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MGWA Annual Meeting

"Thank You" Randy DeVault from Maine Motor Transport Association for the presentation and Q&A on Current Drug and Alcohol Regulations, Hours of Service, Weight Limits and Registrations.

"Thank You" Chad Grignon, Maine House Representative for explaining your Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Application of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax to Water Well Drilling Equipment"



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: April 13, May TBA, September 14, October 12, November 9

Well Driller's Commission Meetings: 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>

New England Water Well Association Expo: March 13 & 14, 2020 at the Best Western, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA

NGWA Groundwater Week: December 8-10, 2020 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.maine groundwater.org

Thank you Frank & Michelle!



President Scott Hodgdon presented Past President Frank Hagerty with a plaque for serving two years as President and Past Secretary Michelle Weeks for serving five years as Secretary of MGWA.



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MGWA Annual Minutes January 23, 2020

**Maine Ground Water Association
Annual Meeting
Maine Motor Transport Association
Augusta, ME
January 23, 2020**

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty of Hegarty Plumbing and Heating at 10:57 am with the following present; Susan Smith of Hansen's Well Drilling, Inc., Scott Hodgdon of Hodgdon Well Service, Jesse Goodwin and Scott Abbotts of Goodwin Well & Water, Jim Innis of Innis Well Drilling, Trevor Gould of H2O Well Drilling, Justin Lamphier of Hatch Well Drilling, Terry Deschaine of Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, Mark Taplin of Williams & Taplin, Mark & Michelle Weeks of Weeks & Sons Well Drilling, David Bijolle of Epiroc, Jeff Cummings of Jeff Cummings Services LLC, and Rick Schrepper and Mitch Woodbury of Preferred Pump.

A motion made by Jesse Goodwin and seconded by Mark Weeks to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2019 General Meeting was unanimously approved.

A motion made by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Scott Hodgdon to approve the MGWA Annual 2019

Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. Terry Deschaine and Michelle Weeks reviewed the Annual Treasurer's book and found everything in order.

Old Business: The Commission has decided not to allow NH licensing without proper qualifications including testing.

New Business: None

Legislative: None

Nominations from the floor were opened. Michelle Weeks nominated the following; for President, Scott Hodgdon, Vice President, Jesse Goodwin, Treasurer, Scott Abbotts, Secretary, Susan Smith, 2 year directors, Joe Gallant, Jim Innis and Justin Lamphier and 1 year director to replace Jesse Goodwin, Ted McLeod. The nomination was seconded by Trevor Gould. Nominations were closed. The above slate was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn at 11:29 am made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Michelle Weeks was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Weeks, Secretary



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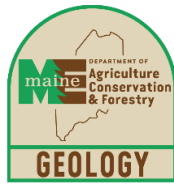
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Maine Geological Survey Launches New Electronic Well Card Submission Form



Maine Geological Survey Launches New Electronic Well Card Submission Form

By: Daniel B. Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey, MGWA Affiliate Member daniel.b.locke@maine.gov

Christian H. Halsted, Director, Earth Resources Information, Maine Geological Survey christian.h.halsted@maine.gov

In January of this year, the Maine Geological Survey (MGS) introduced an electronic version of the paper well reporting card. For decades, well drillers have been submitting these well cards to the MGS to report a new domestic water well. Over the last couple of years, MGS and the Maine Well Drillers Commission (MWDC) have been discussing and experimenting with options to move the submission of well cards to an electronic, web-based system. This system will hopefully make the well card submittal easier for the well drillers, increase the accuracy and consistency of the data, provide the MWDC with more timely statistics, and increase submission compliance rates. Any currently licensed Maine well driller can sign up for an account at MGS Collect (<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/collect/>). When on this page, scroll down to the Water Well Database Submission section. Here, you will find a link to a file containing a very detailed set of instructions. It is recommended that you download and save these instructions as well as print them so that you can use them as a guide in setting up your account and in entering your well record data once your account setup is complete.

Once set up, the driller never needs to send in another paper well card! Also, all previous well information (including client name and address) that has been entered via paper well cards over the years will be accessible to the individual companies who provided it. In other words, this individual client contact information is only visible to you and the State (not by the other well drilling firms). Only the well information itself and well

drilling company name is visible to everyone. This is a major incentive to transitioning to the electronic data entry system as the company now has an electronic record that no natural disaster can ever destroy! The well drilling firm can download their well data to a spreadsheet at any time for any purpose. This data can also translate into enhanced company value or worth as their work locations and client contacts are now more accessible.

Why is the State attempting to transition from the paper forms? In short, the current, paper well card process is flawed by a greater potential for data entry errors and problematic well location information. This coupled with incomplete- or non-compliance has rendered a process in much need of improvement. The new system uses logic-based fields to check for information that simply does not make sense and prompt the user to correct it. The town, address, coordinate fields and the graphical interface is designed to iteratively deliver the best possible well locations. Once a well record is successfully submitted, it will be tagged as pending to allow for a final human check by the MGS.

Increasingly, real estate property transfers have become delayed because of faulty or non-existent well information. This reflects poorly on both the State and the well drilling community. While the paper well cards will likely be accepted for the foreseeable future, we live in a world where computer systems track, measure, and calculate much of what we do. In business, companies which embrace and utilize technology will be at a distinct economic advantage. We have designed this new system to deliver the best possible data for use by everyone. We strongly encourage ALL well drillers to comply with the well driller data reporting law. We believe that the best way to satisfy this requirement is to utilize this electronic data entry tool.



Dan Locke & Chris Halstead attended our February Director's meeting and presented this tool. They plan to attend the spring demo to give a demonstration.

Scott Abbotts is the new
MGWA Treasurer

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**Maine Ground Water Association
Annual Treasurer's Report 2019**

	2019	2018	Difference
Check Book Balance Beginning of Year	\$17,019.16	\$14,147.04	\$2,872.12
Income			
Dues	\$5,895.00	\$6,045.00	-\$150.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$2,400.00	\$2,350.00	\$50.00
Interest	\$9.22	\$8.99	\$0.23
Annual Meeting			\$0.00
NGWA Insurance Program			\$0.00
Spring Demo	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
MDEP Erosion Training			\$0.00
Safety Meeting			\$0.00
New England Water Well Association	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	-\$500.00
Voided Debit Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$10,804.22	\$11,203.99	-\$399.77
Expenses			
Annual Meeting	\$383.95	\$185.00	\$198.95
Bank Charges			\$0.00
Awards	\$38.18	\$370.30	-\$332.12
Meeting Room	\$150.00	\$300.00	-\$150.00
American Ground Water Trust			\$0.00
National Ground Water Association			\$0.00
Lobbyist			\$0.00
Newsletter	\$1,876.18	\$2,847.88	-\$971.70
NGWA Delegate Fee	\$400.00	\$600.00	-\$200.00
Legal Fees	\$259.00	\$35.00	\$224.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Demo	\$2,021.45	\$2,434.00	-\$412.55
Erosion Training			\$0.00
Printing & Postage	\$558.83	\$161.49	\$397.34
Stationary			\$0.00
Checks			\$0.00
Web Site	\$179.88	\$204.20	-\$24.32
Safety Meeting			\$0.00
Directors, Officers & GL Insurance	\$1,298.00	\$1,194.00	\$104.00
Refund for overpayment & cancelled check fee	\$45.00		\$45.00
Total Expense	\$7,210.47	\$8,331.87	-\$1,121.40
Check Book Balance End of Year	\$20,612.91	\$17,019.16	\$3,593.75

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Smith
Treasurer

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Commission Minutes

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

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**Maine Water Well Commission  
18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg.,  
Rm 109, Augusta, ME**

### ATTENDEES:

#### Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT,  
Chairperson  
David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC  
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller  
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller  
Joe Gallant Master Well Driller

#### Guests:

Debbie Dyer Public  
Shannon Shuman Complainant

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux  
DWP Licensing Clerk, MWWC Clerk

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### PROCEEDINGS: 9:02 AM

#### Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from  
September 11, 2019, meeting.

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

Exam Applications: NONE

Specialty Well Applications: NONE

SWA In-House Approvals:  
GRAY-BURNS\_SWA MCDONOUGH-  
LEVESQUE\_SWA  
SMITH-JUDD GOODWIN\_SWA

#### Other Business:

1. WILLIAM DUNN\_ WD00037 /  
WDC0215 – reinstatement of li-  
censure, individual and company

- a. Currently in military and de-  
ployed on and off since 2014
- b. MWWC, waive all reinstatement  
and back fees

Motion to waive all outstanding fees  
associated with company and individu-  
al licenses

MOTION: Joe Gallant 2 nd: David  
Braley VOTE: Unanimous

#### Complaints:

1. LOCKE-OCONNOR – complaint,  
received 9-7-19; open
  - a. Investigate allegations against  
O'Connor/Libby
  - b. Dwight Doughty, Chair MWWC,  
will make phone inquiries to parties  
involved
  - c. Issue tabled until next meeting,  
upon further investigation
2. CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK –  
complaint, received 1-7-19; open
  - a. Issue pending report from Mr.  
Philbrook, inspector
  - b. Shannon Shuman: appeared  
and offered testimony that the well  
was still not functioning appropri-  
ately
  - c. Issue tabled until next meeting,  
upon further investigation

Motion to immediately suspend licens-  
es associated with Delwin Philbrick  
following notification procedures in  
regulations except for work ordered by  
the Commission for Civil Arms, Shan-  
non Shuman. Work must be performed  
and verified within 10 days, in the  
presence of David Philbrook, MWWC  
Inspector. If not completed within time  
frame set forth by the Commission,  
licenses will be fully suspended. Fol-  
lowing the investigation and verifica-  
tion of David Philbrook, MWWC In-  
spector, suspended licenses may be  
reinstated.

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

Motion to adjourn.

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

ADJOURN: 10:17 AM

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## MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, November 13, 2019

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**Maine Water Well Commission
18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg.,
Rm 109, Augusta, ME**

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT,
Chairperson
David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS
Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller
Joe Gallant Master Well Driller
Mike Oley Public Member

Guests:

Debbie Dyer Public
Delwin Philbrick Well Driller
Chris Halstead Earth Resources Direc-
tor,

MGS Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux DWP Licensing Clerk,
Commission Clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:02 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from Oc-
tober 9, 2019, meeting.

MOTION: Joe Gallant 2 nd: Glenn
Dyer VOTE: 6 members voted, 1 ab-
stained

Exam Applications:
THOMAS OGDEN – CANDIDATE,
Master Pump Installer Exam Applica-
tion; APPROVED

Motion to approve candidate to sit for
the Master Pump Installer Exam

MOTION: Joe Gallant 2 nd: Glenn
Dyer VOTE: unanimous

Specialty Well Applications: NONE

SWA In-House Approvals:
CIVIELLO-LORD_SWA

Other Business:

1. Chris Halstead – Earth Resources
Director, MGS; digital database for
well logs
 - a. Introduced database via project
for presentation

Complaints:

1. ABBOTT-GALLANT – complaint,

Commission Minutes Continued

- received 11-7-19; open
- a. Investigate allegations against O'Connor/Libby
- b. Send a letter to notify parties of review at December meeting

Motion table until December meeting and hear from well driller.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2 nd: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous

2. LOCKE-OCONNOR – complaint, received 9-7-19; closed
- a. Investigate allegations against O'Connor/Libby
 - b. Dwight Doughty, Chair MWWC, will make phone inquiries to parties involved
 - c. Inquiries determined the drilling was for non-drinking water well
 - d. Suspension is concluded but has not sent exam application to get license

Motion for Chair of MWWC to contact Rock Libby to explain about filing well logs recent complaint filed

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2 nd: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous

3. CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK – complaint, received 1-7-19; open
- a. Viewed several videos of well leak, courtesy David Philbrook, MWWC Inspector
 - b. Highly fractured rock and inconclusive where leaking from

Motion to perform water test, if no detections then case closed, if contaminants found, specifically E. coli/ coliforms, case continue open.

MOTION: Joe Gallant 2 nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Joe Gallant 2 nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURN: 11:35 AM

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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**Maine Water Well Commission  
18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg.,  
Rm 109, Augusta, ME**

### ATTENDEES:

#### Commission Members:

- Dwight Doughty Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson
- David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
- Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS
- Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
- Joe Gallant Master Well Driller
- Mike Otley Public Member

#### Guests:

Leigh & Nancy Abbott Complainants

Minutes Prepared By:  
Tina Lemieux DWP Licensing Clerk,  
Commission Clerk

### PROCEEDINGS: 9:00 AM

#### Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from November 13, 2019, meeting.

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

#### Exam Applications:

RANDY BEAN – candidate for Master Pump Installer exam; Denied - denied due to lack of certifiable experience

MYKEL HARTZELL – candidate for Journeyman Pump Installer; Approved Motion to approve candidate Mykel Hartzell to sit for the Journeyman Pump Installer Exam

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2 nd: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous

#### Specialty Well Applications: NONE

#### SWA In-House Approvals:

HALLENBECK-GOODWIN\_11-21-19  
HOULD-GOODWIN\_11-21-19

Other Business: NONE

#### Complaints:

1. ABBOTT-GALLANT – complaint, re-

- received 11-7-19; OPEN
- Investigate allegations against O'Connor/Libby
- Notification of Complaint sent, 11-8-19, to Gallant
  - o no response from Gallant
- Commission invitation letters sent, 11-18-19, Abbott & Gallant;
  - o Abbot came to December 11th meeting, no response from Gallant

Motion to send Dave Philbrook, Inspector, to inspect well, get pictures, and more information.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2 nd: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous

2. LOCKE-OCONNOR – complaint, received 9-7-19; CLOSED

- a. Investigate allegations against O'Connor/Libby
- b. Dwight Doughty, Chair MWWC, will make phone inquiries to parties involved
- c. Inquiries determined the drilling was for non-drinking water well
- d. Suspension is concluded but has not sent exam application to get license

3. CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK – complaint, received 1-7-19; OPEN
- Issue open, pending report from Mr. Philbrook, inspector
  - Issue pending water test: No detections, case closed; Contaminants found, case open

Motion to have Dave Philbrook, Inspector, perform new clean sample of well

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

Motion to adjourn.

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

ADJOURN: 10:50 AM

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# MGWA Director's Meeting January 23, 2020

## Maine Ground Water Association Director's Meeting January 23, 2020 Maine Motor Transport Association Augusta, ME

The MGWA Director's Meeting was called to order by President Scott Hodgdon at 11:32 a.m. with the following present: Susan Smith of Hansen's Well Drilling, Inc., Scott Hodgdon of Hodgdon Well Service, Jesse Goodwin and Scott Abbotts of Goodwin Well & Water, Jim Innis of Innis Well Drilling, Trevor Gould of H2O Well Drilling, Justin Lamphier of Hatch Well Drilling, Terry Deschaine of Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, Mark Taplin of Williams & Taplin, Mark & Michelle Weeks of Weeks & Sons Well Drilling, David Bijolle of Epiroc, Jeff Cummings of Jeff Cummings Services LLC, and Rick Schrepper and Mitch Woodbury of Preferred Pump.

Minutes: A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the November 20, 2019 Director's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Education Committee: Discussion on spring demo

Legislative Committee: None

Membership applications: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting will on February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at The Best Western Plus in Waterville.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. was made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Jesse Goodwin was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared By: Susan Smith, Secretary

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# MGWA Director's Meeting February 10, 2020

## Maine Ground Water Association Director's Meeting February 10, 2020 The Best Western Plus Waterville, ME

The MGWA Director's Meeting was called to order by President Scott Hodgdon at 6:20 p.m. with the following present: Susan Smith, Jesse Goodwin, Justin Lanphier, Mark Taplin, Ronnie Taplin, Joe Gallant, Frank Hegarty, Dan Locke & Chris Halstead.

Minutes: A motion by Mark Taplin and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the January 23, 2020 Director's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Jesse Goodwin and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the February 10, 2020 Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Old Business: Discussion on contracts. We need to work on them and get them updated.

New Business: A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Justin Lanphier to get Thank You plaques for Maine Motor Transport Authority hosting the annual meeting and giving the class and Sunco for the 2019 spring demo was unanimously approved. Frank

Hegarty reported that Chad Grignon a State Representative said that if anyone has any ideas on legislative items to contact him.

Education Committee: Discussion on spring demo. Ideas needed; a community event/need event or VSD class

Legislative Committee: Discussion on IGSPA.

Membership applications: Roger Skillings of Skillings & Sons, Inc. for Active Membership. A motion by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Jesse Goodwin, to table application until the next meeting, so Susan Smith can call him to let him know that he cannot be an active member, because he is not a resident of The State of Maine, and that at our November 12, 2018 Directors Meeting he was voted in as an Associate member and Susan will report back for the next directors meeting was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will on March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at The Best Western Plus in Waterville.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. was made by Mark Taplin and seconded by Frank Hegarty was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

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- 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
- 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](mailto:info@mainegroundwater.org). You need to be a member to be on our website and to use the MGWA logo.

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Susan Smith– Secretary

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Maine Groundwater Association

**All members are invited and  
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Director's Meetings**

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