

## MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of March 14, 2012 Meeting

### Members Present:

Ed Bowie, Chairman  
Tom Weddle, MGS  
Don Robbins, Public Member  
Joseph Gallant, Driller  
Dwight Doughty, DOT  
David Braley, DHHS

### Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk  
Paul Gauvreau, AAG  
Ted Rolfe, MGWA

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M.

### Approval of February 8, 2012 meeting minutes:

Tom Weddle motions to approve the February 8, 2012 minutes with typo corrections. Don Robbins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Commission unanimously approves. Dwight Doughty abstained from the vote as he was not at the previous meeting.

### 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:

Commission is waiting to hear whether or not corrective action has been completed.

#### 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:

The Commission is waiting for the inspector to inspect Austin's well done by Affordable Well Drilling to see the top and bottom seals and that it is not leaking.

**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: David Philbrook inspected the well and presented the commission with the report. Scott Estey was called to participate.

Finding of Fact: Scott Estey did not hydro-fracture or put in the pump. He gave the homeowners the names and availability for those that could hydro-fracture. The homeowners chose and would pay the person that did the hydro-fracturing. The homeowners were also talking about putting in a pump in the 800 foot well that was also drilled closer to the house. The report found high pH and high Manganese.

David Braley moves that after reviewing the inspector's report finds that the well is properly constructed and no violation of the rules. Joe Gallant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed unanimously.

**New Complaints:**

**Complaint received from: Kimberly Jordan & Barbara Hutchinson**

Allegation: Paid for well and have not been told gpm and did not have a contract. Do not have water, what is in there is what they put in when they hydro-fractured.

Well Drilling Company: P.L. Jones & Son

Responsible Master Driller: Wendell Jones

Commission action: The Commission would like to see any other paperwork that the homeowners have. Clerk will contact homeowners for more information and send a letter to P.L. Jones & Son to get their information as well.

**Specialty Well Applications:**

None

**Specialty Well Applications done "in House"**

None

**Exams requested:**

None

**Examinations Passed:**

None

**New Business:**

Ed Bowie hands in his resignation to the Maine Water Well Commission.

Dwight Doughty motions to accept the resignation of Ed Bowie from the Maine Water Well Commission. Joseph Gallant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed unanimously.

Ed Bowie nominates Don Robbins as the Chair of the Maine Water Well Commission. Joe Gallant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed unanimously. Don Robbins abstained from the vote.

Dwight Doughty motions that the new Chair begins his official meeting as Chair of the Maine Water Well Commission at the April meeting. David Braley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed unanimously.

The Specialty Well Application will need to have the wording changed on the first page for geothermal systems. On the Specialty Well Application Approval, also no more use of the language jaswell type steel core seals and instead use just jaswell type seal.

Ted Rolfe was present to explain Maine Groundwater Association's recommendations on the Well Driller and Pump Installer Rules Section 401.5 of casing extension into bedrock and answer any questions. It was discussed that this should be the number one priority in the next rule making to make the language in section 401.5 clearer for well drillers to understand.

**Geothermal:**

The Maine Groundwater Association will be holding its Spring Demo on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Susan Smith has contacted David Braley about possibly giving the open-loop endorsement exam for pump installers at that time.

**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, April 11, 2012 at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 11:25 A.M.