

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of April 5, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Ed Bowie, Chairman
Tom Weddle, MGS
David Braley, DHHS
Ike Goodwin, Well Driller
Don Robbins, Public Member
Dwight Doughty, DOT
Joe Gallant, Well Driller

Others Present:

Paul Gauvreau, AAG
Mark Randlett, Hearing Officer
Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk
Brent Lawson, Plumbing Inspector
Roger Skillings, Owner of
Skillings & Sons
Jeff Chamberlain, Pump Installer
Christopher Baudo, Home Owner
Karl Rudnicki, Well Driller
Kyle Holland, Well Driller
Kimberly Haller, Homeowner
David Woodsome, Well Driller

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

Approval of March 14, 2011 meeting minutes:

Ike Goodwin motions to approve the March 14, 2011 minutes.
Dwight Doughty 2nd the motion. Commission approves.

Pending Complaints:

Complaint received from: Karl & Kimberly Haller.

Allegation: Sediment entering the well and fouling filters and other equipment in their home.

Well Drilling Company: Carmel Well Drilling Company

Responsible Master Driller: Karl Rudnicki

Commission action:

An appeal hearing was conducted on the afternoon of March 14, 2011. The hearing officer presented to the Commission a draft response based on the testimony that was heard and evidence presented.

The draft response affirmed the Commission's original findings and required corrective actions. After discussion, minor changes and corrections to the draft were made.

Don Robbins moved that the Commission accept the hearing officer's recommended response which affirmed the Commission's original findings and required corrective actions. Dwight Doughty 2nd the motion. Commission approved. Braley and Goodwin did not participate.

Karl Rudnicki of Carmel Well Drilling was informed of his option to appeal to Superior Court and that absent a judicial appeal he had 60 days to complete the corrective action from the date of receiving the order.

This is the final Commission action.

Complaint received from: Christopher Baudo

Allegation: Improper installation of water lines.

Well Drilling Company: Skilling & Sons, Inc.

Responsible Pump Installer: Scott Wilkins

Findings of Fact:

Brent Lawson a state plumbing inspector testified that in his opinion there was no violation of the internal plumbing code.

Skillings & Sons did act in good faith to install the lines in the trench and did leave the site on the first occasion and have to come back at their own expense.

Commission action:

Dwight Doughty motions that after consideration of all the facts and Brent Lawson's testimony, that there is no violation or improper installation of water lines. Don Robbins 2nd the motion. Commission approved.

Complaint Closed.

New Complaints:

Complaint received from: Andy Buck & Lisa Saffer.

Allegation: Copy of drillers report and well yield not provided by driller.

Well Drilling Company: D & M Well Drilling Company, Inc.

Responsible Master Driller: David Woodsome

Commission action:

Ike Goodwin moves that the Commission find that D & M did provide a MGS form to the customer. The customer refused D & M access to the property to fix the well cap. The customer has refused to communicate to the well drilling company. D & M has provided the Commission with another copy of the MGS form and a new well cap. No violation found. David Braley 2nd the motion. Commission approved.

Complaint Closed.

Specialty Well Applications:

None.

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

None.

Exams requested:

Kevin Kaserman: Don Robbins motioned to accept the application to sit for the Master Pump Installer's Exam. Tom Weddle 2nd the motion. Accepted by the Commission.

Examinations Passed:

Kevin Holland: Passed his Journeyman Well Driller's Exam.

Kyle Holland Passed his Journeyman Well Driller's Exam.

Matthew Sullivan: Passed his Journeyman Well Driller's Exam.

Arthur Reinheimer: Passed his Master Well Driller's Exam.

New Business:

None.

Geo-Thermal:

David Braley motions to adopt the Geothermal licensing rules. Dwight Doughty 2nd the motion. Commission approved.

Discussion was over geothermal construction rules. Copper pipes not allowed based on IGSHPA standards. Piping must be certified by IGSHPA or it is not allowed.

Pump Installers may get the open loop endorsements, but not under the grandfathering. They will need to take the open loop exam in order to receive the endorsement. Pump installers do not need a closed loop endorsement as only a well driller may install loops.

Meeting Dates for 2011

January 13, 2011	July 5, 2011
February 1, 2011	August 2, 2011
March 14, 2011	September 6, 2011
April 5, 2011	October 4, 2011
May 3, 2011	November 1, 2011
June 7, 2011	December 6, 2011

Subject to change.

The next Well Drillers Meeting will be: **Tuesday May 3, 2011, at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 12:43 PM.