

Well Driller's Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2012
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.
Ike Goodwin, Master Driller, Goodwin Well & Water Inc.
Tom Weddle, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
Donald Robbins, Certified Geologist, A.E. Hodsdon Consulting Engineers
Paul Gauvreau, Deputy Attorney General – Office of the Attorney General
David Braley, Senior Geologist, Maine CDC and Prevention
Dwight Doughty, Jr. Division Manager, Maine DOT

Minutes prepared by: Doris Poirier, Commission Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Donald Robbins - Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

David Braley - Brian Dupuis was not at the meeting.

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2012 MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Paul Gauvreau indicated that in the October minutes, the name should appear as Austins not Austin's.

Motion: Ike Goodwin moved to accept the October minutes with the revisions provided.

2nd by: Frank Hearty.

Vote: Unanimous.

Action: Doris to update and finalize October minutes.

Follow-up: no further action.

TOPIC: CURRENT COMPLAINTS – AFFORDABLE VS. ANOYMOUS

DISCUSSION: Lack of accurate and complete information on the driller's part resulted in:

- Extending the investigation and requiring an additional site inspection which increased costs incurred by the Board. If the driller had notified the Commission in December that the property owner was in Florida for the winter, and that they couldn't complete corrective action until spring, the Commission would have, as a matter of practice, extended the deadline as required.
- The discussion revolving around expenses, fees, violations, fines, suspension, and the point system.
- Paul Gauvreau providing the Commission with a copy of 'Guidelines for Fines, Suspensions and Revocation Hearings'.
- Violations found –
 - 400.5 – failure to submit the paperwork and failure to meet set-back standards = 1 pt.
 - 400.3 – failure to install proper amount of casing = 5 pts.
 - 401.5.8 – On October 2, 2012, the violation of the Jaswell type seals installed on the liner was not water tight or leak-free = 5 pts.

Motion: Ike Goodwin moved to table any further action, violations, points, or other penalties until the December meeting in order to make certain that Affordable Well Drilling is notified.

2ND By: Frank Hegarty.

Vote: Unanimous.

Action: David Braley to mail a letter to Affordable regarding the 3 violations, points and penalties. David to provide a copy of DEP's policy on complaints and penalties at the next meeting.

Follow-up: At the December meeting.

TOPIC: SPECIALTY WELL APPLICATIONS (SWP)

DISCUSSION #1: David Braley stated that "with the recent change in support staff, we need to remember to include in-house Specialty Well Applications, perhaps in the form of a list".

No further action at this time.

DISCUSSION #2: David Braley stated "that one SWA was received from Lord/Bledsoe. The issue is salt water. He is to drill to the first fresh water fracture. He is proposing a liner, seal and cement instead of additional casing. (Action will not be taken by the driller until the spring time.)"

MOTION: David Braley moved to approve the SWA.

2ND By: Dwight Doughty

Vote: Unanimous

Action: David Braley to send out approval letter.

Follow-up: No further action at this time.

TOPIC: MOTION PROCEDURES

DISCUSSION: Paul Gauvreau and David Braley suggested that Donald Robbins state, for the record, the names of individuals making motions, seconding motions, etc. This will make identification easier when reviewing the recording of future meetings.

No further action at this time.

TOPIC: DUPUIS VS. HILLOCK WELL DRILLING CO.

DISCUSSION: (Joe Gallant recused himself from the discussion.) David Braley stated that Mr. Dupuis thinks that the yield of the well is exactly what was coming out of fractures that were cased off. Frank Hegarty stated that the driller said he would fix the problem.

Motion: By David Braley to send David Philbrook to inspect the casing and casing seal for the well, but the inspection does not have to go beyond 45 feet, which is bottom of drive shoe.

2nd By: Tom Weddle

Vote: 5-1 (Dwight Doughty – no vote)

Action: Send David Philbrook to inspect.

Follow-up: At the December meeting.

TOPIC: PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: Ike Goodwin motioned to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. David Braley 2nd the motion.