

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of August 8, 2012 Meeting

Members Present:

Donald Robbins, Chairman
Tom Weddle, MGS
Joseph Gallant, Driller
Dwight Doughty, DOT
Ike Goodwin, Driller
David Braley, DHHS

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk
Paul Gauvreau, AAG

Call to Order:

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

Approval of July 13, 2012 meeting minutes:

Dwight Doughty motions to accept the July 13, 2012 minutes as amended. Ike Goodwin 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Pending Complaints:

Complaint received from: Anonymous

Owner is Mr & Mrs. Austin.

Allegation: Well Drilled does not meet the minimum requirement of no closer than 100 feet to the leach field.

Well Drilling Company: Affordable Well Drilling

Responsible Master Driller: James Bisson

Commission Action:

There has been no response to the Attorney General's Office letter asking for permission to enter the property to perform an inspection on the well to look for a top seal and that the corrective action was completed as required.

With the Commission's prior approval at the previous meeting, Paul Gauvreau, AAG, will file with the district court an application for an administrative inspection warrant. The

Attorney General will request the Court to authorize a local law enforcement agency to be present when the warrant is executed.

New Complaints:

None

Specialty Well Applications:

None

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

None

Exams requested:

None

Examinations Passed:

None

New Business:

Ben Jonson, the Code Enforcement Officer for Emden, called prior to the meeting asking that the Commission look over its regulations and advise him on calls that he is getting about the FHA requirement of wells no closer than 10 feet from the property line as he has many houses that have wells closer than 10 feet to the neighbor's property line. Commission discussed and reviewed current regulations and concluded that there is no set back requirement from property lines in the rules, but Chapter 4 does anticipate drillers will work with property owners to locate the best spot on each site for a well. The Commission cannot change a FHA requirement for financing but if the requirement is based on local and state standards, then Emden would be able to say that there is no such requirement or regulation on well distances from property lines.

Geothermal:

A specialty well application approval letter for geothermal systems has now been established and approved by the Commission. The Commission is still looking into what other states require that allow alternative materials when constructing a geothermal system.

Meeting Dates for 2012

January 11, 2012	July 13, 2012
February 8, 2012	August 8, 2012
March 14, 2012	September 12, 2012
April 11, 2012	October 10, 2012
May 9, 2012	November 14, 2012
June 13, 2012	December 12, 2012

Subject to change.

The next Well Drillers Meeting will be: **Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:04 A.M.