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MGWA Annual Spring Demo was held on  
May 11, 2019 at Sunco Pump & Well

### 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 9, October 14 & November 11

**Well Driller's Commission Meetings:** 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>

**NGWA Groundwater Week:** December 2-5, 2019 Las Vegas, NV For more info go to : [www.ngwa.org](http://www.ngwa.org) If you would like to be a delegate, please contact a director.

**Find us on the Web at:** [www.maine groundwater.org](http://www.maine groundwater.org)

# MGWA General Meeting Minutes May 2019

**Maine Ground Water Association  
General Meeting  
May 11, 2019  
Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, Inc.  
Sabattus, ME**

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty of Hegarty Plumbing and Heating at 8:45 am with the following present; Susan & Pat Smith of Hansen's Well Drilling, Inc., Scott Hodgdon of Hodgdon Well Service, Jesse Goodwin and Scott Abbotts of Goodwin Well & Water, Ted McLeod, Jr. of Ted McLeod Inc., Jim Innis of Innis Well Drilling, Trevor Gould of H2O Well Drilling, Mark Taplin of Williams & Taplin, Mark & Michelle Weeks of Weeks & Sons, Inc., Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Matt Bramlett, Jake Deschaine and Bert Deschaine of Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, Gary Deschaine of Discount Pumps, Joe Gallant of Stanley Hillock Well Co., Jack Brackett of Bracket and Sons, Inc., Richard Burns of Burns Well Drilling, Roger Hillock of Hillock & Son Well Drilling, Bob Temple and Hollis Temple of Bob Temple Well Drilling, Paul Kelsey Jr. of Reilly Well Drilling Inc., James Watson of Watson Well Drilling Inc. and John Gilbert of John Gilbert Well Drilling.

A motion made by Ted McLeod and seconded by

Jesse Goodwin to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Annual Meeting was unanimously approved.

A motion made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the MGWA Treasurer's Report dated May 11, 2019 was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: John Gilbert spoke about DOT rules and guidelines. There was a discussion about having someone from MMTA to come speak at a meeting.

Dan Locke of the Maine Geological Survey spoke about the new electronic data reporting system. There will be a new testing period.

Roger Hillock was awarded a plaque and honorary membership for his many years of service. His wife,

Linda and daughter, Donna Burnham were present.

Frank spoke about a new commission ruling allowing out of state drillers to be licensed in Maine. There was discussion about drafting a letter to the commission regarding this.

Legislative: none

A motion to adjourn at 11:36 am made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Joe Gallant was unanimously approved.



# MGWA Director's Meeting Minutes May 2019

**Maine Ground Water Association  
Director's Meeting  
May 11, 2019  
Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, Inc.  
Sabattus, ME**

The MGWA Director's Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 10:42am with the following present: Ross Deschaine, Terri Deschaine, Frank Hegarty, Joe Gallant, Jesse Goodwin, Jim Innis, Susan Smith, Mark Taplin, Mark Weeks and Michelle Weeks.

A motion by Mark Weeks and seconded by Jesse Goodwin to approve the April 10, 2019 Direc

tor's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Membership applications: Meaghan Knowlton and Tobin Knowlton of Western Maine Water Inc., Limerick, ME for active membership. A motion made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Jesse Goodwin was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn at 10:45 am made by Susan Smith and seconded by Michelle Weeks was unanimously approved.



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# Commission Minutes April 10, 2019

## MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 10, 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

Daniel Locke

Hydrogeologist, MGS

Glenn Dyer

Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant

Master Well Driller

Mike Otley

Public Member

Legal Counsel:

Margaret Machaiek

AAG

Deanna White

AAG

Guests:

Emily Crouse (daughter of Joanne Kenyon)

Complainant

David & Mary Woodsome

Complainant

David Philbrook

WDC Inspector

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux

MWW Commission Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:06 am

TOPIC: Open Meeting:

Motion to discuss.

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

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from March 13, 2019, meeting.

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

TOPIC: Exam Applications

Motions to accept exam candidates:

- HOLLIS TEMPLE – candidate, WD-M & PI-J

MOTION: Joe Gallant 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous  
- ALTON ALBERT – candidate, WD-J

MOTION: Mike Otley 2ND: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous  
- NICHOLAS CUMMINGS – candidate, PI-J

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous  
TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – Board Approvals  
None

TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – In-House Approvals

None

TOPIC: Other Business

\*\*Commission Appointments expiring, need to get packets in asap, if not done already.

- Undefined odor in well, from David Watts, email received 4-9-19. o Notification, Commission agreed that odors from dug wells, DEP issue.

- Reciprocity issues with New Hampshire - David Braley wants to discuss with board but needs to research, email received 4-1-19. o Notification, New Hampshire may have program in place to license individuals.

- Geothermal Restoration of Longfellow National Historic Site from Dwight Doughty, handouts, email received 4-3-19. o Is a Specialty Well Application necessary?  
o Remove Open-Loop and replace with a Closed-Loop.  
o Conclusion, no variances required, per David Braley.

- Cooperative Agreement between MWWC and DOT has been re-approved. o Notification, Pays for services of Hydrogeologist, David Braley.

TOPIC: Complaints

CROUSE-WOODSOME – complaint, received 3-15-19, OPEN o Complaint #1; complaint notice sent 3-15-19; accepted

- Emily Crouse (representing mother, Joanne Kenyon) provided testimony

explaining the events leading up to complaint.

- David Woodsome provided testimony of events. o Provided additional paperwork.

- Will validate with inspector and table until next meeting.

Motion to send WDC Inspector, David Philbrook to validate work done (memo/video).

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

CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK – complaint, received 1-7-19, OPEN o Complaint #1; certified complaint notice sent 1-9-19; accepted

- No parties showed for April 10, 2019 meeting.

- MWWC Inspector, David Philbrook – provided memo/video of well. o Still leaking, video provided.

- Notice Letter, to be sent requiring Mr. Philbrick to fix well. Issue must be resolved in accordance with MWWC rules and regulations.

Motion to send Dave Philbrook to reinspect and collect yield information.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous  
 PUTNAM-GALLANT – complaint, ongoing, OPEN  
o complaint #1; certified complaint notice sent 5-15-18; CLOSED  
o complaint #2; complaint notice sent 9-7-18; accepted, open  
o complaint #3; complaint notice sent 12-14-18; accepted, open  
o complaint #4; certified complaint notice sent 1-8-19; accepted, open

- Mr. Putnam not present at meeting  
- tabled discussion until next meeting, May 8, 2019.

- David Philbrook, rcvd call from Mr. Putnam with update that the tech issues are resolved, moral and ethical issues unresolved.

ADJOURN: 10:25 am

Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Joe Gallant VOTE: Unanimous

FYI...

- If you are attending the NGWA Groundwater Week in Las Vegas on December 2-5, 2019 and would like to be a delegate, please contact Michelle Weeks to register.
- 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.
- 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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# Commission Minutes May 8, 2019

## MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, May 8, 2019

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**Well Driller's 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 Otley  
Public Member

#### Legal Counsel:

Guests:  
Debbie Dyer  
Public  
Haig Brochu  
Public

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux  
DWP Licensing Clerk, Commission Clerk

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#### PROCEEDINGS: 9:02 am

TOPIC: Review of Meeting

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from April 10, 2019, meeting.

David Braley and Frank Hegarty abstained for absence at last meeting.

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

TOPIC: Exam Applications

None

TOPIC: Specialty Well Application  
– Board Approvals

None

TOPIC: Specialty Well Application

– In-House Approvals

- COUTURIER-PINE

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TOPIC: Other Business

- Opinion on AirwellTM – Water Radon Mitigation Equipment – letter rcvd 4-29-19 o Jonathan Dyer, Maine Radon Coordinator – would like the Commission to comment on.

Motion to send letter to convey the Commission message that yes, there needs to be appropriate licensure of Well Driller, Pump Installer license, or Master Plumber; and the system must be NSF approved.

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

- Geothermal Well Construction Waiver Request – letter rcvd 4-17-19 o John Peterson, Assoc. Project Manager – would like the Commission to consider a waiver for a retrofit of existing open loop geothermal system at Evie Cianchette Bldg., to closed loop geothermal system  
o Party not able to attend meeting, postpone to next meeting, 6-12-19.

- Reciprocity issues with New Hampshire – email rcvd 4-1-19 o David Braley – would like to discuss with board but the issue requires more research

o Reciprocity for the MWWC means no exam necessary to become licensed provided the licensee meet the qualifications and standards of MWWC rules and regulation; individual and company.

o New complaint, Blanche Johnson – July 10, 2018 a well was drilled on the property of Blanche Johnson by Peter Oakes of Ace Well Service Inc.

o Issue began January 30, 2019,

of sediment and mud.

o 5-8-19, Commission unanimously decided to accept complaint.

Motion to accept reciprocity licenses and companies from New Hampshire.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: David Braley VOTE: 5 yea / 2 nay

TOPIC: Complaints

JOHNSON-ACE – NEW, complaint, received 5-7-19, Motion to accept the complaint and send David Philbrook to inspect the well.

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

o MWWC Inspector sent to validate findings and report.

o 5-8-19, waiting for report and findings.

o 4-10-19, MWWC Inspector sent to reinspect and collect yield information.

o 4-18-19, Notice Letter sent to Philbrick of commission resolution.

o 5-8-19, waiting for report and findings.

o complaint #1, closed; complaint #2, open; complaint #3, open; complaint #4, open;

o MWWC Inspector received call from Mr. Putnam with update that technical issues are resolved.

o 5-8-19, Dwight Doughty has offered to reach out to Mr. Putnam to find out if the issues have been resolved.

CROUSE-WOODSOME – complaint, received 3-15-19, OPEN CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK – complaint, received 1-7-19, OPEN PUTNAM-GALLANT – complaint, initial complaint received 5-4-18;

ADJOURN: 10:35 am

Motion to adjourn.

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







## Reciprocity with New Hampshire

New Hampshire Drillers have asked for reciprocity with Maine. The Commission is in the process of reviewing this.

Please read below and reach out to one of The Maine Well Drillers Commission members with your opinion and/or concerns or attend the next commission meeting.

The excerpt below is from our Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules on Page 10.

**SECTION 205.0 RECIPROCITY 205.1 General:** The commission may issue a license without examination, in a comparable classification, to any person who holds a registration or license in any state, territory or possession of the United States or any country, if the commission determines that the requirements for licensure of well drillers, geothermal heat exchange well drillers, geothermal heat exchange well pump installers or pump installers under

which the person's license was issued do not conflict with this rule or the code of performance adopted by the commission under this rule.

The excerpt below is from the commission minutes:

Reciprocity issues with New Hampshire – email rcvd 4-1-19  
o David Braley – would like to discuss with board but the issue requires more research  
o Reciprocity for the MWWC means no exam necessary to become licensed provided the licensee meet the qualifications and standards of MWWC rules and regulation; individual and company.

Please read complete Commission minutes on Pages 4 & 6.

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**Next Director's Meeting**  
**September 9, 2019**  
**All are encouraged to attend**

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