

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of June 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, Well Driller
Travis Morton, Well Driller
Mr. Peter Morton, Well Driller

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 A.M.

Approval of May 9, 2012 meeting minutes:

Ike Goodwin motions to approve the minutes. Joe Gallant 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

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:

Dwight Doughty motions that corrective action was completed successfully. Ed Bowie 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

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 viewed the video tape done by its independent inspector, David Philbrook. However, the inspection did not provide enough information to come to any conclusions. David Philbrook will be asked to do another inspection to gather further information.

The Commission would like to see full documentation of this complaint at its next meeting.

A letter will be sent to Affordable Well Drilling that the inspection is still ongoing.

New Complaints:

Complaint received from: Nancy Dellegartto

Allegation: Water dripping into cellar from cut pipe

Well Drilling Company: Levesque Well Drilling

Responsible Master Driller: Kevin Levesque

Commission Action:

The Commission reviewed the complaint about water dripping into the cellar from piping attached to the water tank in the proximity of electrical wiring. The Commission's rules establish specific performance standards which govern the location, construction and materials for water wells and water pumps, however, the Rules do not appear to address the concerns in the complaint.

Ike Goodwin motions that there is no potential violation of our rules based on the complaint. Ed Bowie 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

A letter will be sent out to the homeowner explaining why no violation was found and that she should contact the government agency that she went through for guidance.

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:

Complaint has been tabled until Alan White can be notified in writing of the proceedings so that he may provide information during the investigation.

Report of Potential Threat of Contamination:

Report received from: Stanley Waltz, Code Enforcement Officer for Nobleboro, ME.

Allegation: Well originally drilled too close to neighbor's holding tank/ pump station and not properly abandoned.

Well Drilling Company: Gallants Artesian Wells Inc

Responsible Master Driller: Peter Morton

Ed Bowie motions that the Commission sends a letter to Nobleboro CEO, Stanley Waltz, to ask that he communicate directly to the Commission on issues relating to wells rather than dealing with the owner and or contractor. Ike Goodwin 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Finding of Fact:

- Gallants Artesian Wells Inc relied on information provided from the homeowner, his customer, about distances for septic tanks and leach field.
- Driller drilled a well with 60 feet of casing.
- Gallants Artesian Wells Inc later found through the town that the well was too close to a pumping station to meet the Maine Well Driller's Rules in chapter 4.
- Driller drilled a replacement well that meets setback requirements according to the Maine Well Driller's Rules.
- Driller offered to abandon the original well.
- Property owner had the original well abandoned by his building contractor.
- Driller had not submitted the Geological Survey but provided it at the commission meeting.

Commission Action:

Ike Goodwin motions to accept finding of fact. Ed Bowie 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Ike Goodwin moves that no violation occurred. David Braley 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Specialty Well Applications:

Wayne Barlow- Temple Well Drilling, Inc., Proposed well to be located no closer than 38 feet from the leach field and 53 feet from the septic tank on property and no closer than 58 feet from neighbor's leach field and 60+ feet from neighbor's tank.

Ed Bowie motions to approve the specialty well application from Temple Well Drilling with 120 feet of casing, 10 inch hole, grouted. If this is the first one done less than 40 feet, an inspector will need to be present during grouting. Ike Goodwin 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Robert Lorigan- Lawrence Lord & Sons, Inc., Proposed well to be located no closer than 67 feet from the leach field and 33 feet from the septic tank on property and no closer than 106 feet from neighbor's leach field and 45 feet from neighbor's tank.

Ike motions to approve the specialty well application from Lawrence Lord & Sons, Inc with 90 feet of casing. Joe Gallant 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

None

Exams requested:

None

Examinations Passed:

None

New Business:

Discussion was held over sending all notifications by mail to both of the well driller/ pump installer and the homeowners.

Geothermal:

David Braley and Don Robbins went to the Spring Demo to give the pump installer open loop endorsement exams. Approximately 30 people took the exam and passed.

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: **Friday, July 13, 2012 at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 12:52 P.M.