trucks are not considered Special Mobile Equipment, and cannot get a yearly overweight permit, because the loads are divisible.

Companies that require a CDL to operate a vehicle, are required to; have a drug testing program in place, get driver’s pre-employment tested, have a company policy in place, and be in a random drug testing program. Companies also need to be in the FMCSA Clearinghouse. Fines are very big, for not being in a drug program the fine is over $8000 and not being in the Clearinghouse is over $5000. If you’re a member of MMTA they will guide you through the process. They also offer a drug testing program.

Tim has offered to host an in-person meeting to discuss these items.

Please refer to Tim Doyle’s article in this newsletter. The article is also posted on MMTA’s website and on MGWA’s website.

Minutes: A motion by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Noah Rolfe to approve the February 16, 2022, Director’s Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Brian Streeter to set up a meeting with Tim Doyle of MMTA was unanimously approved. A discussion on becoming a member of MMTA. A motion by Justin Lanphier and seconded by Frank Hegarty to have MGWA become a member of Maine Motor Transport Association was unanimously approved.

Outing Committee: Teams are signing up for the golf scramble and an email has gone out to vendors for sponsorships.

Education Committee: None

Commission/Legislative Committee: Commission is running into financial hardship. They made increase license fees. Master and Journeyman well driller and pump installer licenses would be the same fee and there would also be a fee for an apprentice license. The AG is at the meetings and inspections are expensive. Licensing is the only income for the commission. Fines the are imposed, go into the general fund, not to the commission. There have been discussions to go to the legislature to ask for more funding.

Membership applications: None

Next Meeting(s) will be held on April 11, May 9, September 12, October 10 & November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. was made by Scott Hodgdon and seconded by Frank Hegarty was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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Scott Abbots
PO Box 661
North Turner, ME 04266

Thank you for Supporting our Association!
# MGWA Annual Treasurer’s Report

**Maine Ground Water Association**  
Annual Treasurer’s Report 2021

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Respectfully Submitted:

Scott C. Abbotts  
Treasurer
Commission Minutes

MINUTES MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
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Meetings via Zoom – link on webpage, MEDWP.COM → Professionals → Well Drillers Commission

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
William Dawson Chief Engineer, DWP *(acting Chair)
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS
Mike Otley Public Member
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Guests: Lauren LaRochelle State of Maine, AAG

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:
MOTION to accept the minutes from April 14, 2021
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:
1. WRAGG_WD02068_rvcd 4-24-21 – WD/M / PI-M

Motion to table until next meeting, 6-9-21, due to complaint from Frank Hegarty against Gap Mtn. and Ryan Wragg.

☐ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous
☐ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Frank Hegarty recused.

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. ALLEN-TEMPLE_SWA
2. CONLEY-COMAC_SWA
3. DESJARDINS-ESTEY_SWA
4. MATHER-SUNCO_SWA

Other Business:
1. Exams: Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates have been notified by email

2. Revocation Letter: MWCC Revocation of License for Anthony O'Connor
   a. 3-2-21 – 1st draft of revocation letter, commission review
   b. 4-14-21 – AAG will revise revocation letter to be sent. (Lauren LaRochelle, AAG)

Motion to table Revocation Letter until next meeting, 6-9-21.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

3. Ronald Pendleton, Inc - (Shawn Boulet – SWA)
   a. Wants Commission review of matter, possible complaint
   b. 4-14-21 – Bill Dawson, after the fact well and septic system issue
      i. well is 25’ from septic system
      ii. existing well was there prior to septic system
      iii. 2015, waste water system was approved (Roger Crouse)
   c. 4-14-21 - Tabled for more information, follow up with William Dawson, DWP and Amy Lachance

Recommendation of the Commission after review: ** No authority on a grandfathered well which has no casing, disposal field is within 20’ of well. The Commission recommends that the homeowners continue sampling and testing, that casing be installed to fracture depth, and homeowners submit a SWA for documentation and record keeping purposes.

☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

COMPLAINTS:

HEGARTY-GAP MTN, Ryan Wraag – rcvd 5-12-21 – pending review
- 5-12-21, received complaint, (not on agenda)
- 5-12-21, complaint reviewed

Motion to table complaint, 6-9-21, and Ryan Wragg exam application for more research of issue and call to New Hampshire Board of Licensure.

☐ MOTION: Daniel Locke 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous
○ Frank Hegarty recused.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGREEMENT – VOTE

1. Review of Consent Agreement draft for Densmore Complaint

Motion to make changes of fines of 2-yrs to 4-yrs, will accept everything as written with exception at end of paragraph 12, to have Mr. Libby notify clients he contracts with that he does not have a license to drill water wells.

☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

2. Review of Consent Agreement draft for Commission Complaint

Motion to make changes of fines of 2-yrs to 4-yrs, will accept everything as written with exception at end of paragraph 12, to have Mr. Libby notify clients he contracts with that he does not have a license to drill water wells.

☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

- Voted: Bill Dawson, Frank Hegarty, and Mike Otley
- - Recused: Daniel Locke, Glenn Dyer

ROCK LIBBY: L&L Well Drilling – (654 South Rumford, Rumford, ME 04276)

Dyer-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 6-23-20 open
- 6-25-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
- 7-8-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint.
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

DOUGHTY-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 6-10-20 – open
- 6-10-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
- 7-8-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

LOCKE-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 5-4-20 - open
5-7-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby and Anthony O’Connor
- 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent, L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

LOCKYLIB: L&L Well Drilling – (RTE 108, Rumford, ME 04276)

LOCKE-L&L – (RTE 108), complaint, rcvd 12-9-20 - open
- 12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent
- Send 3rd Notice of Complaint before next meeting, 2-10-21

ANTHONY O’CONNOR:

LOCKE-O’CONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (RTE 108), complaint, rcvd 12-9-20 - open
a. 12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent
b. 1-27-21 – 3rd Notice of Complaint sent

LOCKE-O’CONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (654 S), complaint, received 5-4-20 - open
a. 11-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to AJ O’Connor
b. 1st Notice of Complaint, sent same time as L&L WD
c. 12-9-20 – MWCC accepted complaint against AJ O’Connor
d. 12-30-20 – 2nd Notice of Complaint, to be sent to AJ O’Connor

DYER-O’CONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (654 S), complaint, received 6-23-20 - open
a. 1T-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to AJ O’Connor
b. 1st Notice of Complaint, sent same time as L&L WD
b. 12-9-20 – MWCC accepted complaint against AJ O’Connor
c. 12-30-20 – 2nd Notice of Complaint, to be sent to AJ O’Connor
d. 1-27-21 – 3rd Notice of Complaint sent

DENSMORE – L&L WELL DRILLING:

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DENSMORE-L&L – complaint, received 6-3-20 - open
a. 6-4-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
b. 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint.
c. 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
d. 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby
e. 1-13-21 – Moving forward for small claims court
Motion to Adjourn.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 10:31 AM

MINUTES MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 9, 2021

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS
William Dawson Chief Engineer, DWP
Mike Otley Public Member
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
Joe Gallant Master Well Driller
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Guests:
Lauren LaRochelle State of Maine, AAG
Margaret Machalek State of Maine, AAG
David Philbrook MWWC Well Inspector
Joseph Ritano Exam Applicant

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from May 12, 2021
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications: 1. JOSEPH R RIITANO JR_WD00572 – WD-J / PI-J – APPROVED
Motion to Approve.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Dan Locke VOTE: unanimous

2. RYAN WRAGG_WD20068_rccd 4-24-21 – WD-M / PI-M - APPROVED
a. 6-9-21, pending outcome of complaint
Motion to Approve.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Dan Locke VOTE: unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
DUTSON-BURNS – SWA
a. 6-9-21, denied, sent back for completion

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. AUDIT-WEEKS – SWA
2. DEERING-GOODWIN – SWA
3. MOORE-BURNS – SWA
4. STRATTON-GOODWIN – SWA
5. PARISI-GOODWIN – SWA

Other Business:
1. Exams: Thursday, July 15, 2021 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta a. Eligible candidates have been notified by email

COMPLAINTS:

NEW:
CLIFFORD MARCHANT – PINE STATE – complaint, rcvd 5-18-21 – DENIED
-6-9-21, complaint denied
- o Complaints must be filed within 2-yr of well construction
- o Recommended that complainant hire a driller to review issue
-6-17-21, Notice of Denial sent

Motion to deny complaint.
☐ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: unanimous

NEW:
HEGARTY-GAP MTN, Ryan Wragg – rcvd 5-12-21 – OPEN
- 5-12-21, received complaint, (not on agenda)
- 5-12-21, Motion to table complaint and exam application until 6-9-21, o Locke/Otley – Unanimous; Frank Hegarty, recused from vote
- 6-9-21, Notice of Complaint sent

Motion to accept complaint.
☐ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: 5-yea, 1-nay
- o Frank Hegarty, recused from vote

CONTINUED: ROCK LIBBY: L&L Well Drilling – (654 South Rumford, Rumford, ME 04276)

DYER-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 6-23-20 - open
- 6-25-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
- 7-8-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint.
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

DOUGHTY-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 6-10-20 - open
- 6-10-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
- 7-20-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

LOCKE-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 5-4-20 - open
- 5-7-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby and Anthony O’Connor
- 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty sent, L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

ROCK LIBBY: L&L Well Drilling – (RTE 108, Rumford, ME 04276)

LOKE-L&L – (RTE 108), complaint, rcvd 12-9-20 - open
- 12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent
- Send 3rd Notice of Complaint before next meeting, 2-10-21

I. Consent Agreement (I of II) - reviewed and to be voted for approval

Motion for finalizing Commission approval of Consent Agreement I, regarding the 645 South Rumford property.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: 3 yea, 3 recused
- o Glenn Dyer, Dwight Doughty, and Daniel Locke recused from vote

DENSMORE – L&L WELL DRILLING:

DENSMORE-L&L – complaint, received 6-3-20 - open
6-4-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling b. 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint.
c. 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
d. 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby
e. 1-13-21 – Moving forward for small claims court

II. Consent Agreement (II of II) - reviewed and to be voted for approval

Motion for finalizing Commission approval of Consent Agreement I, regarding the densmore property in Turner, Maine.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

ANTHONY O’CONNOR:

LOCKE-O’CONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (RTE 108), complaint, rcvd 12-9-20 - open
12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent
b. 1-27-21 – 3 rd Notice of Complaint sent

LOCKE-O’CONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (654 S), complaint, received 5-4-20 - open
a. 11-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to AJ O’Connor
- o 1 st Notice of Complaint, sent same time as L&L WD
b. 12-9-20 – MWWC accepted complaint against AJ O’Connor

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c. No borehole, therefore, no regulation by the Maine Water Well Commis-

sion.

3. Question: Is there an age requirement written into the MWCC Rules and Regulations?

a. Affordable Well Drilling – Heather, Office Clerk, posed the question and it seems that there is no age requirement written into the MWCC rules and reg.

b. The State of Maine Department of Labor age requirements for employment.
   ii. May be employed for work beginning at age 16-17, and a work permit for minors under the age of 16. “May work non-hazardous jobs…” (DOL, 2021).

iii. Must be age 18 to be an apprentice due to the hazardous work condi-

c. 7-14-21, tabled for further investigation/research

4. Issue: Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. Vicki Garner – looking for information about the setback for a property in Maine

a. Setback Reduction form submitted, but no Specialty Well Application

b. Meets the setback standards for the State of Maine, but not for HUD

c. 7-14-21, Bill Dawson – to send a letter to Burns Well Drilling Inc. and Fair-

view Mortgage.

COMPLAINTS:

HEGARTY-GAP MTN, Ryan Wragg – rcvd 5-12-21 – OPEN
- 5-12-21, Motion to table complaint and exam application until 6-9-21
  o Locke/Otley – Unanimous; Frank Hegarty, recused from vote
- 6-11-21, Notice of Complaint sent
- 7-14-21, composed list of violations
  o Driller/helper not licensed, no master on site, no vehicle decals/stickers, no response from Notice of Complaint sent (6-11-21), no report to MGS (Well Log), not licensed for Maine
  o 7-14-21, Dwight will compile and disseminate violations

Motion to allow Ryan Wragg to sit for exam but hold licenses until other is-

sues are resolved
  □ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: unanimous
  o Frank Hegarty is recused from vote

Motion to fine Gap Mountain Drilling LLC for violations of the MWCC rules and

regulations.
  □ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: unanimous
  o Frank Hegarty is recused from vote

COMPLAINTS: Continuation
ROCK LIBBY: L&L Well Drilling – (654 South Rumford, Rumford, ME 04276)

1. Consent Agreement (I of II) - reviewed and to be voted for approval
- 6-9-21, Motion for finalizing Commission approval of Consent Agreement I, regarding the 645 South Rumford property.
  □ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: 3 yea, 3 recused
  o Glenn Dyer, Dwight Doughty, and Daniel Locke recused from vote

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- 5-7-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby and Anthony O’Connor
- 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty sent, L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

ROCK LIBBY: L&L Well Drilling – (RTE 108, Rumford, ME 04276)

LOCKE-L&L – (RTE 108), complaint, rcvd 12-9-20 - open
- 12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent
- Send 3rd Notice of Complaint before next meeting, 2-10-21

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1. DANIEL STINSON_WD02249 – PI-J – APPROVED
   Motion to Approve.
   □ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd; Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

2. JESSE GOODWIN_WD00329 – PI-J – APPROVED
   Motion to Approve.
   □ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd; Frank Hegarty VOTE: unaminous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. MCKIM-MCLEOD_SWA
2. 2. NABRESKI-GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business: 1. New Hire: Alexander Pugh, to take over for Bill Dawson on MWWC

2. Exams: Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

3. Question: Is there an age requirement written into the MWWC Rules and Regulations?
   a. Affordable Well Drilling – Heather, Office Clerk, posed the question and it seems that there is no age requirement written into the MWWC rules and regs.
   b. The State of Maine Department of Labor age requirements for employment.
      ii. May be employed for work beginning at age 16-17, and a work permit for minors under the age of 16. – “May work non-hazardous jobs…” (DOL, 2021).
      iii. Must be age 18 to be an apprentice due to the hazardous work conditions.
   c. 7-14-21, tabled for further investigation/research
   d. 8-11-21, the Commission determined that the MWWC rules and regulations do not have an age requirement for apprentice licensure, but do follow Department of Labor state employment guidelines
      i. Dwight Doughty will follow-up with Heather at Affordable Well Drilling.

COMPLAINTS:
   CLOSED: 8-11-21
   HEGARTY-GAP MTN, Ryan Wragg – rcvd 5-12-21
   - 5-12-21, Motion to table complaint and exam application until 6-9-21
     • Locke/Otley – Unanimous; Frank Hegarty, recused from vote
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   - 7-14-21, composed list of violations
     • Driller/helper not licensed, no master on site, no vehicle decals/stickers, no response from Notice of Complaint sent (6-11-21), no report to MGS (Well Log), not licensed for Maine
   - 7-14-21, Motion allow Ryan Wragg to sit for exam but hold license until issues resolved
     • Glenn Dyer/Mike Otley – Unanimous, Frank Hegarty recused from vote
   - 7-14-21, Motion to assign violations to Ryan Wragg and Gap Mtn Drilling
     • Mike Otley/ Glenn Dyer – Unanimous, Frank Hegarty recused from vote
     • 8-11-21, Discussed and assigned violations and penalty points
       • Letter of Violation and penalty points assessed, to be sent
   Motion to assess violation points but no monetary value, 12 pts, to Ryan Wragg.
   □ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd; Daniel Locke VOTE: unanimous
   □ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd; Daniel Locke VOTE: unanimous
   □ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd; Daniel Locke VOTE: unanimous
   □ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd; Frank Hegarty recused from vote
   □ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd; Frank Hegarty recused from vote

Motion to assess violation points but no monetary value, 12 pts, to Gap Mtn Drilling.
   □ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd; Daniel Locke VOTE: unanimous
   □ Frank Hegarty recused from vote

COMPLAINTS:
   CLOSED: 8-11-21
   ROCK LIBBY: L&L Well Drilling – (654 South Rumford, Rumford, ME 04276)
   1. Consent Agreement (I of II) - reviewed and to be voted for approval
   6-9-21, Motion for finalizing Commission approval of Consent Agree-
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ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 0:00 AM

Motion to Adjourn.

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CLOSED: 8-11-21

DRUNKEN – L&L WELL DRILLING

CLOSED: 8-11-21

MINUTES MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Meetings via Zoom – link on webpage, MEDWP.COM → Professionals → Well Drillers Commission

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS
Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP
Mike Otley Public Member
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Guests:
Margaret Machaiek State of Maine, AAG
William Dawson Chief Engineer, DWP

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:01 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from August 11, 2021
Motion: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:
1. JESSE GOODWIN WD00329 – (PI-J)
   Motion to Approve: Mike Otley / Daniel Locke – Unanimous

2. JAMES D WATSON WD02111 – (WD-M, O-GTE) both
   Motion to Approve: Glenn Dyer / Daniel Locke – Unanimous

3. JOSEPH DEPRATO JR 00000 – (WD-J, PI-J)
   Motion to Approve: Mike Otley / Glenn Dyer – Unanimous

4. CHRISTOPHER LAVOIE 00000 – (WD-M, PI-M)
   Motion to Approve: Alex Pugh / Mike Otley - Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. CIVIELLO-LORD_SWA
2. DENNISON-SUNCO_SWA
3. DICK-BURNS_SWA
4. KANOZAK-BURNS_SWA
5. LESLIE-SUNCO_SWA
6. PAYSON-HANSCOM_SWA
7. TOTTEN-HARTLEY_SWA

Other Business:
1. Exams: Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. Remote Meeting Policy: Margaret Machaiek, AAG and Dwight Doughty, Chair
   a. Commission to meet in-person to pass the Remote Meeting Policy, 10-13-21

3. Rules and Regulations: Margaret Machaie (Braley Draft)
   a. SOM WD&PI RULE_10-14 CODE OF ME RULES, CHAP 232, (hard copy & digital copy)

4. Commission ID Cards:
   a. Review card template
   b. Commission members provide contact information to be on cards

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

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 9:40 AM
Commission Minutes Continued

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ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS
Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP
Mike Otley Public Member
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller
Joe Gallant Master Well Driller

Guests:
Margaret Machaiek State of Maine, AAG
Justin Philbrick-Michaud Complainant Minutes

Prepared By: Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:00 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from September 15, 2021
[Motion]

Exam Applications:
1. BRIAN BUNCH II_WD02290 – (WD-J, PI-J) – APPROVED
   Motion to Approve:
   [Motion]

2. JUSTIN PHILBRICK-MICHAUD_WD00585 – (WD-J, PI-J) – APPROVED
   Motion to Approve:
   [Motion]

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. YOUNG-GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business:
1. Exams: Thursday, November 11, 2021 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. Remote Meeting Policy: Dwight Doughty, Chair; Margaret Machaiek, AAG
   Motion to adopt the Commission Member Remote Meeting Policy; with the
   addendum of the Chair of the Commission determining the venue of the next
   meeting at the end of the meeting prior, in-person or virtual.
   [Motion]

3. Question: Margaret Machaiek, AAG, and Commission
   a. Does a Specialty Well Application need to be signed by all owners of
      the property?
      i. According to rules and regulation, there is no definition of property
      owner or necessary signature, only that it needs to be on a form.
      ii. The Commission decided that multiple owners should assign a
         "designee, or representative" to sign the Specialty Well Application.
   b. 10-19-21 – Notification Letter sent, to Ted McLeod Inc.
   c. Alex Pugh, to do a follow-up with Commission questions
      i. is it a restaurant to be treated as a transient system, DWP?
   Motion to accept complaint.
   [Motion]

**NEXT MEETING** Virtual Meeting via Zoom, Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Motion to Adjourn.
[Motion]

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 10:20 AM

MAPLES WD&PI RULE 10

MINUTES MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:07 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from October 13, 2021
[Motion]

Exam Applications:
1. PEARSON-WESTERN_SWA
   a. Pending, needs more information gathering

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. SUSBURY-BURNS_SWA
2. DANIEL-WESTERN_SWA

Other Business:
1. Exams: Thursday, December 8, 2021 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. DRAFT: Rules and Regulations: Margaret Machaiek
   a. SOM WD&PI RULE 10-144 CODE OF ME RULES, CHAP 232, (Braley Draft)
   b. Will disperse hard copies and digital copies of the Draft to be reviewed
      at later date.
   c. Discussed briefly, Chapter 9, considerations for investigations per case.

3. MMWC ID CARD – follow-up
   a. Fran Simard and Tina Lemieux working together to complete mock-ups
      and order
   b. Appro. $18.00 for #250 count, (MMWC account pay for cards)

COMPLAINTS:
1. MADDEN-MCLEOD – complaint, rcdv 9-30-21 – NEW
   a. Well was drilled, 10-2-2019, 2-yr deadline for complaints

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HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-01-21 – NEW
a. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to Carmel Well Drilling/Karl Rudnicki
b. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Hanscom Well Drilling/Ronald Hanscom

Motion to accept complaint.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Daniel Locke VOTE: Unanimous

Motion to send Dave Philbrook to camera well and gather information
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

HINTON-AFFORDABLE & A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – NEW
a. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to Affordable Well Drilling Inc/James Bisson
b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to A-Z Water Systems/Carl Levesque
c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Randall Hinton & Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton

Motion to accept complaint.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: 6 yea, 0 nay
*Frank Hegarty – recused from vote

MADDEN-MCLEOD – complaint, rcvd 9-30-21 – CLOSED
a. Well drilled, 10-2-2019, (2-yr deadline for complaints)
b. 10-19-21, Notice of Complaint sent to, Ted McLeod Inc
c. 11-8-21, Ted McLeod called Commission to say that the issue had been resolved
   i. we’ll serve food cart for handwashing, bottled water used for serving, and porta-toilet used on site

Motion to resolve/close complaint.
☐ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Daniel Locke VOTE: Unanimous

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 9:00 am - In-Person

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

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 10:13 AM

MINUTES MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, December 8, 2021

In-Person Meeting
18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg., Rm 109, Augusta, ME

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

Guests:
Margaret Machaiek State of Maine, AAG
Joe Gallant Well Driller
Randall Hinton & Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton Complainant
Stephen Jones Complainant

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:07 AM
Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from November 10, 2021
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. BRADLEY-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA
2. BROWN-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA
3. DESHARNAIS-WESTERN_SWA
4. KINSLEY-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA
5. PEARSON-WESTERN_SWA

Other Business:
1. Exams: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. Question: Cistern Setback – Goodwin, Pugh
   a. Discussed the ME PE Law greater than $10,000, and that
   b. Exemption (single, family, residential)

3. DRAFT: Rules and Regulations: Margaret Machaiek
   ☐ SOM W&DPI RULE 10-144 CODE OF ME RULES, CHAP 232, (Braley Draft)
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4. MWWC ID CARD – follow-up
   a. Fran Simard and Tina Lemieux working together to complete mock-ups and order
   b. Approx. $18.00 for #250 count, (MWWC account pay for cards)
   c. *(will order cards by end of January 2022)

COMPLAINTS:

a. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to A-Z Water Systems/Carl Levesque
b. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Stephen Jones
c. 11-10-21, Motion to accept complaint

Motion to table complaint and send MWWC Inspector.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous

HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-01-21 – OPEN
a. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to Carmel Well Drilling/Karl Rudnicki
b. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Hanscom Well Drilling/Ronald Hanscom
c. 11-10-21, Motion to accept complaint and Motion to send Dave Philbrook

Motion to table complaint and send MWWC Inspector.
☐ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

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b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to A-Z Water Systems/Carl Levesque
c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Randall Hinton & Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton
d. 11-10-21, Motion to accept complaint

Motion to table complaint and send MWWC Inspector.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Alex Pugh VOTE: 5 yea / 1 recused
*Frank Hegarty – Recused from vote

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 9:00 am – REMOTE VIA ZOOM

Motion to Adjourn.
☐ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Alex Pugh VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 12:04 AM
WELL DRILLING RIGS – HOW TO PROPERLY REGISTER
Maine Motor Transport Association

Recently an issue developed in Maine regarding an MMTA member who was stopped by the Maine State Police, Troop K, and inspected at roadside. Several questions regarding the weight of the vehicle and how it was registered prompted many calls from this member and other well drillers who were inquiring how to properly register a well drilling rig and what the legal weight can be. This article is intended to outline the regulations involved and explain the process for properly registering a well drilling rig in Maine.

Most well drilling rigs are over the legal road limit for both gross and axle weights, based on their configurations. This is due to the tools and equipment that they are set up for in order to perform the job they are designed to do. Assuch, the vehicles cannot be registered in the same manner as trucks or truck tractors and must be registered as Special Mobile Equipment, Class A.

Drilling rigs should register as Special Mobile Equipment, Class A at their municipal office. You must register for the total gross weight of the vehicle with all of the tools necessary to operate the vehicle. Bylaw, special mobile equipment cannot transport other property or passengers not related to the rig’s primary function. The vehicle is also subject to excise tax in the same manner as other vehicles and this is paid during registration at the municipal office. The town office will give you a TRACTOR plate for the vehicle. These vehicles are not subject to Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT).

Once the vehicle is properly registered, an annual over limit permit is required to be obtained from Maine BMV in accordance with Title 29A §2382 and with MDOT rule chapter 157. Vehicles that are within 15% of legal road weights for trucks are eligible to obtain an annual overweight permit. Vehicles that exceed 15% would be required to obtain individual permits each time they travel. Cost for this permit is currently $303.

As you have read, the rules and regulations can be complicated! As always, members may call Maine Motor Transport Association for assistance and guidance with the regulations at 623-4128. The supporting laws and regulations are provided below for those interested:

GUIDE TO COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS:

LEGAL GROSS AND AXLE LIMITS—Title 29A §2353

§2353. Weight limits

1. Weight limits. Except as provided in section 2355, the following gross vehicle weight limits apply to vehicles operating on a public way:
   A. For a 2-axle vehicle, 34,000 pounds;
   B. For a 3-axle vehicle or combination of vehicles, 54,000 pounds;
   C. For a 4-axle vehicle or combination of vehicles and, except as provided by section 2364, for single unithehicles of 5 or more axles, 69,000 pounds;
   D. Except as provided in paragraph E, section 2354, section 2357, subsection 4 and section 2365 for combination vehicles with 5 or more axles, 80,000 pounds; and
   E. For a combination of 3-axle truck tractor and tri-axle semitrailer, 100,000 pounds.

2. Weight reductions. The maximum gross vehicle weight permitted for combination vehicles having:
   A. Four axles is reduced by 1,000 pounds for each foot the distance is less than 18 feet between the centers of the extreme axles, excluding the steering axle, measured to the nearest foot; or
   B. Five or more axles is reduced by 2,000 pounds for each foot the distance is less than 24 feet between the centers of the extreme axles, excluding the steering axle, measured to the nearest foot.

3. Exception. Subsection 2 does not apply to vehicles operating on the Interstate Highway System.

4. Axle weight limits. The following axle weight limits apply:
   A. Except as provided in section 2355, a vehicle may not be operated with a gross weight exceeding:
      (1) On a single-axle unit, 22,400 pounds;
      (2) On a tandem-axle unit, 38,000 pounds; or
      (3) On a tri-axle unit, 48,000 pounds.
   B. A single axle of a tandem-axle unit may not support more than 60% of the total weight supported by that tandem-axle unit, unless neither axle exceeds the weight legally allowed on a single-axle unit of that vehicle.
   C. A single axle of a tri-axle unit may not support more than 40% of the total weight supported by that tri-axle unit.
   D. The maximum gross weight of a vehicle or axle may not be increased by the addition of an axle unless it supports at least 50% of the added weight permitted by its addition.

5. Maximum tire weight. A vehicle may not be operated when the load on the road surface is greater than 600 pounds per inch of tire width, manufacturer's rating, except for:
   A. Farm trucks transporting potatoes directly from the fields to the place of storage or to a processing facility during the potato harvesting season;
   B. A vehicle operating under an overweight permit issued pursuant to section 2381.

A tractor, the propulsive power of which is exerted not through wheels resting on the ground but by means of a flexible band or chain known as a movable track, is not subject to this subsection if the portions of track in contact with the surface of the way present plane surfaces.

6. Exemption. A vehicle modified for the purpose of plowing snow is exempt from the weight limits imposed by this chapter when engaged in or enroute to or returning from plowing snow or in ice control. A vehicle modified for the purpose of plowing snow is exempt from the maximum tire weight provisions of subsection 5 at all times. Any fire-fighting vehicle with its proper equipment that meets the National Fire Protection Association standards is exempt from the gross and axle weight limits imposed by this chapter. Any vehicle engaged in emergency maintenance of a public way is exempt from the weight limits imposed by this chapter.

7. Exemption; farm vehicles transporting potatoes. A farm vehicle transporting potatoes from the field to a storage or processing facility during the potato harvesting season is exempt from the axle weight limits and axle weight tolerance restrictions imposed by this chapter, except for the weight limits imposed under section 2355. To be eligible for this exemption, the farm vehicle must be in compliance with the grossweight limits established in this chapter and must have at least 8,000 pounds on the steering axle. This exemption does not apply on the Interstate Highway System, including that portion designated as the Maine Turnpike.

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8. Vehicles within maximum gross vehicle weight limits. Notwithstanding any provision of this subchapter to the contrary, if a vehicle that exceeds axle weight limits and axle weight tolerance restrictions imposed by this subchapter by less than 5,000 pounds is within the applicable maximum gross vehicle weight limit including tolerances, the fine imposed under this subchapter is reduced by 50%.

This subsection does not apply to vehicles traveling on the Interstate Highway System except that portion of Interstate 95 designated as the Maine Turnpike.

DEFINITION OF SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT, Title 29A §101(70)

70. Special mobile equipment. "Special mobile equipment" means a motor vehicle with permanently mounted equipment not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property. "Special mobile equipment" includes, but is not limited to, road construction or maintenance machinery, ditch-digging apparatus, stone crushers, air compressors, power shovels, cranes, graders, rollers, trucks used only to plow snow and for other duties pertaining to winter maintenance, including sanding and salting, well drillers and wood-sawing equipment or similar types of equipment.

Special mobile equipment is divided into Class A and Class B special mobile equipment. Well drillers must be registered as Class A special mobile equipment. All other special mobile equipment may be registered either as Class A or Class B special mobile equipment.

DEFINITION OF SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT, Title 29A §513

1. Definition. For the purpose of this section, "special mobile equipment" does not include a vehicle that may be used for the conveyance of property except:

A. Conveying hand tools or parts used in connection with the operation of that equipment; or

B. Road construction or maintenance machinery transporting earth on that portion of the highway under construction.

1-A. Registration required. Except as provided in subsection 3, special mobile equipment used on public ways, including, but not limited to, equipment that is rented from a location in this State or outside this State, regardless of whether the main office or headquarters of the owner of the equipment is located in this State or outside this State, must be registered in this State in accordance with this chapter.

2. Annual registration fee. The annual registration fee for special mobile equipment that is permanently mounted on a traction unit or motor chassis is as follows.

A. Class A special mobile equipment must be operated under an annual registration. The fee for a Class A special mobile equipment registration permit is as follows.

(1) For gross weight from 0 to 54,000 pounds, the fee is as in section 505, subsection 2-A.

(2) For gross weight from 54,001 to 60,000 pounds, the fee is $387.

(3) For gross weight from 60,001 to 65,000 pounds, the fee is $417.

(4) For gross weight from 65,001 to 70,000 pounds, the fee is $447.

(5) For gross weight from 70,001 to 75,000 pounds, the fee is $477.

(6) For gross weight from 75,001 to 80,000 pounds, the fee is $507.

(7) For gross weight from 80,001 to 90,000 pounds, the fee is $567.

(8) For gross weight from 90,001 to 94,000 pounds, the fee is $592.

(9) For gross weight from 94,001 to 100,000 pounds, the fee is $712.

B. The fee for Class B special mobile equipment is $20.

C. For Class B special mobile equipment, if the gross weight is in excess of 20,000 pounds, the registrant must obtain a permit as required by section 2382, subsection 5.

D. Special mobile equipment may be operated unloaded between construction projects and to or from the place where the vehicle is customarily kept, if a permit is first obtained under section 2382, subsection 5.

3. Exemption from registration. Special mobile equipment that is used exclusively on the closed portion of a public way for the limited purposes of constructing or repairing that public way and that is transported by another vehicle to and from the construction project is exempt from registration under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, the special mobile equipment must be operated only within the boundaries of a closed way. Notwithstanding section 1601, the owner or operator of special mobile equipment that is exempt from registration pursuant to this subsection shall maintain the amounts of financial responsibility specified in section 1605.

§. Overlimit movement permits

1. Overlimit movement permits issued by State. The Secretary of State, acting under guidelines and advice of the Commissioner of Transportation, may grant permits to move nondivisible objects having a length, width, height or weight greater than specified in this Title over a way or bridge maintained by the Department of Transportation.

2. Permit fee. The Secretary of State, with the advice of the Commissioner of Transportation, may set the fee for single trip permits, at not less than $6, nor more than $30, based on weight, height, length and width. The Secretary of State may, by rule, implement fees that have been set by the Commissioner of Transportation for multiple trip, long-term overweight movement permits. Rules established pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

3. County and municipal permits. A county commissioner or municipal officer may grant a permit, for a reasonable fee, for travel over a way or bridge maintained by that county or municipality.

4. Permits for weight. A vehicle granted a permit for excess weight must first be registered for the maximum gross vehicle weight allowed for that vehicle.

5. Long-term permits. The Secretary of State may grant permits for up to one year for trucks, truck tractors, semitrailers, heavy duty
recovery vehicles and Class A special mobile equipment. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8071, subsection 2, paragraph A, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, shall establish the fee schedule by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

6. Scope of permit. A permit is limited to the particular vehicle or object to be moved, the trailer or semitrailer hauling the overlimit object and particular ways and bridges.

7. Construction permits. A permit for a stated period of time may be issued for loads and equipment employed on public way construction projects, United States Government projects or construction of private ways, when within construction areas established by the Department of Transportation. The permit:

A. Must be procured from the municipal officers for a construction area within that municipality;
B. May require the contractor to be responsible for damage to ways used in the construction areas and may provide for:
   (1) Withholding by the agency contracting the work of final payment under contract; or
   (2) The furnishing of a bond by the contractor to guarantee suitable repair or payment of damages.

The suitability of repairs or the amount of damage is to be determined by the Department of Transportation on state-maintained ways and bridges, otherwise by the municipal officers;

C. May be granted by the Department of Transportation or by the state engineer in charge of the construction contract; and

D. For construction areas, carries no fee and does not come within the scope of this section.

8. Gross vehicle weight permits. The following may grant permits to operate a vehicle having a gross vehicle weight exceeding the prescribed limit:

A. The Secretary of State, with the consent of the Department of Transportation, for state and state aid highways and bridges within city or compact village limits;
B. Municipal officers, for all other ways and bridges within that city and compact village limits; and
C. The county commissioners, for county roads and bridges located in unorganized territory.

9. Pilot vehicles. The following restrictions apply to pilot vehicles.

A. Pilot vehicles required by a permit must be equipped with warning lights and signs as required by the Secretary of State with the advice of the Department of Transportation.
B. Warning lights may be operated and lettering on the signs may be visible on a pilot vehicle only while it is escorting a vehicle with a permit on a public way.

With the advice of the Commissioner of Transportation and the Chief of the State Police, the Secretary of State shall establish rules for the operation of pilot vehicles.

9-A. Police escort. A person may not operate a single vehicle or a combination of vehicles of 125 feet or more in length or 16 feet or more in width on a public way unless the vehicle or combination of vehicles is accompanied by a police escort. The Secretary of State, with the advice of the Commissioner of Transportation, may require a police escort for vehicles of lesser dimensions.

A. The Bureau of State Police shall establish a fee for state police escorts to defray the costs of providing a police escort. A county sheriff or municipal police department may establish a fee to defray the costs of providing police escorts.
B. The Bureau of State Police shall provide a police escort if a request is made by a permittee. A county sheriff or municipal police department may refuse a permittee's request for a police escort.
C. A vehicle or combination of vehicles for which a police escort is required must be accompanied by a state police escort when operating on the interstate highway system.

10. Taxes paid. A permit for a mobile home may not be granted unless the applicant provides reasonable assurance that all property taxes, sewage disposal charges and drain and sewer assessments applicable to the mobile home, including those for the current tax year, have been paid or that the mobile home is exempt from those taxes. A municipality may waive the requirement that those taxes be paid before the issuance of a permit if the mobile home is to be moved from one location in the municipality to another location in the same municipality for purposes not related to the sale of the mobile home.

11. Violation. A person who moves an object over the public way in violation of this section commits a traffic infraction.
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**Shotgun Start:** 9:00 am

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