

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

### ATTENDEES:

#### Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, (Chair)  
Hydrogeologist, DOT  
Alex Pugh,  
Hydrogeologist, DWP

Jesse Goodwin  
Master Well Driller

Mike Otley  
Public Member  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

#### (ZOOM) Guests:

Margaret Machaiek  
AAG

Jessica Meeks  
Hydrogeologist, MGS

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:06 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ **Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – Monthly Meeting – (In-Person/ZOOM)**
- ❖ ~~Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – Meeting Cancelled, due to storm~~
- ❖ **Friday, January 26, 2024 – Emergency Meeting (Executive Session) (ZOOM)**

Motion to accept the minutes.

- ❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** Unanimous

Exam Applications:

1. DEVIN MEDCOFF_WD02199 (Effective Date: 7-18-18) – WD-M - approved

Motion to approve.

- ❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** Unanimous

2. KYLE MEDCOFF_WD02220 (Effective Date: 4-26-17) – WD-J - approved

Motion to approve.

- ❖ **MOTION:** Jesse Goodwin **2nd:** Alex Pugh **VOTE:** Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. LAPOINTE-GOODWIN_SWA
2. MCCONARTY-LORD_SWA
3. SEABORNE-GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business:

1. **EXAMS: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
 - a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. **GAP MOUNTAIN DRILLING – GARTH DUBOIS – *joining online**
 - a. Issue: Does a company license need the Responsible Master of the company to possess both a Well Driller and Pump Installer – Master License?
 - i. Has company license for Maine (WD CO, PI CO)
 - ii. Has individual license for Maine (WD-M, only)
 - b. What can Gap Mtn do to become compliant?

COMPANY: GAP MOUNTAIN DRILLING LLC / **WD CO, PI CO** / EXP 2023

INDIVIDUAL: CHRISTOPHER BERNIER_WD02040 / **WD-M**, O-GTE / EXP 2023

❖ ?? NO **MASTER PUMP INSTALLER** FOR COMPANY ??

Tabled until next meeting, 3-12-24.

- Gap Mountain did not show for the meeting.
- Commission will accept an application for the PI-M and demonstration of experience for Pump Installing.
- Commission will review at next meeting, (reciprocity, experience, and licensure in good standing).
- Cite 202.0 of Rules and Regulations

1. CEC – ANNUAL REPORTS

- a. The 2023 CEC Annual Reports have been filed *(see handout)

- Commission reviewed; Annual report of spending for year of 2023.

2. RECIPROCITY – Alex Pugh

- a. Dmitry Kuravskiy, Celius Energy, and College of the Atlantic in Maine. *(see handout)

- Commission discussed issue; more information is needed to decide.
- There are other cases of companies that are exclusively Geothermal Companies and individuals that are Geothermal Masters. *(Sima Drilling Company Inc and Wragg Bros of VT).

3. Meeting Date Change: April 10, 2024

- a. ISSUE: The Affordable hearing has been rescheduled to April 10th at 9:00. ~ Tammy Steuber
- b. Same date as MWWC Monthly Meeting.

- Commission discussed issue; will decide to reschedule or not, closer to proposed date.

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

DWP (Tufts) - A-Z WATER SYSTEMS – complaint, rcvd 9-13-22 – CLOSED (2-14-24)

- 5-10-23, Motion to assess violations, points, and associated fines for A-Z Water Systems Inc.
 - o *Alex Pugh/Ryan Gordon – 6 yea/1 recused *(Frank Hegarty)*
- 6-7-23, Notice of Violations, sent
- 6-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting July 2023
 - o *Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley – Unanimous*
- 6-29-23, Response Email, A-Z Water Systems – appealing decision
- 7-12-23, Future headings for complaints use program/business title and contact representative in parentheses. *(copies of response letters available at the next meeting)
- 8-9-23, A-Z Water System will be appealing the complaint.
- 10-11-23, Pending Fair Hearing; pre-hearing, and hearing

- 12-5-23, **withdrawal of appeal pending on receipt of fines, \$1000.00.**

Motion to close complaint.

❖ **MOTION:** Jesse Goodwin **2nd:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** Unanimous

****HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-09-21 – OPEN****

- 11-10-21, complaint accepted
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- 06-14-23, *Follow-up; Dwight Doughty to contact Carmel Well Drilling.
- 06-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting July 2023
 - o *Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley - Unanimous*
- 7-12-23, Motion to 1) get spring sample, 2) void or deny SWA, 3) send letter: in violation of agreement and violation points will be discussed at next meeting.
 - o *Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley - Unanimous*

Lab Reports received to date:

- 9-11-2022, Lab Report, rcvd 2/14/23, Fall 2022
- 6-20-2023, Lab Report, rcvd 7/14/23, Spring 2023
- 9-26-2023, Lab Report, rcvd 9/28/23, Fall 2023

- 10-11-23, Pending completion of water samples of well, one more sample to do Spring 2024.

****NEXT MEETINGS****

FAIR HEARINGS:

HINTON- AFFORDABLE – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN

- 11-10-2021, Complaint accepted
- 11-22-2021, Response, HINTON-AFFORDABLE CMPLT
- 01-05-2022, Inspection, Philbrook, HINTON-AFFORDABLE CMPLT
- 01-10-2022, Hegarty Pics, Hinton Property
- 05-05-2022, Violation Ltr, Affordable
- 05-23-2022, Appeal Response Ltr, Affordable
- 10-16-2023, Pre-hearing conference, recorded

- **4-10-2024, Hearing scheduled at: 9:00am, 18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME**

MONTHLY MEETING:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: **9:55 am**

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** Unanimous