

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 17, 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  
Edward Bowie  
Master Well Driller  
Mike Otley  
Public Member

(via Zoom)  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

#### (ZOOM) Guests:

John Flanagan  
Complainant

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

### PROCEEDINGS: 9:03 am

#### Review of Meeting Minutes:

1. Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – Monthly Meeting – (In-Person/ZOOM)

Motion to accept the minutes.

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

2. ~~Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – Hinton Affordable Cmpl – Hearing~~ - Continuance, TBA

#### Exam Applications:

1. NATHAN VERRILL\_WD02297 (PI – Journeyman) - \*(Effective Date: 10-30-2020) - **APPROVED**

Motion to approve.

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

2. MAXWELL EDMONDSON\_WD02405 (PI – Journeyman) - \*(Effective Date: 3-15-2024) - **DENIED**
  - a. Issue: Goodwin W&W did not submit applications for apprentice license when hired  
\*(see, Other Business section)

Motion to deny application.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alex Pugh                      **VOTE:** 5 yea / 1-abstain

**Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:**

1. NONE

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

1. AUSTIN-WEEKS\_SWA
2. COUTURIER-PINE STATE\_SWA
3. DRYDEN-GOODWIN\_SWA
4. GENDRON-PINE STATE\_SWA

**Other Business:**

1. **EXAMS: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 10am**
  - a. 286 Water Street, CDC Bldg., downtown Augusta
  - b. Eligible candidates will be notified by email
  
2. **ISSUE: Apprentice Licensure not established one year prior to examination eligibility.**
  - a. MAXWELL EDMONDSON\_WD02405 (PI – Journeyman) - \*(Effective Date: 3-15-2024)
    - i. Due to company error exam candidate did not have apprentice license prior to applying for PI-J examination
    - ii. Currently has apprentice license, \*(3-15-2024), and can sit for journeyman exams in one year, (3-1-2025)
  - b. Similar issue presented to Commission; \*(3-8-2023)
    - i. Noah Gagne\_WD02384; company did not submit apprentice license application.
    - ii. Apprentice License acquired; Exam Application denied

\*Decision by Commission was to deny application for candidate to apply for journeyman exams due to no prior apprentice licensure. Candidate may apply again one year from the established beginning date of licensure, (3-1-2025).

\*(see Exam Application section)

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**NEW COMPLAINTS:**

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

- 4-17-24, complaint, accepted

Motion to accept complaint.

❖ **MOTION:** Jesse Goodwin      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Edward Bowie      **VOTE:** Unanimous

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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.**

**\*\*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

- 5-1-2024, MWWC Special Meeting: **Affordable - violations settlement discussion, 9a – 12p**

- 6-26-2024, Hearing scheduled at: **9:00am, 18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME**

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**MONTHLY MEETING:**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – (In-Person/Zoom)**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

TIME: **9:39 am**

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Edward Bowie

**VOTE:** Unanimous