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## MAINE GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 2023 EDITION** 

Please Join Us!

2nd Annual MGWA Golf Scramble and Lunch on

Thursday September 14, 2023

at Turner Highlands

10 Highland Ave

Turner, ME 04282

50/50 Raffle & Silent Auction

**Hole In One & Putting Contest** 

Even if you do not wish to golf, please come out and join us. There will be Lunch & Dinner packages available for those of you that just want to come and hang out and socialize! You just need to sign up.

Honorary Members are free to attend for scramble and food!

You do not need to be a MGWA member to attend

Information & Sign-up sheet is on page 6

#### 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.

<u>Director's Meetings</u>: 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

#### **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: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/wellDrillers.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/wellDrillers.shtml</a>

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

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For information on this newsletter contact Susan Smith at info@mainegroundwater.org

## **MGWA Annual Meeting Minutes**

#### Maine Ground Water Association Annual Meeting In Person at The Best Western Plus in Waterville February 6, 2023

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Jesse Goodwin of Goodwin Well & Water at 1:35 P.M. with the following present, Patrick Smith & Susan Smith of Hansen's Well Drilling, Inc., James L. Watson & James D. Watson of Watson Well Drilling, Ross Deschaine of Sunco Pump & Well Drilling, Inc., Scott Abbotts of Goodwin Well & Water, Trevor Gould of H2O Well Drilling, Mark Taplin of Williams & Taplin, Riley DeLisle & Justin Lanphier of Hatch Well Drilling, Gary Gould of Gary Gould Well Drilling, Daniel Marquis of Marquis Well Drilling, Ted McLeod & TR McLeoad III of Ted McLeod Inc., Noah Rolfe of Kennebec Well Drilling, Frank Hegarty of Hegarty Plumbing & Heathing, Rick Schrepper & Mitch Woodbury of Preferred Pump, Danny Crowley & Justin Atckinson of Premier Pump & Supply.

Minutes: A motion made by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Frank Hegarty to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2022 Annual Meeting and there was no minutes/voting from the April 8, 2022 General Meeting presented by Tim Doyle of Maine Motor Transport Association on How to Register a Drill Rig that was held at Goodwin Well & Water was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: A motion made by Ted McLeod and se-

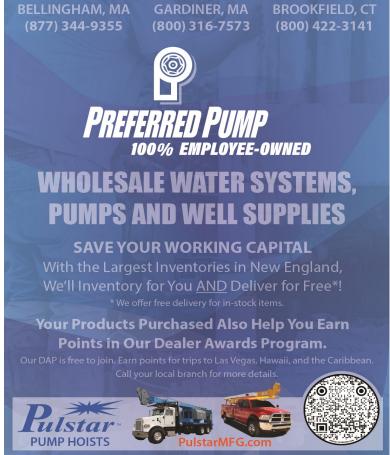
conded by Mark Taplin to approve the MGWA Annual 2022 Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. Frank Hegarty and Ted McLeod reviewed the Annual Treasurer's books and found everything in order.

Old Business: Scott Abbotts reported on drill rig overweight issues. Ross Deschaine got pulled over for a safety check and didn't have an overweight permit. Though Trooper thought drill rigs weren't eligible for overweight permits because drill rods could be removed. MGWA Board created legislation and Scott Abbotts went presented it with Tim Doyle from MMTA and he suggested to leave it alone at this point. Tim suggested that everyone get their overweight permit.

New Business: Scott Abbots purchased a new software program for the Association. His goal is having the option to be able to pay dues online and moving the website from Go-Daddy over to this software as well. Please note that the new software program will be a learning curve. A motion made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Frank Hegarty was unanimously approved.

Discussion of holding meetings via Zoom verses in person. Zoom is easier and we have been able to hold more director's meetings. A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded by Scott Abbotts to hold Director's Meetings as needed via Zoom, if an in person meeting is needed it's ok and Annual Meetings be in Person and/or hybrid was unanimously approved.

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## **MGWA Annual Meeting Minutes**

Discussion on holding summer/spring demo. Ted McLeod spoke of Chad Gringon having a dual rotary drill rig and see if he would do a demonstration.

Membership Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Frank Hegarty, Justin Lanphier, Scott Hodgdon & Jim Innis) The membership committee is appointed by the President. There needs to be at least three board members on the committee, and they will review the application and approve or deny it. They will handle all applications, except Honorary membership, which needs to come before the board of directors and then to the voting membership. Scott Abbotts reported that there have been a lot of employee members added.

NEWWA Committee: Scott Abbotts and Frank Hegarty. Scott Abbotts is planning to attend March 10-11, 2023.

Education/Outing Committee: (Scott Abbotts, Jesse Goodwin, Mitch Woodbury & Rick Schrepper) MGWA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is September 14, 2023, more info will follow. Discussion on holding summer/spring demo.

Ted McLeod spoke of Chad Gringon having a dual rotary drill rig and see if he would demonstrate it.

Commission/Legislative Committee: (Frank Hegarty & Jesse Goodwin) Frank Hegarty reported that the commission is still working on legislation and complaints.

Election of Board: Committee is Board of Directors: Nominations were opened from the floor. Nominations from the floor were closed with none. A motion by Scott Abbotts and seconded by Noah Rolfe to close nominations was unanimously approved. A motion by Ted McLeod and seconded Trevor Gould to cast one ballot to vote the Slate from the nomination committee of; President Jesse Goodwin, Vice President, Justin Lanphier, Treasurer, Scott Abbotts, and Secretary Susan Smith, Past President is Scott Hodgdon, and the following three of Austin Beverage, Meaghan Knowlton, and Mitch Woodbury for two-year term of director was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. made by Ted McLeod and seconded by Trevor Gould was unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by: Susan Smith, Secretary

Please note, I omitted the MGWA Annual Minutes in the prior newsletter.

Sorry for the confusion.

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## MINUTES MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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

#### ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist, DOT

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

Guests: None

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:16 am

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

Motion to accept the minutes from Wednesday, April 12, 2023

□ **MOTION**: Glenn Dyer **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: Unanimous

**Exam Applications:** 

1. BENJAMIN HAWES – (PI-J), (effective date, 4-20-2022) - APPROVED 2. FRANKLIN DALY – (WD-J, PI-J), (effective date, 4-20-2022) - APPROVED

Motion to approve the two exam candidates.

□ <u>MOTION</u>: Frank Hegarty <u>2nd</u>: Glenn Dyer <u>VOTE</u>: Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval: 1. NONE

#### Other Business:

- 1. EXAMS: <u>Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @</u>
  10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
- a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

#### **OPEN COMPLAINTS:**

<u>TUFTS - A-Z WATER SYSTEMS - complaint, rcvd 9-13-22 - OPEN (9-14-22)</u>

- 5-10-23, Motion made to assess violations, points, and fines. Violations letter to be sent.

#### \*Violations Assessed:

- 400.2.1 (1 pt.), Wells intended to serve Public Water Supplies, as defined in Chapter 1 of these rules, must be approved in writing by the Department of Health and Human Services prior to being drilled and shall be constructed with a setback from disposal fields or other potential sources of contamination as required by the Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Water Program.
- 400.1.3 (1 pt.), The minimum setbacks provided for in this Chapter cannot be reduced for gravel wells without a specialty well application as provided for in Section 400.7 having been approved by the Commission prior to drilling.

Motion to assess violations, points of violations, and associated fines for A-Z Water Systems Inc.

□ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Ryan Gordon VOTE: 6 yea / 1 recused o Frank Hegarty - recused

### TUFTS (2) - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING - complaint rcvd 2-21-23 - OPEN (3-8-23)

- 5-10-23, Motion made to assess violations, points, and fines. Violations letter to be sent.

#### \*Violations Assessed:

- 400.2.1 (1 pt.), Wells intended to serve Public Water Supplies, as defined in Chapter 1 of these rules, must be approved in writing by the Department of Health and Human Services prior to being drilled and shall be constructed with a setback from disposal fields or other potential sources of contamination as required by the Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Water Program.
- 400.1.3 (1 pt.), The minimum setbacks provided for in this Chapter cannot be reduced for gravel wells without a specialty well application as provided for in Section 400.7 having been approved by the Commission prior to drilling.

Motion to assess violations, points of violations, and associated fines for Affordable Well Drilling Inc.

□ <u>MOTION</u>: Mike Otley <u>2nd</u>: Glenn Dyer <u>VOTE</u>: 6 yea / 1 recused o Frank Hegarty - recused

## \*\*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; continuous 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)

e. 5-10-23, Alex Pugh, to do follow-up with Carmel Well Drilling for Spring sampling

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

**FAIR HEARINGS:** \*\* (Fair Hearings: waiting settlement and meeting(s) dates, times, and place.)

#### HINTON- (1)AFFORDABLE & (2)A-Z WA-TER - complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 - OPEN

- 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, <u>Hinton A-Z, Settlement Proposal received</u>

#### 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, <u>Jones A-Z, Settlement Pro-</u> posal received

\*\*NEXT MEETINGS\*\*

#### **MONTHLY MEETING:**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9am - (In-Person/Zoom)

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Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Har-

low Building, Augusta, ME

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 10:50 am

Motion to Adjourn.

□ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley

**VOTE**: Unanimous

**MINUTES** MAINE WATER WELL COMMIS-SION

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023** 

**Emergency Meeting – via ZOOM** 18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

#### ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, (Chair) Hydrogeologist,

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

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:00 AM

**Review of Proposed Changes: Tammy** Steuber, DHHS Attorney

The following are obstacles to moving forward with the Fair Hearing

- 1. Continue with Fair Hearing
- 2. Prehearing (possibly get denied again)
- 3. Reach out to A-Z for another counter offer to their counter offer
- a. \*(15 pts, \$5,000, classes)

09:04:00 - Entered: Executive Session (not recorded)

09:27:00 - Left: Executive Session (recording resumed)

09:28:00 -

Motion to pursue A-Z counter offer made in March 2022.

□ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Jesse Goodwin **Vote**: 5 yea / 1 recused \*Frank Hegarty: recused from vote

\*\*NEXT MEETING\*\*

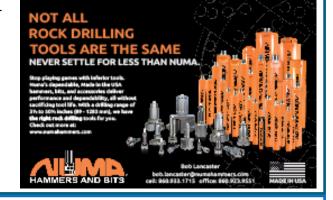
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9:00 am -MWWC MEETING - In-Person/Zoom \*Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

Motion to adjourn:

□ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Alex Pugh

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 09:30 AM



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### **REGISTRATION**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MGWA Golf Scramble



Date:

Thursday Sept. 14, 2023

Time:

Check-in: 8 am – 9 am Shotgun Start: 9:00 am

Place:

Turner Highlands 10 Highland Ave Turner, ME 04282



Questions: Scott Abbotts

Phone: 207-754-9458

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Sponsorships:

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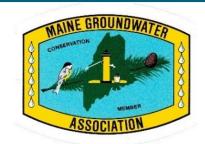
Individual \$100 Team \$400 Honorary Member(s) Free for golf and food.
Sponsorship(s)       \$         Lunch & Supper x \$45 = \$       \$         Grand Total       \$
Make Checks Payable to MGWA. Mail form with check to PO Box 661 N. Turner, ME 04266.

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#### 2nd Annual MGWA Golf Scramble

Welcome to the 2nd Annual Golf Scramble in support of the Maine Ground Water Association (MGWA)! We are thrilled to be hosting this event for the second year in a row and are excited to have the opportunity to show our appreciation to the Water Well industry and Sponsors who have made this event possible.

This year's Golf Scramble promises to be a fantastic day of golf, networking, and fun. Whether you're an avid golfer or just looking for a great day out on the course, this event is the perfect opportunity to connect with others in the Water Well Industry while supporting the MGWA.

Even if you do not wish to golf, please come out and join us. There will be Lunch & Dinner packages available for those of you that just want to come and hang out and talk. We had many drillers that hung out at the clubhouse during the tournament last year having a good time. This year we are adding dinner to the agenda for after the tournament. Join us for Lunch or Dinner and socialize with fellow drillers you may not get to see during the year.

We want to extend a huge thank you to our industry partners and sponsors who have generously supported the MGWA and helped make this event possible. We could not have done it without their support and commitment to the golf community.

We had over 100 attendees last year and hope to grow that number this year. We will have many door prizes and raffle items (Yeti coolers, smoker, Blackstone griddle etc.) that you can win even if you don't golf.

So, come out and join us for a day of golf, camaraderie, and support for the MGWA. We look forward to seeing you on the Course!

#### FYI...

- ◆ The MGWA and The Water Well Drilling Commission are two separate entities. The MGWA mission is to support its members, and The Well Driller's Commission mission is to support the consumer.
- Consider attending the Maine Water Well Commission meetings and the MGWA Meetings.
- Well drilling machines are exempt from filing IRS Form 2290. Please go to IRS publication i2290 and look at page 3, Vehicles not considered highway motor vehicles, to find more info. There is a link to this publication on MGWA website.
- ♦ 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 or info on filing them online, please call 207-287-2801. Please complete the Maine Geological Survey Well Forms. Don't be the reason we get legislation and/or permits.
- 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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