

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of July 25, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk
Karl Rudnicki, Well Driller
Kimberly Haller, Homeowner

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M.

Approval of June 7, 2011 meeting minutes:

Don Robbins motions to approve the June 7, 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:

Karl Rudnicki of Carmel Well Drilling drilled a new well now at 144 feet. David Braley went out and took a water sample. It was crystal clear while taking it and was still clear when it arrived at the lab.

Kimberly Haller, homeowner, came to this meeting to request that the old well not be abandoned. The commission had long deliberations on the issue of abandonment.

It was discussed that at the meeting last month, both parties agreed to abandonment and the commission went through the twelve points many times. The agreement was that the old well be abandoned.

The commission has the consensus to keep the previous order. Kimberly Haller agrees to the abandonment provided that a state inspector or member of the commission is present during the abandonment. Also, she would like to be informed of the date ahead of time.

Dwight Doughty makes a motion that the commission continues with the order and that the abandonment must be done by Friday August 12th. Ike Goodwin 2nd the motion. Commission approves.

Ike Goodwin moves to order that Karl Rudnicki informs David Braley by this Friday July 29th by 5 pm of two days that he could possible abandon the well. Don Robbins 2nd the motion. Commission approves.

New Complaints:

Complaint received from: Ron Poulin

Allegation: Ferrous smell. Ph of 5.5. Iron and manganese level high. Acidic water probably coming in from the surface. Water gushing in below the casing.

Well Drilling Company: James Philbrick Well Drilling

Responsible Master Driller: James Philbrick

Commission action:

Ike Goodwin recused himself and was present for information only.

Commission received information about the allegation of the complaint.

Driller needs to be notified of the complaint and that it will be discussed at the August 17th meeting.

Specialty Well Applications:

None

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

None

Exams requested:

Don Robbins makes a motion to accept Jody Larrivee's Master Pump Installer examination application and sit for the exam pending that his past employer has a license. Dwight Doughty 2nd the motion. Commission approves. Passed.

Ike Goodwin excused himself from voting as Jody Larrivee works for Goodwin Well & Water.

Examinations Passed:

None.

New Business:

Commission Clerk asks for clarification when it comes to geothermal only and also closed loop geothermal endorsements. The commission discussed it and decided that it was the well driller's responsibility to have a copy of his or her IGSHPA card with accreditation and expiration date or contact IGSHPA for a letter that states the expiration date. It is really not the responsibility of the commission clerk to contact IGSHPA for a driller's IGSHPA accreditation and expiration date.

To try to make the renewal process easier, the commission clerk plans on putting each driller's IGSHPA expiration date on his or her renewal form. That way, only those that have or will expire before the renewal date will have to prove IGSHPA certification. Those that do not expire at that time, will simply be able to renew by filling out the form and sending in a check as in previous years.

Geo-Thermal:

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. Exams are ready and are provided at no cost to the pump installer.

There is no exclusion for a master plumber when it comes to geothermal wells only drinking water wells.

Meeting Dates for 2011

January 13, 2011	July 5, 2011
February 1, 2011	August 17, 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: **Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 2011, at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 12:08 PM.