



# MAINE GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023 EDITION

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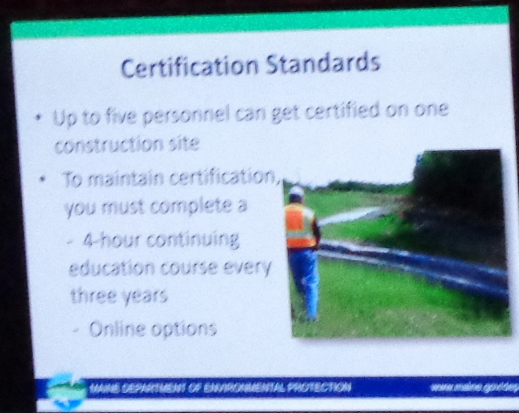
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“Thank you” John Maclaine from the State of Maine Nonpoint Source for teaching the Erosion & Sediment Control Practices and Refresher Class at our Annual Meeting.

### Mark Your Calendars

MGWA Director's Meetings are being held Via Zoom. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. There are typically no director's meetings in June, July & August. Please check with the website, your email, or contact a director for more info.

**Director's Meetings:** Via Zoom at 6:30 PM on September 11, October 16, November 20

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

### Well Driller's Commission Meetings:

The Maine Water Well Commission meets monthly at 9:00 am every 2nd Wednesday. The venue of the meeting will be announced after each meeting. In-Person Meetings: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME. Virtual Meetings: info can be found at the commission website. For questions on Commission business call The Drinking Water Program at 207-287-2070 or visit the website at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/wellDrillers.shtm>

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

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# MGWA Director's Meeting

## Maine Ground Water Association Director's Meeting

February 6, 2023

### In Person at The Best Western Plus in Waterville

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

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

Treasurers Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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

Commission/Legislative Committee:  
(Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin)  
None

NEWWA Director's: (Frank Hegarty & Scott Abbotts)

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

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

Nomination Committee: TBA

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

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

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

## Maine Ground Water Association Director's Meeting

March 20, 2023

### Via Zoom

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

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

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

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# MGWA Director's Meeting

## Old Business:

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

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

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) Frank and Jesse reported the Commission is still working on complaints. The Commission has a new inspector. Frank stated members should attend the Commission meetings. The Com-

mission must vote to bring a complaint forward to discuss the issue. Discussion on members being on both the MGWA Board and the MWWC board. This has been something that has been in place for years. Board members don't see it as a disadvantage, but as an advantage to report back and forth to each board. It is important to have drillers on the Commission. Please contact Frank and Jesse if you have any concerns about either board.

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

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

Membership Applications Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Frank Hegarty, Justin

Lanphier, Scott Hodgdon and Noah Rolfe)

## Nomination Committee:

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

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

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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

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

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# MGWA Director's Meetings

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Minutes: A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Noah Rolfe to approve the March 20, 2023, Director's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

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

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

New Business:

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

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

NEWWA Directors: (Frank Hegarty & Scott Abbotts)

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

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

Nomination Committee: TBD

Next Meeting(s) will be held on the third

Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., May 15, September 18, October 16, November 20

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

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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

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

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

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

Old Business: None

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

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

Commission/ Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) Jesse reported that the Commission is bogged down and stuck with complaints and definitions with varied opinions. Rules state that a journeyman or master must directly supervise an

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

NEWWA Directors: (Frank Hegarty & Scott Abbotts)

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

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

Nomination Committee: TBD

Next Meeting(s) are typically held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., May 15, September 11, October 16, November 20

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

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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# MGWA Annual Treasurer's Report

## Maine Ground Water Association Annual Treasurer's Report 2022

|                                             | 2022               | 2021               | Difference         |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Check Book Balance Beginning of Year</b> | <b>\$27,864.41</b> | <b>\$24,460.57</b> | <b>\$3,403.84</b>  |
| <b>Income</b>                               |                    |                    |                    |
| Dues                                        | \$6,590.00         | \$6,500.00         | \$90.00            |
| Newsletter Advertising                      | \$1,750.00         | \$1,450.00         | \$300.00           |
| Interest                                    | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Annual Meeting                              | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| NGWA Insurance Program                      | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Spring Demo                                 | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| MDEP Erosion Training                       | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Golf Tournament                             | \$16,069.66        | \$0.00             | \$16,069.66        |
| New England Water Well Association          | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Voided Debit Charge                         | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| <b>Total Income</b>                         | <b>\$24,409.66</b> | <b>\$7,950.00</b>  | <b>\$16,459.66</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                    |                    |                    |
| Annual Meeting                              |                    |                    | \$0.00             |
| New Bank Checks for Association             |                    |                    | \$0.00             |
| Awards                                      | \$116.80           |                    | \$116.80           |
| Meeting Room                                | \$75.00            |                    | \$75.00            |
| <b>MMTA</b> Membership Dues                 | \$312.50           |                    | \$312.50           |
| National Ground Water Association           | \$475.00           | \$475.00           | \$0.00             |
| Golf Tournament Expenses                    | \$10,999.05        |                    | \$10,999.05        |
| Newsletter                                  | \$2,118.31         | \$1,350.58         | \$767.73           |
| <b>NGWA</b> Delegate Fee                    |                    |                    | \$0.00             |
| Legal Fees Annual Report                    | \$35.00            | \$35.00            | \$0.00             |
| Travis Mills Donation                       | \$2,575.00         |                    | \$2,575.00         |
| Plaque for Ike Goodwin                      |                    | \$38.18            | -\$38.18           |
| Zoom                                        | \$158.89           | \$149.90           | \$8.99             |
| Printing & Postage                          | \$667.81           | \$761.85           | -\$94.04           |
| Stationary                                  |                    |                    | \$0.00             |
| Refund on Dues Overpayment                  | \$140.00           |                    | \$140.00           |
| Web Site                                    | \$179.88           | \$242.20           | -\$62.32           |
| Flowers                                     |                    | \$182.45           | -\$182.45          |
| Directors, Officers & GL Insurance          | \$800.00           | \$800.00           | \$0.00             |
| Liability Insurance                         | \$526.00           | \$511.00           | \$15.00            |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                        | <b>\$19,179.24</b> | <b>\$4,546.16</b>  | <b>\$14,633.08</b> |
| <b>Check Book Balance End of Year</b>       | <b>\$33,094.83</b> | <b>\$27,864.41</b> | <b>\$5,230.42</b>  |

Respectfully Submitted:

Scott C. Abbotts  
Treasurer





# Commission Minutes

**MINUTES  
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

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

**ATTENDEES:**

Commission Members:  
(IN-PERSON)

Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT  
Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP  
Ryan Gordon Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Mike Otley Public Member

(ZOOM)

Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller  
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Guests:

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk,  
DWP

**PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 am**

**Review of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**, Monthly Meeting \*(HYBRID)

**MOTION:** Glenn Dyer **2nd:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** unanimous

**Exam Applications:**

1. AIDAN WALKER\_WD02335 - WD-J / PI-J

Motion to accept candidate to sit for the exam.

**MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Glenn Dyer **VOTE:** unanimous

2. RANDY SAUCIER\_WD02294 - WD-J / PI-J

Motion to accept candidate to sit for the exam.

**MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Glenn Dyer **VOTE:** unanimous

**Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:**

1. NONE

**Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:**

1. LILLY-HANSENS\_SWA

**Other Business:**

1. EXAMS: **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta

a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. INQUIRY: Tina Lemieux

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FRANCIS G SULLIVAN JR\_WD00252 / **WD-M** / EXP 2023

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

**OPEN COMPLAINTS:**

**TUFTS - A-Z WATER SYSTEMS – complaint, rcvd 9-13-22 – OPEN**

a. 9-14-22, complaints accepted

1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER  
ME0092430

2. SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855 - closed, \*(12-14-22)

b. 10-6-22, Notification Letter sent via email and regular mail, has 14-days to respond

c. 10-12-22, Alex Pugh reached out to DEP and Plumbing Board and reported,

i. Plumbing Board stated, “A-Z was not the last to touch the well.”

d. 10-20-22, Response Letter, Heidi Levesque

e. 11-9-22,

1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER –  
ME0092430

2. SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855 - closed, \*(12-14-22)

Carl Levesque: statements

- Jed Haws - approved and inspected

- Kate Tufts - said it is resolved, after-the-fact permit issued

- Levesque - issue is over 2 1/2 -years \*(3-15-20)

f. 12-14-22, Alex Pugh: to do follow-up with statements and information gathering

- Sebago LL-A-Z portion of complaint closed

- complaint, tabled for more information gathering

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

**FAIR HEARINGS:**

**HINTON-AFFORDABLE & A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN**

a. 4-13-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems and Affordable Well Drilling

b. 5-5-22, Violation Letters sent to A-Z and Affordable

c. 5-11-22, A-Z Appeal Response letter

d. 5-23-22, Affordable Appeal Response letter

e. 6-8-22, Pending Fair Hearing scheduling (date and time), (MOU, FHRF)

f. 10-19-22, **Hinton - A-Z, Settlement Proposal received**

**JONES-A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 10-19-21 – OPEN**

a. 6-8-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems

b. 7-1-22, Violation letter sent to A-Z

c. 7-12-22, A-Z Appeal Response, received

d. 7-13-22, Fair Hearing to be scheduled after paperwork submitted, (MOU, FHRF)

e. 10-19-22, **Jones - A-Z, Settlement Proposal received**

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**\*\* For FAIR HEARING dates, times, and access via Zoom, please go to the MWWC webpage\*\***

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

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

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

## **\*\*NEXT MEETINGS\*\***

### MONTHLY MEETING:

#### **Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 9am – Hybrid (In-Person/ZOOM)**

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

### FAIR HEARINGS:

Cancelled/to be rescheduled –

#### **Fair Hearing – HINTON – AFFORDABLE complaint\_10-20-22, 9am**

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

Cancelled/ to be rescheduled –

#### **Fair Hearing – HINTON – A-Z complaint 11-14-22, 9am**

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

Cancelled/to be rescheduled –

#### **Fair Hearing – JONES – A-Z complaint\_10-18-22, 9am**

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / Zoom Meeting Link

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Motion to Adjourn.

- MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: **9:47 am**

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## MINUTES

### MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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

### ATTENDEES:

#### Commission Members: (IN-PERSON)

Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP  
Ryan Gordon Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Mike Otley Public Member  
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller  
Jesse Goodwin Master Well Driller

#### (ZOOM)

Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

#### Guests:

Margaret Machaiek AAG  
Stephanie Everette,  
Stephen Everette,  
Daniel Bowden  
Complainants

Brian Streeter Mst. Well Driller/Pump Installer

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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### PROCEEDINGS: **9:07 am**

#### **Review of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, January 08, 2023**, Monthly Meeting \*(HYBRID) and change exceptions on second page.

- MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** 5 yea / 1 recused

\*Jesse Goodwin, not present at last meeting

#### **Exam Applications:**

1. THEODORE R MCLEOD III\_WD00410 - (WD-M)

Motion to accept the exam application.

- MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Alex Pugh **VOTE:** unanimous

2. DYLAN KIERKLEWSKI\_WD02225 - (WD-J)

Motion to accept the exam application.

- MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** 5 yea / 1nay

\*Glenn Dyer voted no

3. BENJAMIN BOURASSA\_WD02314 - (PI-J)

Motion to accept the exam application.

- MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** 5 yea / 1nay

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\*Glenn Dyer voted no

## Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

## Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. JOHNSON-HASKELL\_SWA  
2. STEPHENS-WEEKS\_SWA a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

## Other Business:

1. EXAMS: **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta

2. SWA Document changes: Alex Pugh  
a. proposed changes to include new language for the specialty well application  
b. proposed that the new language be placed in “rules” before changing application language due to issues of enforcement

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

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

Proposed Language:

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

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## NEW COMPLAINTS:

### EVERETT-WESTERN - complaint, rcvd 2-1-23 - new complaint

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

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

**MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** unanimous

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## OPEN COMPLAINTS:

### TUFTS - A-Z WATER SYSTEMS – complaint, rcvd 9-13-22 – OPEN

a. 9-14-22, complaints accepted  
1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER – ME0092430  
2. SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855 - closed, \*(12-14-22)  
b. 10-6-22, Notification Letter sent via email and regular mail, has 14-days to respond

c. 10-12-22, Alex Pugh reached out to DEP and Plumbing Board and reported,  
i. Plumbing Board stated, “A-Z was not the last to touch the well.”  
d. 10-20-22, Response Letter, Heidi Levesque  
e. 11-9-22,  
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f. 12-14-22, Alex Pugh: to do follow-up with statements and information gathering  
- Sebago LL-A-Z portion of complaint closed  
- complaint, tabled for more information gathering  
- information request sent (1-3-23), to Kevin Levesque, Levesque WD about A-Z complaint

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

\*Alex Pugh - to inquire and discuss with Kate Tufts about possible amending complaint to include Kevin Levesque

\*Tina Lemieux - will attempt to make contact via phone and/or email, and possibly send another request for information

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

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

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## FAIR HEARINGS:

### HINTON-AFFORDABLE & A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd

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## 11-03-21 – OPEN

- a. 4-13-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems and Affordable Well Drilling
- b. 5-5-22, Violation Letters sent to A-Z and Affordable
- c. 5-11-22, A-Z Appeal Response letter
- d. 5-23-22, Affordable Appeal Response letter
- e. 6-8-22, Pending Fair Hearing scheduling (date and time), (MOU, FHRF)
- f. 10-19-22, **Hinton - A-Z, Settlement Proposal received**

## JONES-A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 10-19-21 – OPEN

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

## FAIR HEARINGS:

**Cancelled/to be rescheduled –  
Fair Hearing – HINTON – AFFORDABLE complaint\_10-20-22, 9am**

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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Fair Hearing – HINTON – A-Z complaint\_11-14-22, 9am**

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**Cancelled/to be rescheduled –  
Fair Hearing – JONES – A-Z complaint\_10-18-22, 9am**

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME / [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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**\*\*NEXT MEETINGS\*\***

## MONTHLY MEETING:

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 9am – (In-Person/Zoom)**

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

Motion to Adjourn.

**MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: **10:42 am**

## MINUTES

### MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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

## ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:

(IN-PERSON)

Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT

Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP

Mike Otley Public Member

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Jesse Goodwin Master Well Driller

(ZOOM)

Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Guests:

Margaret Machaiek AAG

Kate Tufts, Public Water Inspector, DWP

Stephanie Everette,

Stephen Everette,

Daniel Bowden

Complainants

Meaghan Knowlton, President Western Maine Water Inc

Complaint

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

## PROCEEDINGS: **9:02 am**

### Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, February 08, 2023**, Monthly Meeting \*(HYBRID)

**MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Glenn Dyer **VOTE:** 5 yea / 1 recused

\*Dwight Doughty - recused, (not present at last meeting)

### Exam Applications:

1. STEVEN LAPIERRE\_WD02144 - (WD-J), (effective date, 7-18-2013) - **approved**

Motion to approve Steven LaPierre to sit for the exams.

**MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** 5 yea / 1 recused

\*Jesse Goodwin - recused

2. NOAH GAGNE\_WD02384 - (PI-J), \*\*see New Business - **declined**

Motion for candidate to come back in one year, according to MWWC rules and regulations.

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

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3. KARAKIS - GOODWIN\_SWA

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1. EXAMS: **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta

a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. APPRENTICE APPLICATION: Tina Lemieux

a. Sunco Pump & Well Drilling has a candidate, NOAH GAGNE\_WD02384 - (PI-J)

b. An exam application was received for the PI-J exam, but no apprentice license was found

c. New Apprentice application has been processed for current date, (effective date, 2-22-23)

• Candidate must have a year time and experience

• Old application (8-18-2021) has been found by the well company (was not submitted until now)

• Payroll report has been submitted as proof of date of hire and work time

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

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a. 2-8-23, complaint, accepted

b. 2-10-23, Notice Letters, sent to Everett and Western Maine Water Inc

c. 2-24-23, Response, received from Western Maine Water Inc

d. 3-8-23, Meaghan Knowlton, present by Zoom. Reviewed possibilities of problem.

(Possible: "Dirty fracture", rock problem, no issues from surface water, should camera well)

Motion to send Dave Philbrick to camera well; 3-8-23.

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

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g. 1-7-23, Response received, Manon Levesque

Motion to table complaint until next meeting; 4-12-23.

☐ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** 5 yea / 1 recused

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### TUFTS (2) - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING - complaint rcvd 2-21-23 - OPEN

a. 3-8-23, complaint accepted, TUFTS - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING

Motion to accept complaint and send out Notice to Levesque WD; 3-8-23.

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- d. 2-14-23, received lab report for Carmel Well Drilling - from Clear Water Lab
- o Waiting for Spring 2023, for next lab report(s)

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

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