

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of November 9, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Ed Bowie, Chairman
David Braley, DHHS
Ike Goodwin, Well Driller
Dwight Doughty, DOT
Joe Gallant, Well Driller
Tom Weddle, MGS

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk
Paul Gauvreau, AAG

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M.

Approval of October 17, 2011 meeting minutes:

Ike Goodwin motions to approve the October 17, 2011 minutes with corrections. Joe Gallant 2nd the motion. Commission unanimously approves.

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 sent a letter to the Commission asking for a fair hearing as well as copies of September and October minutes and David Philbrick's inspection report of the well. Clerk will send the requested materials to James Philbrick.

Paul Gauvreau is going to see if Mark Randlett can act as the hearing officer on December 14th after the regular commission meeting. Paul will draft a letter and send to James Philbrick with a date and time for the fair hearing.

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

Finding of Fact: David Braley motions that the State Plumbing Inspector, along with the homeowner and town plumbing inspector determined the well is only 85 feet from the septic. Tom Weddle 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Violations: Ike Goodwin moves that the Commission find James Bisson in violation of 400.3 for not setting the proper amount of casing and 400.5 for not submitting a setback notification form. Tom Weddle 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Corrective Action: David Braley motions that James Bisson shall install sufficient amount of casing or seal under 400.3 and under 400.5 submit a setback notification form. Tom Weddle 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

New Complaints:

Complaint received from: Earl Strandell

Allegation: Does not have clear water.

Well Drilling Company: Merl "Sam" Dunham Inc

Responsible Master Driller: Richard Dunham

Commission action: The commission requests more information from the homeowner such as who's responsible for the pump, did you have a contract and has a water test been taken.

Commission also asks the driller to be present at the next meeting.

Specialty Well Applications:

None

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Ed Gallant, Stanley Hillock Well Drilling Inc: Stacey Anderson & Suzanne LaCroix, 97& 99 Smooth Ledge Road, Standish, ME. 04084

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 42 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK ON PROPERTY AND 62 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK ON NEIGHTBOR'S 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 STEEL CORE 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.

Daniel Camire, Goodwin Well & Water: Shawn Maguire, 50 Cottage Lane, Weld, ME. 04285

PROPOSED WELL TO BE LOCATED NO CLOSER THEN 45 FEET FROM SEPTIC TANK ON PROPERTY AND NO CLOSER THAN 60 FEET FROM NEIGHBOR'S LEACH FIELD AND 60 FEET FROM THE NEIGHBOR'S SEPTIC TANK.

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Exams requested:

None

Examinations Passed:

Ryan Stevenson passed his Journeyman Well Driller's Exam.

New Business:

In the future, minutes will have all motions either say unanimously passed or have the actual vote such as 3 to 1.

Tom Weddle brought up that a homeowner in Wells Karen Ouellette was out of water and the driller was Judd Goodwin out of New Hampshire. She was looking for information on a well that Judd Goodwin did not have after the secretary left and the Maine Geological Survey has been unable to find a copy as well. He pointed out that Karen Ouellette was impressed with the commission clerk and how helpful the clerk was despite that she was unable to file a formal complaint due to the two year statute of limitations. This well was drilled 5 to 6 years ago.

Bob Johnston is the person at the MGS that works on checking records and was unable to find any information on the well on her property.

The Commission will send a letter to Judd Goodwin reminding Judd Goodwin that the Commission requires that drill logs be submitted to the MGS.

Geothermal:

If a company does horizontal geothermal, that company still must be licensed under the geothermal licensing rules as it is still drilled.

The governor's office has received the geothermal construction rules.

Dwight Doughty makes a motion to adopt the geothermal construction rules with an effective date of January 1, 2012. Ike Goodwin 2nd the motion. Unanimously passed.

Meeting Dates for 2011

January 13, 2011	July 5, 2011
February 1, 2011	August 17, 2011
March 14, 2011	September 23, 2011
April 5, 2011	October 17, 2011
May 3, 2011	November 2, 2011
June 7, 2011	December 14, 2011

Subject to change.

The next Well Drillers Meeting will be: **Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 9:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 11:28 AM.