

Well Driller's Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013
Location: 286 Water Street, 3rd Floor

Attendees: Commission Members:
Joe Gallant, Master Driller
Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer
Tom Weddle, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
Donald Robbins, Certified Geologist, Public Member, Chairman
David Braley, Senior Geologist, Maine CDC and Prevention
Dwight Doughty, Jr. Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT
Ike Goodwin, Master Driller

Legal Counsel:
Deanna White, Assistant Attorney General – Office of the Attorney General

Minutes prepared by: Doris Poirier, Commission Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Donald Robbins - Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF MAY 2013 MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Edits to the May minutes were provided to Doris. It was motioned to approve the revised minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous. Doris will update the May minutes and distribute to Commission members.

TOPIC: CURRENT COMPLAINTS – Ms. Mora Camenga, Complainant / Mr. Delwin Philbrick, Well Driller

DISCUSSION: David Braley and Delwin Philbrick inspected the Camenga property. They examined the ground surface around the attempted well and in particular observed the alleged ground settlement around the casing. They determined the settling was probably a result of subsidence from the heaving sands during well drilling. The settling is easily repaired.

Motion: Dwight Doughty motioned to recommend to the homeowner that the space in and around the casing be filled using existing materials on site.

2nd by: David Braley

Vote: Unanimous.

Action: David Braley to draft letter to the homeowner with recommendations. Doris will call the homeowner regarding findings.

TOPIC: SPECIALTY WELL APPLICATIONS (SWP)

John Fletcher, Homeowner - Goodwin Well & Water Inc., the drilling company.

DISCUSSION: The home is 60% completed, but construction cannot proceed until they have an adequate water supply. The SWA was reviewed and after much discussion it was determined to move forward based on current information available.

Motion: David Braley moved to approve the SWA with 20 feet of casing, top and bottom seal and a liner, depth to be determined during the drilling process.

2nd by: Tom Weddle

Vote: 6 in favor, Ike Goodwin recused himself.

Action: Doris to proceed with standard operating procedures including Well Variance Deed Covenant, and other standard supporting documentation regarding the SWA.

TOPIC: FORMS, SOP, DWP Website, etc.

DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed and approved updated versions of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for SWA (including provisions for geotreatment wells) and WD Complaint Form for use in tracking complaints from receipt to completion.

Website updates are still in the works at the DWP that should allow easier access to WD information. The current link is: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/water/licensing/drillers/welldrillers.htm> A shorter http link name will be developed.

TOPIC: Commission Members, E-Mail Use and Public Meetings

DISCUSSION: Deanna White provided an update on voting procedures and informed the Commission that voting must be done publically. Voting via e-mail is not acceptable. She also informed the Commission regarding the 2 year limit on complaints & disciplinary action, that the rules would need additional clarification and that any rule changes must go to rulemaking for approval.

Exam Applications

Brad Brock – WD Exam Application

A review of Mr. Brock's application determined that he did not satisfy the minimum 3 years of experience requirements to sit for a Master Well Drillers license and, in any event he did not submit a complete application ; missing appropriate references or copies of current licenses/registration(s) from other jurisdictions. David Braley moved to deny the application, it was 2nd by Frank Hegarty. The vote was unanimous. David Braley will send a letter to Mr. Brock informing him of the decision and of the possibility he is eligible to sit for the Journeyman Well Driller Exam .

Furthermore, Donald Robbins and Doris Poirier were to make inquiry into Massachusetts system of well driller licensure and registration. Information gained will be shared at the July meeting.

TOPIC: PUBLIC COMMENTS – none at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:50