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**MGWA Spring Demo
Preferred Pump
May 19, 2018
465 Water Street
Gardiner, Maine**

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Please RSVP by May 12, 2018 No charge for BBQ

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: September 10, October 8, November 12

Spring Demo: May 19, 2018, Preferred Pump, 465 Water Street, Gardiner, ME. RSVP by May 12, 2018

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

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>

NGWA Groundwater week: December 4-6, 2018 Las Vegas, NV

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MGWA Director's Meeting Minutes

Maine Ground Water Association

Director's Meeting

March 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: Scott Abbotts, Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Joe Gallant, Jesse Goodwin, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Ted McLeod, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Mark Weeks and seconded by Ted McLeod to approve the February 12, 2018 Director's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Scott Hodgdon to approve the March 12, 2018 treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

New Business: A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Joe Gallant to change the By-Laws to read as follows:

5. Honorary Membership: Persons of acknowledged

eminence in the ground water industry in the State of Maine, or those who have contributed a special service to the furtherance of this industry and association, may be elected ~~either~~ Honorary Active Members, or Honorary Affiliate Members or Honorary Associate Members. was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

Education Committee: The spring demo will possibly be held at Ross and Terri Deschaine's shop in Sabattus. Some ideas are truck safety and compliance, geologist, equipment swap, and Joe/Frank to speak on rulemaking. The possible dates are May 5 or 12.

Legislative Committee: Rulemaking under the Water Well Commission will take place this year and will include requiring sanitary well caps and distribution of educational materials on water testing, which falls under L.D. 454 that became law in 2017.

Membership applications: None

The next meeting will be April 9, 2018.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Mark Weeks was unanimously approved.



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Director's Meeting

April 9, 2018

Best Western Plus

Waterville, ME

The MGWA Director's Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 6:15 pm with the following present: Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Joe Gallant, Scott Hodgdon, Jim Innis, Susan Smith, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Susan Smith and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the March 12, 2018 Director's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Michelle Weeks and seconded by Mark Taplin to approve the April 9, 2018 treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

New Business: Questions were brought up about the limited electrical license. Clarification will follow in the newsletter.

Old Business: None

Education Committee: Joe Gallant and Mark and Michelle Weeks were appointed to the committee for the demo. The spring demo will be held at Preferred Pump in Gardiner. A motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Mark Taplin to have the Oakland Lions Clubs provide the meal, with a guarantee of \$1000.00 or 100 meals at \$10.00 per meal above and beyond 100. This motion was unanimously approved. Speakers will be lined up.

Legislative Committee: None

Membership applications: None

The next meeting will be May 19, 2018.

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Joe Gallant was unanimously approved.



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What can a Maine licensed pump installer wire?

The info below is the answer to a question that Joe Gallant asked; **"What can a Maine licensed pump installer wire, without a Maine Limited Electrician Water Pumps License?"** There is also information on what is needed to get a Maine Limited Electrical Water Pumps License.

Here's the law:

10. Pump installers. A person licensed under chapter 69-C, except that this exception applies only to disconnection and connection of electrical conductors required in the replacement of water pumps of the same or smaller size in residential properties and the installation of new water pumps and associated equipment of 3 horsepower or smaller;

The question we had regarded "associated equipment": The associated equipment is equipment specifically associated with water pumps such as pressure switches and any controls on the load side of a disconnect that control the water pump. The disconnect (if one is required) and the wiring to the panel must be installed by a licensed electrician.

Regarding the limited to water pumps license examination requirement question, here's the law and rule:

Law: B. In order to obtain a license under this subsection, a person must meet the following requirements, as applicable:

A limited electrician in water pumps must provide evidence of having completed at least 135 hours of electrical education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution and provide evidence of 2,000 hours of work experience approved by the board in rules. A limited electrician in water pumps is restricted to performing electrical work between the branch circuit overcurrent device, the water pump and associated controls.

Rule: 1. To sit for the limited electrician's examination in **water pumps**, the applicant must meet the following education and work experience requirements:

a. 135 hours of electrical education consisting of 45 hour courses each in Electricity I, Motors/Controls I, and a current National Electrical Code course; and

b. 2,000 hours of work experience, at least 1,000 hours of which is in water pump installations.

Please let me know if you have other questions and thanks for asking.

Ray Stanford

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If you have any questions you can contact one of the following:

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FYI...

- 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
- Please send in your dues. Thank you to those of you that already have!
- Contact a Commission member, if you think that anything in our rules needs to be added or changed. Rule making is set happen this year.
- Anyone have an idea for our 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.



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Short business meeting and raffle will follow lunch.

When you RSVP, your name will be entered into the raffle

(You must be present to win raffle.)

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

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

Name: _____ Name: _____

Please RSVP to: MGWA, PO Box 207, Gorham, ME 04038 or email: info@mainegroundwater.org

Commission Minutes

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 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  
Mike Otley  
Public Member  
Daniel Locke  
Hydrogeologist, ME Geological Survey  
Glenn Dyer  
Master Well Driller  
Legal Counsel:  
Guests:  
Minutes Prepared By:  
Tina Lemieux  
DWP, clerk

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**PROCEEDINGS: 9:09 am**

Motion to discuss.

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

**TOPIC:** Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from January 10, 2018, meet-

ing.

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

**TOPIC:** Exam Applications

NONE

**TOPIC:** Specialty Well Applications

NONE

**TOPIC:** SWA In-House Approvals

NONE

**TOPIC:** Other Business

Unlicensed activity: Viera Artesian Wells.

Issue Closed - fees paid and exam to be scheduled.

Unlicensed activity: Smith Pump.

Issue Closed - two letters pending legal review and to be sent.

**TOPIC:** Complaints

Anonymous/Temple Well Drilling: Setbacks and construction issues.

Specialty Well application made out after the fact. Summer condos, no one there.

Waiting - until May.

Chad Grignon: Pipe Steaming.

Does not require licensing, repair and maintenance does not require plumbing license.

Issue Closed - internal plumbing, Maine Plumbers Examining Board, no license required.

**ADJOURN: 9:20 am**

Motion to adjourn.

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

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**Sign-up form on Page 9**

**All are welcome to attend our spring demo!**

If you're not a MGWA member and have received this newsletter, we've invited all Maine Licensed drilling and pump companies. Please join us. If you're already a member and receiving an additional newsletter, please give it to a driller, pump installer or supplier that's not a member and encourage them to join. Applications will be available at the demo and are on our website.

## Contact Us

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