

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of July 13, 2012 Meeting

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk
Paul Gauvreau, AAG
James Innis, (By Phone) Well Driller

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 A.M.

Approval of June 13, 2012 meeting minutes:

Tom Weddle motions to accept 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:

The Commission was notified by its inspector that he was no
longer granted access to the Austin's property to see if
corrective action had been completed properly.

1st inspection showed the following:

- Observed leaking
- No evidence of top Jaswell seal

- Driller first said there was only a single seal and then said that there were two seals

David Braley motions that the Commission authorize the Attorney General to petition the district court to seek an administrative search warrant but prior to all proceedings to have Paul Gauvreau, AAG, to write to the Austin's giving them one final chance to allow the Commission's inspector to do a 2nd inspection. Joseph Gallant 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

New Complaints:

Complaint received from: Alan White

Allegation: Well not finished properly, leaving filters clogged.

Well Drilling Company: Innis Well Drilling, LLC

Responsible Master Driller: James Innis

Commission Action:

Finding of Fact:

- Presentation of a written agreement, although unsigned, was sent to the Commission by both the driller and homeowner
- Written agreement acknowledges that the driller is not responsible for quality or quantity of water
- Homeowners paid the full agreement price
- The complainant has not provided any evidence that the sediment was a result of improper construction
- Homeowner was notified and did not participate in the meeting

David Braley motions that the White's were notified in writing by this agreement, although unsigned, that the driller is not responsible for quality or quantity of the water and no violation is found. Edward Bowie 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Specialty Well Applications:

Geothermal Specialty Well Application:

Ed Bowie makes a motion to accept Midnight Energy's geothermal specialty well application with a revised contact sheet. Joseph Gallant 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

No Deed Covenant will be required.

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

None

Exams requested:

John Dunbar- Edward Bowie motions to approve Dunbar's exam application to sit for the Master Pump Installer's Exam. David Braley 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Examinations Passed:

None

New Business:

A phone call from Ron Poulin came in before the meeting to let the Commission know that the pump was not put back in by James Philbrick after corrective action/ inspection was completed.

David will write a letter to Ron Poulin saying that we received his letter and have talked to the driller who refused. He will also provide Ron Poulin with the water test results and explain what that may mean for him, such as treatment that may be needed.

There was discussion over setback notification forms not on the website. Because these forms are triplicate, information to contact the Commission Clerk will be put on the website.

Geothermal:

Discussions were held about High Performance Geo Xchange namely the Rygan HPGX. Discussions took place over contacting other states or departments that allow its use and get factual data to see if it could be a standard in-house approval.

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

Meeting Adjourned 12:52 P.M.