

# MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Minutes of September 23, 2011 Meeting

## Members Present:

Ed Bowie, Chairman  
David Braley, DHHS  
Ike Goodwin, Well Driller  
Dwight Doughty, DOT  
Joe Gallant, Well Driller  
Don Robbins, Public Member  
Dan Locke, MGS

## Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Board Clerk  
Paul Gauvreau, AAG  
Leon Perreault- Office Manager  
for Affordable Well Drilling  
Barry Sanford, Well Driller

## Call to Order:

The Meeting commenced immediately after the geothermal construction rules public hearing at 9:00 A.M.

## Approval of September 23, 2011 meeting minutes:

Don Robbins motions to approve the September 23, 2011 minutes as amended. Dwight Doughty 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Commission approves.

## Pending Complaints:

### Complaint received from: Ron Poulin

Allegation: Ferrous smell. Ph of 5.5. Iron and manganese level high. Acidic water probably coming in from the surface. Water gushing in below the casing.

Well Drilling Company: James Philbrick Well Drilling

Responsible Master Driller: James Philbrick

### Fact Finding:

There is communication between the two wells. It is not directly but there is communication. Goodwin Well and Water made three attempts to repair the well and could not.

### Commission action:

Ike Goodwin recused himself and was present for information only.

Don Robbins moves that the 1<sup>st</sup> well be video inspected and get lab results from both wells. The 1<sup>st</sup> well will need test BA. David Braley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Commission approves. Passed.

Homeowner and driller both need to be notified of a date and time so that they may be present.

**Complaint received from: Anonymous**

Owner is to be 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

Commission action:

Affordable Well Drilling will contact the homeowner to bring them up to speed.

David Braley will contact the homeowner about getting permission to go on-site and measure the distances.

Commission informed Affordable Well Drilling that a contract should not say that the homeowner is responsible for placement of well meeting all state and local codes. That is the responsibility of the driller.

**New Complaints:**

None

**Specialty Well Applications:**

Wells Unlimited: Doug Wright: Don Robbins moves to approve Wells Unlimited, Inc specialty well application with the following conditions and point of facts; that the commission recognizes the potential of contaminant from the holding tank and road runoff, that we require the following conditions:

1. A minimum of 50 feet of casing with a minimum of 30 feet into bedrock

2. The annulus is grouted to the surface
3. Homeowners must verify that the well will not be in the State of Maine right of way
4. Wells Unlimited must notify the Commission 48 hours prior to grouting

The presence of the Saco River is a mitigating factor in the decision. Dwight Doughty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commission approves. Passed.

Reilly Well Drilling: Paul Kelsey: If Reilly Well Drilling can get the 40 feet, that's what they are required to do.

Ike motions to approve the specialty well application with 120 feet of casing, grouted and an inspector on-site during grouting because it is the 1<sup>st</sup> specialty well application that has been approved requiring grouting by Reilly Well Drilling. Don Robbins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commission approves. Passed.

Board Clerk will call and find out if he can get more than 40 feet; he can submit a new application and application can be done "in house."

#### **Specialty Well Applications done "in House"**

None

#### **Exams requested:**

Travis J Morton: Dwight Doughty moves that he be approved to sit for the Master Well Driller's exam Don Robbins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Commission approves. Passed.

Stephen B Kelly Jr: Don Robbins moves that he be approved to sit for the Master Pump Installer's exam provided proof that his Massachusetts license is current. Dwight Doughty 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Commission approves. Passed.

#### **Examinations Passed:**

None.

#### **New Business:**

Paul Gauvreau will continue working on drafting a policy for handling complaints.

David Braley will make a matrix for Specialty Well Applications that are under the distances allowed by in-house to better guide commission members. Maine Ground Water Association will be asked for their input on it.

David Braley will rewrite the standard wording for Specialty Well Applications to be confirmed at the next meeting.

**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	<b>October 17, 2011</b>
May 3, 2011	November 1, 2011
June 7, 2011	December 6, 2011

***Subject to change.***

The next Well Drillers Meeting will be: **Monday, October 17, 2011, at 2:00, Key Bank, 286 Water Street, Augusta ME.**

Meeting Adjourned 12:27 PM.