



MAINE GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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MGWA Annual Meeting

February 7, 2019

E. J. Prescott, Inc

32 Prescott Street, Gardiner, Maine

8:00-8:30 am Coffee & Donuts

8:30-9:00 am Annual Meeting & Director's Meeting

9:00-1:00 pm Recertification Erosion Control Class

Light Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please RSVP by February 1, 2019

The State of Maine DEP Recertification class is for the members that took the class and got certified 8 years ago and have also taken the recertification class 4 years ago either with MGWA or The DEP. If you don't need the recertification class, you are welcome to stay and learn, but you won't earn the certification.

Mark Your Calendars

MGWA Meetings are held at The Best Western Plus in Waterville, ME at 6:00 pm. Meeting dates and places are subject to change. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. There are no director's meetings in June, July & August.

Director's Meetings: TBA

MGWA Spring Demo: TBA

Well Driller's Commission Meetings: February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11

The Commission generally meets at 9:00 A.M., the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 17 Elkins Lane in Augusta. For questions on Commission business call The Drinking Water Program at 207-287-2070 or David Braley at 207-441-5324 or visit the website at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/wellDrillers.shtml>

NEWWA Spring Demo: March 8 & 9, 2019 at Best Western Royal Plaza, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA For more info go to: www.newwassociation.org

NGWA Groundwater week: December 2-5, 2019 Las Vegas, NV For more info go to: www.ngwa.org If you would like to be a delegate, please contract a director.

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

MGWA Director's Meeting Minutes November

Maine Ground Water Association Director's Meeting November 12, 2018 Best Western Plus Waterville, ME

The MGWA Director's Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 6:22 pm with the following present: Frank Hegarty, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Ted McLeod, Susan Smith, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin and Trevor Gould.

A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the September 10, 2018 Director's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Scott Hodgdon to approve the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: Frank Hegarty is checking to have the annual meeting be the DEP Soil Erosion recertification. There has been an employee change at the DEP and Frank is still working on whether or not we can have EJ Prescott hold the recertification class. He will speak with the DEP and EJ Prescott and scheduled the class around the end of January or first of February. If that doesn't work out, the other option for recertification is to take the class online or go to a DEP class.

New Business: A Motion by Susan Smith and second-

ed by Scott Hodgdon was unanimously approved to have Jim Innis write a letter and send it to the Commission stating that it is our opinion that a letter should be sent to all in and out of state Maine licensed drilling and pump installation companies that they need to license all employees that are working in Maine.

There was a discussion to notify all directors by email and text messaging of upcoming meetings.

Education Committee: There was a discussion on Spring Demo ideas.

Legislative Committee: We received an email from James Cote encouraging the association to have representation at The State House. There was a discussion about the possibility of new legislation with a new Governor in office. Everyone should keep checking the state website and with their local representatives and senators.

Membership applications: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Joe Gallant to changed Roger Skillings membership from Active membership to Associate membership, because he is not a resident of the State of Maine was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Taplin was unanimously approved.



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Commission Minutes September

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 12, 2018

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**Well Driller's Commission**  
**MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME**

**ATTENDEES:**

Commission Members:

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller  
Mike Otley Public Member  
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller  
Joe Gallant Master Well Driller  
Legal Counsel:  
Deanna White, AAG  
Guests:  
Timothy Putnam, Complainant  
Debbie Dyer, Public  
Minutes Prepared By:  
Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:11 am

TOPIC: Open Meeting:

Motion to discuss.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley

VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from July 11, meeting.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Exam Applications

CINDY KILLER – application for WD-M

Applicant has State of Maine, WD00567 – WD-A, and PI-M license

Applicant has New Hampshire, NH #661 – Well Driller and Pump Installer

Recommending Master WD license(s) included.

License(s) were not included with application to make a fair assessment of credentials.

Motion to discuss and consider WD-M exam application for Cindy Killer.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

Motion to deny application for incompleteness.

MOTION: Mike Otley 2ND: Daniel Locke VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications  
None

TOPIC: SWA In-House Approvals

ADAMS-INNIS

KUERSTEINER-SHANNON

MERCER-HARTLEY

ROBINSON-LORD

STOLKNER-INNIS

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LOCKETT-HANSCOM

OROURKE-GOODWIN

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# Commission Minutes November

## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

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Well Driller's Commission
MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson

David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Mike Otley Public Member

Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS

Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Legal Counsel:

Deanna White, AAG

William Laubenstein AAG

Kendall Ricker Attorney for Appellant

Guests:

Timothy Putnam, Complainant

Debbie Dyer, Public

Rock Libby Appellant

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:00 am

TOPIC: Open Meeting:

Motion to discuss.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from September 12, 2018, meeting.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Exam Applications

CINDY KILLER – application for WD-M – complete

Motion to allow Cindy Killer to sit for WD-M Exam.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous

TOBIN KNOWLTON – application for WD-M and PI-M – complete

Motion to allow Tobin Knowlton to sit for WD-M and PI-M Exam.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – Board Approvals

SHOLLER-LORD_SWA

Motion to approve. Dwight Doughty, recused self from voting.

MOTION: Mike Otley 2ND: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

MOCCIA-WESTERN ME_SWA

Motion to approve with 120 ft. casing, grouted, 10" hole, and witnessed.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – In-House Approvals

FREDERICK-BURNS

GENNETTE-BURNS

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FYI...

- Next month annual membership dues notices will be mailed.
- If you need Setback Reduction or Specialty Well Applications, they are available for download at The Well Drillers Commission's web site or by calling 207-287-2070.
- If you need Maine Geological Survey Well Forms, please call them at 207-287-2801
- Contact a Commission member, if you think that anything in our rules needs to be added or changed. With a new Governor in office, please keep let us know if your hear of any new legislation.
- Anyone have an idea for our Annual and Spring Demo?
- If you're interested in being on the Commission, please contact Joe Gallant, a MGWA board member or the Commission. Joe Gallant's term is up at the Commission.
- MGWA's Website: If you would like your company to be added or need any changes on our website please contact us at: info@mainegroundwater.org. You need to be a member to be on our website and to use the MGWA logo.

Slate of Officers & Directors

President Frank Hegarty
Vice President Scott Hodgdon
Treasurer Susan Smith
Secretary Michelle Weeks
Past President Mark Weeks
Three Two Year Directors:
Trevor Gould, Ted McLeod & Mark Taplin

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor

NGWA Groundwater Week Delegates Meeting

Over 5000 attended Groundwater Week. Membership is up by 1900 new members. NGWA has an online tool kit and the Groundwater Foundation is now part of the NGWA. The Groundwater Foundation had a live auction during the meeting. We voted for NGWA Directors and Code of Regulations Amendments. Patrick Smith & Susan Smith attended the meeting.



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TOPIC: Other Business

None

TOPIC: Complaints

PUTNAM-GALLANT – 2nd complaint filed, continuing issue Pump installed, but not sure if it is the correct size pump for well. Not sized correctly, and not in the best interest of the customer.

Has not powered up system due to inadequate generator.

Ask Gallant's to ask Berkley to size the pump according to specs of well and manufacturers recommendations.

20 gallons/minute is not specified in contract, the question is if this is needed.

Sent out letter to notify Gallant.

Motion to accept the complaint of pump installed but not sized correctly.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

STARR-O'CONNOR – complaint, ongoing

STARR and OCONNOR/LIBBY – not present.

Mr. Libby has requested an appeal hearing, Mr. O'Connor has not.

Penalties (suspension and probationary period) have commenced.

Date for Fair Hearing: October 10, RM 109, Harlow Bldg.

Need to discuss STARR-OCONNOR, Oil complaint and DEP follow-up.

Libby dealings next month.

ADJOURN: 10:25 am Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mike Otley 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

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CARPENTER-BURNS

LAVANTURE-STANLEY

LEIGHTON-SUNCO

MOREN-GOODWIN

STRACBIEN-LORD

ROSS-MARQUIS

TOPIC: Other Business

None

TOPIC: FAIR HEARING – STARR-OCONNOR - complaint

Motion to enter session to discuss proposal.

MOTION: David Braley 2ND: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous (recording off to deliberate)

(recording on to summarize)

Worked on draft consent agreement

No adjudicatory hearing.

Civil penalty amount of \$5000.00, payable over 6 months.

Suspension of all four licenses for 60 days, December 2018 through January 2019.

Provided clarification about if a new violation occurred.

Motion to accept the consent agreement as negotiated and direct our AAG to finalize the documents procedures.

MOTION: David Braley 2ND: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Complaints

JALBERT-ESTEY – complaint, new;

complaint denied due to lateness in reporting. (2-yrs to file).

Motion to deny complaint.

MOTION: Mike Otley 2ND: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

STARR-O'CONNOR – complaint, ongoing;

Penalties (suspension and probationary period) have commenced.

Fair Hearing, November 14, 2018,

MGS 17 ELKINS LANE, AUGUSTA, ME; CONFERENCE ROOM

PUTNAM-GALLANT – complaint, ongoing;

2nd complaint filed, open

Motion to accept the complaint of pump installed but not sized correctly.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURN: 12:42 pm

Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty

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3rd complaint filed, 3 complaints – torque arrestors, ethics, disinfected.

#3 – Motion to accept the torque arrestors complaint.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous

#3 – Motion to accept all complaints, torque arrestors, ethics, disinfected

MOTION: David Braley 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous Well Driller's Commission has asked Mr. Putman for the next time:

Start up the pump

Get electricity

Send letter

STARR-O'CONNOR – complaint, ongoing; documents and fines processing.

Received fine payment, \$5000.00, with paperwork.

ADJOURN: 10:20 pm

Motion to adjourn.

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

Commission Minutes December

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

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**Well Driller's Commission**  
**KEY BANK BLDG, CONFERENCE ROOM #12,**  
**286 Water St, 3rd Floor, #11 SHS,**  
**Augusta, ME**

**ATTENDEES:**

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson

David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Mike Otley Public Member

Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS

Legal Counsel:

Deanna White, AAG

Guests:

Timothy Putnam, Complainant

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 am

TOPIC: Open Meeting:

Motion to discuss.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: David Braley VOTE: Unani-

mous

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from November 14, 2018, not completed; will present at next meeting.

Meeting minutes from September 12, 2018, approved.

Motion to accept minutes

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Exam Applications

None

TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – Board Approvals

Rolfe's Well Drilling – reviewed, no motion

Grandfathered due to placement before 1991.

Letter sent to Rolfe's Well Drilling.

TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – In-House Approvals

None

TOPIC: Other Business

None

TOPIC: Complaints

PUTNAM-GALLANT – complaint, ongoing;

2nd complaint filed, loose casing;

#2 – Motion to accept the complaint of pump installed but not sized correctly.

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

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# MGWA Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019

E. J. Prescott, Inc.

Recertification for State of Maine Erosion Control

Please RSVP by February 1, 2019

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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