

Well Driller's Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013
Location: 286 Water Street, 3rd Floor

Attendees: Joe Gallant, Master Driller, Stanley E. Hillock Well Co
Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer, Hegarty Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Tom Weddle, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
Donald Robbins, Certified Geologist
Deanna White, Assistant Attorney General – Office of the Attorney General
David Braley, Senior Geologist, Maine CDC and Prevention
Dwight Doughty, Jr. Division Manager, Maine DOT

Absent: Ike Goodwin, Master Driller, Goodwin Well & Water Inc.

Minutes prepared by: Doris Poirier, Commission Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Donald Robbins - Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2013 MINUTES

DISCUSSION: The Commission provided Doris with updates.

Motion: Dwight Doughty motioned to accept.

2nd by: Tom Weddle.

Vote: Unanimous.

Action: Doris to update the February minutes and distribute to Commission members.

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

DISCUSSION: This issue is tabled until spring.

TOPIC: SPECIALTY WELL APPLICATIONS (SWP) – none at this time.

TOPIC: FORMS, SOP, and DWP Website

DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed a draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for SWA and a draft WD Complaint Form.

- Deanna White inquired on website accessibility regarding complaints and whether or not the meeting dates/times were searchable on the website.
- David Braley informed the Commission that we will be updating the website. He also stated that DWP has the website www.medwp.com
- David Braley suggested researching the cost for a 'short-cut' link to the Maine Well Driller's Commission website that would skip all of the DHHS layering and go

directly to the WD's website. Dwight Doughty recommended placing the website issue in a 'parking lot' at this time and focus on the SOP for the complaint process.

- David Braley informed the Commission that the Drinking Water Program, Well Driller's Commission, stores its information electronically in 'Orbit' – a software/hardware program that the DWP purchased to transfer from paper to paperless. All of the Well Driller's documents including complaints are electronically indexed and stored there allowing for easy access.
- The Commission provided Doris with additional modifications to the complaint form.
- The Commission reviewed the SOP for SWAs. David Braley added items (a.) and (b.) below to VII POLICY & PROCEDURE #2 (set-back reduction application requests).
 - a. 99' – 60' reviewed in house by David Braley.
 - b. Less than 60' reviewed by full Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

TOPIC: "MASE" ANNUAL MEETING

DISCUSSION: On Tuesday, March 5th, 2013, David Braley and Frank Hegarty attended the annual meeting of the Maine Association of Site Evaluators (MASE).

- One of the items discussed was "How does the construction of a well change as it gets closer to a septic system?"
 - a. When a septic system is close to a well, a variance is needed relating to distance, but the design remains the same – no additional requirements are placed.
 - b. With well drillers, as the well gets closer to the septic system, the design standards are 'ratcheted-up' to the point where it can triple the cost of installing the well.
- The meeting was informative and would be beneficial if the well driller and site evaluator professions would continue discussions.
- When the Groundwater Association has their annual meeting, maybe one of the talks should be by one of the site evaluators on septic system designs and some of the issues that they feel are important like 'how do you find a well'? One of their requirements is that they give a GPS location for every septic system. A well driller drills a well, they send in a form, but it doesn't indicate where they drilled the well."
- At the MASE meeting and at today's Commission meeting, David made available a VCH tape of a past inspection.
- Frank suggested inviting MASE members to attend Commission meetings.

TOPIC: PUBLIC COMMENTS – none at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:19 a.m.