

MAINE GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Thank you Rick Schrepper and everyone at Preferred Pump for hosting our 2018 Spring Demo!

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: November 12

Well Driller's Commission Meetings: 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

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

2018 Spring Demo Speakers & Demonstrators



David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC

Did a Question and Answer Session



Don Nickle from Pentair & Berkley

Gave a presentation on the Advantages of VFD's & Sizing



Dave Byrd from Grundfos

Gave a presentation on SQE Two Wire Constant Pressure



Bob Lancaster from NUMA

Displayed their Underreamers, Bits and Hammers



Barry Sandford from Pine State Drilling, Inc.

Displayed their Pulstar P10 HD Pump Hoist

MGWA Spring Demo



Rick Schrepper from Preferred Pump receiving "Thank You" Award from MGWA for hosting this year's demo from Joe Gallant and President Frank Hegarty



Bunny Roberts from JB Drilling receiving his Honorary Membership Award from Joe Gallant and President Frank Hegarty



David Braley answering members questions



Wayne Weeks Thanking Bunny Roberts for his year's of service to all of us



Wayne Weeks and The Lions Club Preparing BBQ Lunch

MGWA General & Director's Meeting Minutes

Maine Ground Water Association General Meeting May 19, 2018 Preferred Pump Gardiner, ME

The MGWA General Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 12:40pm, with a thank you to all suppliers for their continued generous donations, as well as Preferred Pump for hosting us.

A motion made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Barry Sanford to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2017 general meeting was unanimously approved.

A motion made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Glenn Dyer to accept the Treasurer's report dated May 19, 2018 was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None New Business: None

A motion to adjourn at 12:45 pm made by Barry Sanford and seconded by Scott Hodgdon was unanimously approved.

Prior to the meeting, Bunny Roberts was recognized as an honorary member for all his years of service in the well drilling industry. Maine Ground Water Association
Director's Meeting
May 19, 2018
Preferred Pump
Gardiner, ME

The MGWA Director's Meeting was called to order by President Frank Hegarty at 1:05 pm with the following present: Joe Gallant, Frank Hegarty, Jim Innis, Scott Hodgdon, Mark Weeks, and Michelle Weeks.

A motion made by Mark Weeks and seconded by Jim Innis to approve the April 9, 2018 Director's Meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was previously approved at the general meeting.

Membership applications: Brian Streeter – A motion made by Joe Gallant and seconded by Mark Weeks to approve membership was unanimously approved. Roger Skillings - A motion made by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Joe Gallant to approve membership pending copy of correct license was unanimously approved.

Legislative Committee: None

New Business: A motion made by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Jim Innis to pay for the tent rental at today's event was unanimously approved.

Old Business: None Education Committee: None

A motion to adjourn at 1:15 pm made by Frank Hegarty and seconded by Mark Weeks was unanimously approved.





Commission Minutes March

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, March 14, 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:

David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC

Mike Otley Public Member

Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, ME Geological Survey

Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant Master Well Driller

<u>Legal Counsel:</u> N. Paul Gauvreau AAG <u>Guests</u>: Helena Starr - Complainant Present

Anthony O'Connor - Defendant Call-in

Debbie Dyer - Public Present

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:05 am

Motion to discuss.

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

**TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:** 

Motion to accept the minutes from February 14, 2018, meeting. **MOTION**: Glenn Dyer **2ND**: Frank Hegarty **VOTE**: Unanimous

**TOPIC: Exam Applications NONE** 

**TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications NONE** 

TOPIC: SWA In-House Approvals Day-Swett SWA

**TOPIC: Other Business** 

TOPIC: Complaints Starr - O'Connor - Complaint received March 7, 2018, from Helena Starr against Anthony O'Connor concerning a well drilled in October 2017

concerning a well drilled in October 2017.
Starr is selling property and the well placed is not running properly and has sediment and leakage. Has accusations against O'Connor about payments, price, personal treatment, and O'Connor's lack of licensure.

O'Connor denies all claims apart from lack of licensure. States he was not aware that he was unlicensed. Claims that he was supervised by Rock Libby, Master Well Driller of L&L Well Drilling. Motion to send David Philbrook to inspect the well accompanied by Anthony O'Connor, Rock Libby, and Helena Starr, and report back for next meeting.

<u>MOTION:</u> Frank Hegarty <u>2ND</u>: Glenn Dyer <u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous Motion to send all information of case to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling and invite to next meeting.

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

ADJOURN: 10:50 am Motion to adjourn.

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



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## **Commission Minutes from April**

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 11, 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

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant Master Well Driller

Legal Counsel: Mark Randlett, AAG

Guests: David Philbrook, Well Inspector

Helena Starr, Complainant

Debbie Dyer, Public

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:08 am Motion to discuss.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unani-

mous

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept

the minutes from February 14, 2018, meeting.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unani-

mous

TOPIC: Exam Applications ANTHONY O'CONNOR – application to sit for WD-J and PI-J exam. Motion to place on hold until complaint is resolved.

<u>MOTION</u>: Glenn Dyer <u>2ND</u>: Frank Hegarty <u>VOTE</u>: Unanimous W RICHARD LAWSON – application submitted, waiting on new exam date. STEVE SMITH – application submitted, waiting on 3rd reference.

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications NONE

TOPIC: SWA In-House Approvals ELLERY-HASKELL – SWA RIDEOUT-PINE STATE – SWA

<u>TOPIC: Other Business</u> David Philbrook, presented water quality report and video of well.

TOPIC: Complaints STARR-OCONNOR – Complaint, Ongoing RE: Complaint received March 7, 2018, from Helena Starr against Anthony O'Connor concerning a well drilled in October 2017. David Philbrook inspected well with video findings and submitted water quality report and video of well. Commission assessed findings and assigned violations. Letter to be viewed by AG and sent certified mail.

ADJOURN: 10:50 am Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unani-

mous

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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



In Memoriam
Roy P. "Trippy"
Jaswell, III, 59, of
Sprague Street,
Greenville, died
Thursday, October
25, 2018. Trippy
had worked in the
family business,

Roy Jaswell and Son in Smithfield.

- 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 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: in-fo@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 from May & June

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, May 09, 2018

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, MGS

Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Legal Counsel: Deanna White, AAG

Guests: Timothy Putnam, Complainant

Helena Starr, Complainant

Daniel Timm, Complainant Starr, Counsel

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:01 am Motion to discuss.

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

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes

from April 11, 2018, meeting.

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

TOPIC: Exam Applications

STEVE SMITH - Smith Artesian Wells Motion to accept Exam Applica-

tion for PI-M.

MOTION: David Braley 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous JACOB DESCHAINE - Sunco Pump and Well Drilling, Inc Motion to accept Exam Application PI-J.

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

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications LICA-Temple – SWA – discussed the LICA, condo association, has no signatures, David Braley said LICA were contacted and will sign SWA.

TOPIC: SWA In-House Approvals Groleau-Burns – SWA Brackett-Burns - SWA Hoppe-Reilly - SWA

TOPIC: Other Business Guest Speaker: Chris Halstead - 10:00a -10:30a, Maine Geological Survey At 10:34 am, Mr. Halstead briefly discussed issue WDC wanted researched. - Researched electronic well data submissions - Makes easier to report findings - Wait before rollout, possibly Fall, 2018, continue testing

TOPIC: Complaints Putnam-Gallant - complaint, new - At 9:02 am, Discussed problem with Gallant Artesian Wells - Complaint Letter to be sent Motion to accept complaint, send Dave Philbrook to inspect before and after repairs

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2ND: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous Starr-O'Connor – complaint, ongoing, Violation letters sent certified mail, May 2, 2018. - At 9:25 am, Discussed other questions Ms. Starr had about proceeding and future actions - At 9:32 am, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Libby called in to meeting via Dwight Doughty's phone. o Agreed to drill new well and fill old well o Will contact Ms. Starr with time and date o Agreed to inspection after drilling o Agreed to write new con-

ADJOURN: 10:56 am Motion to adjourn.

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

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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, MGS Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant Master Well Driller Legal Counsel: Deanna White, AAG

Guests: Timothy Putnam, Complainant

Peter Wolfe, Guest

Peter Morton and Travis Morton, Gallant Wells Owners

Dave Philbrook, State Inspector

CALL-IN: Helena Starr, Complainant
Crystal O'Connor, O'Connor Wells Owner

Minutes Prepared By: Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:00am

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

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from Aprilll, 2018, meeting.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2ND: Dan Locke VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Exam Applications

KYLE MEDCOFF- approved to sit for exam(s)- WD-J, PI-J

Motion to accept Exam Application.

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

ANTHONY O'CONNOR-on hold, until complaint is final.

Motion to hold exam until complaint is finalized

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

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications

COUTUIER-WEEKS SW A- gravel well, 120' sand/gravel, must fit parameters of I 00

(3-sd peninsula) and recommend a 3-ft. screen be added.

Motion to approve well.

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

TOPIC: SWAIn-House Approvals

Kronlund-Western Maine Water

Eastman-Goodwin

Singlar-Clearwater Hix/Vachereau-Weeks

Burns-Burns

TOPIC: Other Business VOTE: Unanimous

1 '1 Draft- Notice to Hydrofrack, form- David working on form to place on webpage.

TOPIC: Complaints
BONNER-NH LICENSED DRILLER LUKE FOWLER- Complaint, dropped

Complaint dropped, due to no response from either party.

PUTNAM-GALLANT- Complaint, closed

-Came to meeting, to be heard by Commission and Gallant Wells, Peter Morton and Travis Morton.

-Discussed issue and agreed upon solution to install water pump at quoted price (continuous pump, \$2800.00).

-Complaint closed, original investigation fmished and complaint is Motion that David Philbrook has inspected the well and found it is properly sealed and into the bedrock, no violation found.

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

STARR-O'CONNOR-complaint. ongoing,

-2nd inspection and water test, good, Dave Philbrook- inspector

-Follow-up inspection of corrected action by Dave Philbrook

-Discussion of O'Connor application to sit for exam, on hold

-Board addressed environmental concerns of Libby's drilling action

-DEP involved upon Starr request of oil contamination and improper disposal

-Will discuss penalties and violations at next meeting, July 11, 2018

Motion to have David Philbrook final inspection after corrective action is complete.

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

Amended from previous motion:

Motion to also find out if DEP is sampling, if not WDC will send David Philbrook to

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

Motion to send letters to concerned parties to inform of next meeting. MOTION: David Braley 2ND: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURN: 10:57 am

MOTION: Mike Otley 2ND: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous

Commission Minutes from July

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, July 11, 2018 Well Driller's Commission MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES: Commission Members:

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David Braley Hydrogeologist, MeCDC

Mike Otley Public Member

Daniel Locke Hydrogeologist, MGS

Glenn Dyer Master Well Driller

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant Master Well Driller

Legal Counsel: Deanna White, AAG

Guests:

Dave Philbrook, State Inspector

Helena Starr Complainant

CALL-IN:

Rock Libby

Anthony O'Connor

Complainants

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:00am

(this meetiog was not recorded due to technical difficulties)

Motion to discuss.

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

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from June 13, 2018, meeting. MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2ND: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

TOPIC: Exam Applications

None

TOPIC: SWA In-House Approvals

ALLEN-BURNS SWA

CONSTANCE-BURNS SW A **TOPIC: Other Business**

None

TOPIC: Complaints

STARR-O'CONNOR- complaint, ongoing,

-Rock Libby and Anthony O'Connor attended via conference phone.

-Helena Starr was present for the meeting.

-David Philbrook is on vacation. Waiting for formal report from David

Phil brook

-Violations were discussed and tallied. A letter will be drafted and submitted to the Assistant AG for review. After review, the letter and list of violations will be sent via certified letter to Rock Libby and Anthony O'Connor.

-Anthony O'Connor will not be allowed to sit for exams this year, the

ram fee will be refunded.

Motion to keep as is in Policy:

31 pts x \$200. = \$6200.

4-month suspension / 12-month probation

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

Motion to hold Anthony O'Connor at apprentice level 1-year probation

period, then resubmit for exams.

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

ADJOURN: 11:04 am Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mike Otley 2ND: David Braley VOTE: Unanimous





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NGWA Week is December 4-6 in Las Vegas

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Director's Meeting Movember 12, 2018 All are welcome!