

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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Meeting – IN-PERSON / ZOOM  
18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

### ATTENDEES:

Commission Members: \*(present-4 / zoom-2 / absent-1)

Present:

Dwight Doughty (Chair)  
Hydrogeologist, DOT  
Alex Pugh  
Hydrogeologist, DWP  
Edward Bowie  
Master Well Driller  
Mike Otley  
Public Member

Zoom:

Jessica Meeks  
Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

Absent:

Jesse Goodwin  
Master Well Driller

Guests:

Rob Jennings, DWP  
Private Wells

Zoom:

Messer, M&J  
Flanagan, J

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS:

9:04 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

❖ **Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – Monthly Meeting**

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Edward Bowie **VOTE:** Unanimous

❖ **Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - Monthly Meeting**

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Jessica Meeks **VOTE:** Unanimous

Exam Applications:

1. JOSHUA LEVESQUE_WD02213_WD-J, *(Effective Date: 10-4-2022) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Edward Bowie **VOTE:** Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. CAOPREDDI-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Alex Pugh **VOTE:** Unanimous

2. SMITHWICK-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Edward Bowie **2nd:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

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| 1. GAGNE-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA | 4. NELSON-CARMEL_SWA |
| 2. SOOHEY-WATSON_SWA | 5. HANSON-CARMEL_SWA |
| 3. WORTHLEY-BURNS_SWA | 6. CRONIN-CARMEL_SWA |

Other Business:

1. **EXAMS: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 10am**

- a. 286 Water Street, CDC Bldg., downtown Augusta
- b. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. **Open Discussions:**

- a. **Rule Revisions** – revisited – Jessica Meeks
 - i. Continued revisions, DWP 8th floor
 - ii. Outlook to revisit: September 2025
- b. **Limiting Hydrofracking/Open-Loop Geothermal Systems in Coastal Zones** – Jessica Meeks
 - i. Wants to codify the common-sense notion to not hydrofrack on ocean
 - ii. Coastal communities have concerns about fracking for new wells and destroying the delicate balance of fresh water

Other issues: trapped seawater and salt water intrusion into established wells.

NEW COMPLAINTS:

MESSER – MARQUIS WELL & PUMP LLC – complaint, rcvd 10-4-24 – NEW

- 10-4-24, complaint received

Motion to accept complaint, 10-9-24.

❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Jessica Meeks **VOTE:** Unanimous

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

FLANAGAN – GALLANT ARTESIAN WELLS INC – complaint, rcvd 3-18-24 – OPEN

- 4-17-24, complaint accepted, NOC/NOA letters sent, Flanagan and Gallant

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- 8-14-24, *Tabled until next meeting, 9-11-24.
 - o Dwight Doughty to follow up with Gallant via letter
 - o Motion – 60 days to correct issues; Bowie/Hegarty – unanimous
- 9-11-24, tabled until next meeting, 10-9-24.
 - o letter sent, waiting for response from Gallant
- 10-9-24, no response/no show, corrective action not attempted by Gallant.
 - o suspension of license to be discussed, 60 days has passed.

Motion to suspend company and individual licenses.

❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Edward Bowie **VOTE:** Unanimous

- 10-9-24, Dwight Doughty/Alex Pugh to craft letter of suspension
 - o Tabled until next meeting, 11-13-24

NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – (In-Person/Zoom)

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

**Vote for new Chair of MWWC – Dwight Doughty, Retiring

Motion to put vote on agenda.

❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Alex Pugh **VOTE:** Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

10:16 am

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Edward Bowie **2nd:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** Unanimous