

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of January 11, 2012 Meeting

Members Present:

Ed Bowie, Chairman
Ike Goodwin, Well Driller
Joe Gallant, Well Driller
Tom Weddle, MGS
Don Robbins, Public Member

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk
Mark Randlett, AAG
Jeff Philbrick, Well Driller
Ron Poulin, Homeowner

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 A.M.

Approval of December 13, 2011 meeting minutes:

Don Robbins motions to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes.
Tom Weddle 2nd 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:

The Commission deliberated over evidence presented at the fair hearing held at the request of James Philbrick. Ike recused himself from all deliberations pertaining to this case as his company worked on the project.

Mark Randlett will draft a decision that will be sent to all commission members to look over and see if any corrections need to be made. Ike will not be making any comments on the draft.

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: Ike moves that if the Commission has not received written notification from Affordable Well Drilling that corrective action has been completed by the end of the day on Monday, January 23rd that Affordable Well Drilling company license and James Bisson's driller's license will be suspended as of Tuesday, January 24th. Furthermore, the Commission sends a letter immediately to James Bisson informing him that we have not yet received written notification that that corrective action has been completed. If that notification is not received by the Commission on or before January 23rd, Affordable Well Drilling company license and his master driller license will be suspended effective January 24th. Don Robbins 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

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: Don Robbins moves that the Commission send Dave Philbrick to inspect Jamie & Beth Guimond's well. Joe Gallant 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Finding of Fact: Ike moves that the Commission finds that Scott Estey has not responded to the Commission's complaint as requested by chapter 9 paragraph 900.1. Furthermore, he was not present at the commission meeting as requested. Don Robbins 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Violation: Joe moves that the Commission find Scott Estey in violation of chapter 9 paragraph 900.1. Tom Weddle 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Corrective Action: Corrective action has been tabled at this time.

New Complaints:

None

Specialty Well Applications:

None

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

The specialty well applications done in house for Goodwin Well & Water, Inc and Rolfe's Well Drilling that had the incorrect amount of minimum casing was corrected to the appropriate amount and the new requirements were resent to the drillers.

Exams requested:

None

Examinations Passed:

None

New Business:

Ed Bowie and Joe Gallant are up for reappointment due to the Water Well Commission being a staggered Commission.

Discussion on 401.5 about the casing extension into bedrock wording in the rules has been tabled until the next meeting.

Geothermal:

The geothermal construction rules have been signed and sent to the Secretary of State's office. They went into effect on January 1st, 2012.

Meeting Dates for 2012

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, February 8, 2012 at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:30 A.M.