

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of May 9, 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
Bruce Harris, Homeowner
Mr. Harris, Bruce's Brother

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M.

Approval of April 11, 2012 meeting minutes:

Dwight Doughty motions to approve the April 11, 2012 minutes as amended. Tom Weddle 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:

James Philbrick contacted the Commission that all corrective action had been completed.

Ed Bowie motions that the inspector go and check to make sure seals are tight and not leaking. Tom Weddle 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:

A report was received from the inspector, David Philbrook, that summarizes the events to date. Most important was the information the landowner denied Commission's inspector from accessing the property to inspect the well to confirm that the corrective action had been properly completed.

Paul Gauvreau sent a letter to the Austins' asking for permission to access the property, summarizing Commission's authority and mission to protect drinking water and aquifers and to receive a response within 14 days of receipt of the letter. The Austins' gave authority for the inspector to look at the well. This will be done once they are back in Maine and have had a chance to use the well.

Complaint received from: Kimberly Jordan & Barbara Hutchinson

Allegation: Paid for a well and have not been told gpm and did not have a contract. Do not have useable volume of water.

Well Drilling Company: P.L. Jones & Son

Responsible Master Driller: Wendell Jones

With last meetings referral to the Office of the Attorney General, the Commission has closed this complaint.

New Complaints:

None

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

Bruce Harris, landowner, provides Commission with affidavits and documents refuting allegations of code officer. He provides information that an unlicensed person may have abandoned the well.

Ike moves that the Commission receive this report as a notice of Potential Threat of Contamination from Mr Waltz, Town of Nobleboro. Commission accepts Mr. Harris's documents for review and includes them in the file. Requests information from Gallants Artesian Wells Inc and ask them to provide all of their information as an inquiry only and all correspondence from Mr. Waltz on this issue as well. Also ask for clarification of the local authority that the Code Enforcement Officer, CEO, has seeking enforcement action of the homeowner or the driller. Ed 2nd the motion. 6 yah, Dwight Doughty nay. Passed.

Based upon the documentation provided by Mr. Harris and Commission discussion, the following motions were made.

Ed Bowie motions that the abandoned well does not pose a significant threat to public health. Dwight Doughty 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Ed Bowie motions that Paul Gauvreau send a letter to Mr. Morrill, general contractor for Mr. Harris, that the Commission orders him to cease and desist abandoning wells as it requires a well driller's license.

Specialty Well Applications:

None

Specialty Well Applications done "in House"

Moosehead Water Wells; Thomas Mason; Paul & Beverly Miller, 12 Chipmunk Lane East, Harfords Point, ME. 04442

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 100 FEET FROM THE LEACH FIELD AND 42 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK ON PROPERTY.

PROPOSED WELL TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 70 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SEALED INTO BEDROCK OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SHALL BE SEALED INTO BEDROCK WITH A SOLID 4 INCH LINER INSTALLED WITH TOP AND BOTTOM JASWELL TYPE SEALS WITH

BOTTOM SEAL A MINIMUM OF 70 FEET BELOW GRADE AND TOP SEAL UP INSIDE 6 INCH STEEL WELL CASING. BOTTOM AND TOP SEALS SHALL BE WATER TIGHT.

Cross Well & Pump Company; Douglas Cross; Judy Gray, 17 High Street, Temple Heights, ME. 04849

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 45 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK ON PROPERTY.

PROPOSED WELL TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 70 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SEALED INTO BEDROCK OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SHALL BE SEALED INTO BEDROCK WITH A SOLID 4 INCH LINER INSTALLED WITH TOP AND BOTTOM JASWELL TYPE SEALS WITH BOTTOM SEAL A MINIMUM OF 70 FEET BELOW GRADE AND TOP SEAL UP INSIDE 6 INCH STEEL WELL CASING. BOTTOM AND TOP SEALS SHALL BE WATER TIGHT.

Rolfe's Well Drilling; Theodore Rolfe; Wilfred Deane Jr., 4 Aaron Drive, Manchester, ME. 04351

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 61 FEET FROM THE LEACH FIELD AND 31 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK ON PROPERTY AND NO CLOSER THAN 61 FEET FROM NEIGHBOR'S LEACH FIELD AND 61 FEET FROM NEIGHBOR'S TANK.

PROPOSED WELL TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 90 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SEALED INTO BEDROCK OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SHALL BE SEALED INTO BEDROCK WITH A SOLID 4 INCH LINER INSTALLED WITH TOP AND BOTTOM JASWELL TYPE SEALS WITH BOTTOM SEAL A MINIMUM OF 90 FEET BELOW GRADE AND TOP SEAL UP INSIDE 6 INCH STEEL WELL CASING. BOTTOM AND TOP SEALS SHALL BE WATER TIGHT.

Bowie Bros Well Drilling Inc.; Edward Bowie; Rachel & Eric Groenhout, 392 Pond Road, Mt. Vernon, ME. 04352

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 53 FEET FROM THE ONSITE TANK AND 60 FEET FROM THE NEIGHBOR'S TANK.

PROPOSED WELL TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 60 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SEALED INTO BEDROCK OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET OF 6 INCH STEEL CASING SHALL BE SEALED INTO BEDROCK WITH A SOLID 4 INCH LINER INSTALLED WITH TOP AND BOTTOM JASWELL TYPE SEALS WITH BOTTOM SEAL A MINIMUM OF 60 FEET BELOW GRADE AND TOP SEAL UP INSIDE 6 INCH STEEL WELL CASING. BOTTOM AND TOP SEALS SHALL BE WATER TIGHT.

Exams requested:

Ike Goodwin motions to approve Fred Perry to sit for the Master Pump Installer's Exam. Ed Bowie 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Examinations Passed:

None

New Business:

Discussion was held over how votes should be recorded in future meeting minutes after a motion is made, discussed and voted on. From now on if the vote is not unanimous, names of those voting against will be included in the minutes.

Geothermal:

David Braley will be going to the Spring Demo to give the pump installer open loop endorsement exams. Don Robbins will go to help proctor. Endorsements will be \$10.

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

Meeting Adjourned 11:45 A.M.