

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of January 13, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Ed Bowie, Chairman
Tom Weddle, MGS
David Braley, DHHS
Ike Goodwin, Well Driller
Don Robbins, Public Member

Others Present:

Mark Hyland, DHHS
Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM.

Approval of December 13, 2010 meeting minutes:

Don Robbins makes a motion to approve the minutes as amended with a correction of the hearing process. Ike Goodwin 2nd the motion. Commission Approved. Passed.

Pending Complaints:

Complaint received from: Roselyn Crawford.

Allegation: Setbacks from disposal fields not maintained.

Well Drilling Company: Forrest Pump and Filter Company, Inc.

Responsible Master Driller: Jay Levesque

Commission action:

David Braley witnessed the well being properly abandoned.

Closed.

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:

Karl Rudnicki has appealed the Commission's findings and ordered corrective action.

David will check with Paul Gauvreau concerning the status of the appeal and schedule the hearing as soon as practical.

New Complaints:

None.

Specialty Well Applications:

None.

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

Robert Herlihy- Susan Smith, Hansen's Well Drilling Inc. Proposed well to be located no closer than 60 feet from the onsite leach field and 60 feet from the onsite septic tank. Seal just above freshwater fracture.

Exams requested:

Don Robbins makes a motion to accept Thomas Mason's Master Well Drilling examination application and sit for the exam. Ike Goodwin 2nd the motion. Commission approves. Passed.

Examinations Passed:

None.

New Business:

The Commission inadvertently failed to notify Danny Marquis of Marquis Well Drilling and the complainant Michael Cyr, concerning

the finding of no violation regarding Mr. Cyr's complaint. The notification letter will be mailed immediately.

The Commission discussed geothermal licensing requirements and that everyone that is on-site working at a geo-thermal project must be licensed as at least an apprentice. Also, at least one journeyman or master must be present on-site. Reminder letters will be going out to all those that are currently licensed under geo-thermal only.

There have been some problems with the software used to renew well drillers. As soon as the problem has been fixed, licenses will be going out to all well drillers that have sent in a renewal with payment. If there are any concerns from a consumer, etc., they can call the commission clerk for verification that the driller does have a current license.

Geo-Thermal:

The geothermal licensing rules will be submitted to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council as required by the Administrative Procedures Act. The geothermal construction standards rules will be delayed while instructions concerning how to proceed are developed by the governor's office. All rulemaking has been suspended by the governor until further notice.

Meeting Dates for 2011

January 13, 2011	July 5, 2011
February 1, 2011	August 2, 2011
March 1, 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 February 1, 2011, at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:54 AM.