

# MINUTES

## MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 13, 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  
Jessica Meeks  
Hydrogeologist, MGS

Jesse Goodwin  
Master Well Driller  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

Edward Bowie  
Master Well Driller  
Mike Otley  
Public Member

#### (ZOOM) Guests:

Margaret Machaiek  
AAG

Tammy Steuber  
Hearings Coordinator

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

### PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 am

#### Review of Meeting Minutes:

- Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Monthly Meeting – (In-Person/ZOOM)

Motion to accept the minutes.

❖ MOTION: Mike Otley      2<sup>nd</sup>: Jesse Goodwin      VOTE: Unanimous

#### Exam Applications:

1. DMITRY KURAVSKIY - reciprocity candidate, Geothermal – Master - APPROVED

Motion to approve.

❖ MOTION: Frank Hegarty      2<sup>nd</sup>: Jesse Goodwin      VOTE: Unanimous

#### Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

#### Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. DANNER-WESTERN\_SWA

#### Other Business:

1. EXAMS: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
  - a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

**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**. \*(examples: Sima Drilling Company Inc and Wragg Bros of VT).
- 3-13-24 – Approved: Dmitry Kuravskiy, reciprocity license for Geothermal Company and Geothermal Individual Licenses.

**3. Meeting Date Change: April 10, 2024 and April 17, 2024**

- a. ISSUE: The Affordable hearing has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, April 10th at 9:00 am** ~ Tammy Steuber
- b. MWWC Monthly Meeting date change to: **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**

4. Commission Member Terms:

**\*Commission Members:** Jesse Goodwin & Mike Otley were renewed with everyone else but received a short expiration of term.

- a. Dwight Doughty, Chair - will contact Governor’s Office to rectify term issue.

| <b>MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION<br/>2024</b> |                                 |           |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                                             |                                 | Appt Date | EXPIRE            |
| SEAT 1                                      | <b>ALEX PUGH (David Braley)</b> |           |                   |
| SEAT 2                                      | <b>JESSICA MEEKS</b>            | 10/16/23  |                   |
| SEAT 3                                      | <b>DWIGHT DOUGHTY</b>           |           |                   |
| SEAT 4                                      | FRANK HEGARTY                   | 1/25/24   | 11/28/2026        |
| SEAT 5                                      | <b>JESSE GOODWIN</b>            | 1/25/24   | <b>10/10/2024</b> |
| SEAT 6                                      | EDWARD BOWIE                    | 1/25/24   | 11/28/2026        |
| SEAT 7                                      | <b>MICHAEL OTLEY</b>            | 1/25/24   | <b>10/10/2024</b> |
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**OPEN COMPLAINTS:**

**\*\*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.***
- a. Alex Pugh - will contact Carmel WD to get Spring 2024 sample.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

❖ **MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**Motion: Alex Pugh                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Jesse Goodwin                      Vote: Unanimous**

**“I move that we enter executive session for the purpose of discussing with the hearing coordinator concerning settlement of contemplated litigation and the legal rights and duties of the Commission with respect to the Affordable / Hinton complaint pursuant to Title 1, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph E.”**

Entered Executive Session: **9:20 am**

Exited Executive Session: **9:50 am**

\*Monthly Meeting resumed.

**\*\*NEXT MEETINGS\*\***

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**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**

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**MONTHLY MEETING:**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – (In-Person/Zoom)**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

TIME: **9:55 am**

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mike Otley

**VOTE:** Unanimous