

## MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of December 14, 2011 Meeting

### Members Present:

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

### Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk  
Paul Gauvreau, AAG

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 A.M.

### Approval of November 9, 2011 meeting minutes:

Don Robbins motions to approve the November 9, 2011. Ike Goodwin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Commission unanimously approves.

### Pending Complaints:

#### Complaint received from: Ron Poulin

Allegation: Ferrous smell, very low pH and poor water quality.

Well Drilling Company: James Philbrick Well Drilling

Responsible Master Driller: James Philbrick

#### Commission Action:

James Philbrick requested a fair hearing, which will be held at 1 P.M. Mark Randlett will be the hearing officer for the fair hearing.

#### Complaint received from: Anonymous

Owner is Cynthia 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: The Commission has not received any notification from Affordable Well Drilling in writing yet that corrective action has been completed. It will be discussed at the next meeting if no notification has been received.

**Complaint received from:** Earl Strandell

Allegation: Does not have clear water.

Well Drilling Company: Merl "Sam" Dunham Inc

Responsible Master Driller: Richard Dunham

Commission action: The Commission clerk received notification from Earl Strandell that he was withdrawing his complaint but before the complaint can be officially closed, the Commission must receive notification in writing.

**New Complaints:**

Complaint received from: Jamie & Beth Guimond

Allegation: Possible cracked casing in well.

Well Drilling Company: Estey Water Well Inc

Responsible Master Driller: Scott Estey

Commission action: The Commission is waiting for response from the driller on the well.

**Specialty Well Applications:**

None

**Specialty Well Applications done "in House"**

Marc Stevens, Hatch Well Drillers, Inc.: Richard Savage, 76 Lemay Road, Enfield, ME. 04493

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 75 FEET FROM THE LEACH FIELD AND 50 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK ON PROPERTY.

PROPOSED WELL TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 70 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SEALED INTO BEDROCK OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SHALL BE SEALED INTO BEDROCK WITH A SOLID 4 INCH LINER INSTALLED WITH TOP AND BOTTOM JASWELL TYPE STEEL CORE SEALS WITH BOTTOM SEAL A MINIMUM OF 70 FEET BELOW GRADE AND TOP SEAL UP INSIDE 6 INCH STEEL WELL CASING. BOTTOM AND TOP SEALS SHALL BE WATER TIGHT.

Richard Dunham, Merl "Sam" Dunham Inc.: Deborah Gleason, 2 Balsam Lane, Friendship, ME. 04547

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 65 FEET FROM THE LEACH FIELD AND 63 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK AND 61 FEET FROM THE NEW LEACH FIELD ON PROPERTY.

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**Exams requested:**

None

**Examinations Passed:**

James D Watson passed his Journeyman Well Driller's Exam.

**New Business:**

Upon further review, Judd Goodwin has been submitting drill logs to the MGS. The Commission will not be sending a letter that says that drill logs are required to be submitted to the MGS.

Maine Groundwater Association will start working on the matrix for specialty well applications at the beginning of the year.

Discussion was held over having a general e-mail set up so that commissioners had a Commission e-mail instead of having a

personal e-mail published. There will be more discussion on this in the future.

**Geothermal:**

The governor's office received the geothermal construction rules. They have now been sent to the AG's office for review. The AG's office and David Braley will be going over the rules, mostly for grammatical errors and will then submit them to the Secretary of State's Office.

David Braley will draft a letter to all driller's that will say possible effective date of new rules will be January 1, 2012.

**Meeting Dates for 2012**

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| January 11, 2012 | July 11, 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, January 11, 2012 at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 11:03 A.M.