

Well Driller's Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Location: 286 Water Street, 3rd Floor

Attendees: Commission Members:
Joe Gallant, Master Driller
Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer
Tom Weddle, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
David Braley, Senior Geologist, Maine CDC and Prevention
Dwight Doughty, Jr. Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT
Legal Counsel:
Deanna White, Assistant Attorney General – Office of the Attorney General
Absent: Ike Goodwin, Master Driller; and Don Robbins, Certified Geologist
Guests: David Philbrook, Independent Inspector; Cindy Killer, Well Driller/Pump Installer; and Carl Levesque, Master Driller

Minutes prepared by: Doris Labranche, Commission Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF APRIL 2014 MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Tom motioned to discuss the April minutes; Joe 2nd the motion, the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

TOPIC: CURRENT COMPLAINTS – Ms. Lisa Pulieris of Windham, ME / Cindy Killer of Atlantic Water Solutions, Alfred, ME.

DISCUSSION: Pump is stuck in the well – cause still unknown. The discussion revolved around the possible use of force to remove the pump; the risks involved in doing so; who would be liable for the costs involved for any damages that may occur; if any violations were found; and should the inspection move forward or be placed on hold at this time. Deanna White distributed a Memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General regarding 'Implied Warranty'.

Motion: Frank motioned to table the complaint in order to gather additional information to resolve this issue.

2nd by: Tom

Vote: Unanimous

Action:

- David Braley to notify the homeowner of the risks involved;
- David to develop SOP for well inspections/pump removal;
- Request input from the Groundwater Association;

- Form a workgroup for the next meeting to develop guidelines for similar issues in the future; and,
- Notice of workgroup to be placed on the DWP website.

TOPIC: CURRENT COMPLAINTS – Melissa Hackett of Bowdoinham, ME / Carl Levesque of A-Z Water Systems, Gray, ME.

DISCUSSION: On Wednesday, May 7th, 2014, another inspection of the well was conducted. Carl Levesque, David Philbrook, property owner, neighbor, Temple Well Drilling Co., and Glen from Custom Built Homes were present during the inspection. Carl determined that the pump needed to be drilled out of the well. Carl ‘re-drilled everything’. A new pump was installed; the well was flushed out, ‘camera-ed’, well seal inspected, casing ‘was good’, sediment never completely disappeared, however water tests results performed on May 2nd, 2014 were satisfactory.

Motion: David Braley moved to table the complaint and to have David Philbrook take another water sample after contacting the homeowner.

2nd by: Frank

Vote: Unanimous

Action: Complaint tabled until the June meeting.

TOPIC: SPECIALTY WELL APPLICATIONS (SWP)

Bruce Church, Homeowner - Stanley Hillock Well Drilling Company

DISCUSSION: Proposed well to be constructed with a minimum diameter 10-inch borehole drilled to a depth of at least 120 feet below ground level with 6 inch steel casing grouted in place. Grout shall be either neat cement or high solids bentonite manufactured specifically for grouting and sealing water wells. Grout shall be placed into the annulus between the 10 inch borehole and the 6 inch casing on continuous placement using positive displacement from the bottom of the annulus to the top using generally accepted procedures. Annual water testing is recommended.

Motion: Frank moved to approve.

2nd by: David Braley

Vote: Unanimous with Joe recusing himself.

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

Anne Morrison & John Sheskey, Homeowners – Temple Well Drilling Company

DISCUSSION: David Braley to assist staff regarding the SWA language on converting an existing drinking water well to closed loop geothermal well. (There was an issue on set-back.)

Motion: Joe moved to approve.

2nd by: David

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

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

TOPIC: Election of New Chair

DISCUSSION: The Commission consists of 7 members; 3 drillers, 3 state employees, and 1 public member. Don Robbins' 2 year term is over.

Motion: David Braley nominated Dwight Doughty as the new Chair.

2nd by: Frank Hegarty

Vote: Unanimous, with Ike and Don absent.

Action: Dwight accepted. Dwight to forward electronic signature to Doris..

Congratulations Dwight Doughty.

TOPIC: Exam Applications

DISCUSSION: The following exam applications were reviewed and approved;

1. DESCHAINED, Bert – PI-J
2. DESCHAINED, Joshua – PI-J
3. TEMPLE, Scott – PI-M (Re-review application. References are now in.)
4. TEMPLE IV, Adelbert S. – PI-M (Re-review application. References are now in.)

TOPIC: PUBLIC COMMENTS – none at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:17 p.m.