

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

### ATTENDEES:

Commission Members: \*(present - 5 / zoom - 1 / absent - 1)

Present:

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

Jesse Goodwin  
Master Well Driller  
Dwight Doughty  
Hydrogeologist, DOT

Zoom:

Jessica Meeks  
Hydrogeologist, MGS

Absent:

Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

Guests:

April Bledsoe  
DWP, Private Wells  
Brad Tirone  
DOT, Hydrogeologist

Zoom:

Lauren LaRochelle  
AAG

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS:

9:00 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – Monthly Meeting

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** Unanimous

Exam Applications:

1. STEPHEN JOHNSON_WD02371, WD-J - *(Effective Date: 9-2-2022) - APPROVED

Motion to approve, WD-J:

❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Dwight Doughty **VOTE:** Unanimous

2. JUSTIN PHILBRICK-MICHAUD_WD00585, WD-M, PI-M - *(Effective Date: 1-5-2022) - APPROVED

Motion to approve, PI-M:

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty **2nd:** Alex Pugh **VOTE:** Unanimous

Motion to approve, WD-M:

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

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. KENNETH DONOVAN_SWA

Motion to approve with language stated at meeting:

❖ **MOTION:** Jesse Goodwin **2nd:** Dwight Doughty **VOTE:** Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. STRIEGEL-GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business:

1. **EXAMS: Tuesday, May 14, 2025 @ 10am**

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

2. **Open Discussions:**

- a. **Draft of Rules and Regulations** -
 - i. Update and discussion
 - ii. Commission will discuss at next meeting, (5-14-25)
- b. **Update for Exam Questions** -
 - i. dated materials, new editions of manuals
 - ii. Commission will discuss at next meeting, (6-11-25)

NEW COMPLAINT:

ANONYMOUS – GALLANT ARTESIAN WELLS INC – complaint, rcvd 4-9-25 – OPEN

- 4-9-25, complaint received

Motion to accept complaint:

- ❖ **MOTION**: Dwight Doughty **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: 5 yea, 1 recused
 - Alex Pugh, recused from vote

Motion to accept pictures of alleged on-site drilling violation(s) of Gallant AWI:

- ❖ **MOTION**: Dwight Doughty **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: 5 yea, 1 recused
 - Alex Pugh, recused from vote

- 4-9-25, *AG Lauren LaRochelle will engage detective/officer from AG office to investigate, Alex Pugh is recused from voting on the case to facilitate investigation.

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

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

- 11-13-24, Motion – to revoke license, with stipulation to reinstate license if issues are corrected; allowance of licensure is approved to repair well; Hegarty/Goodwin – unanimous
- 11-15-24, letter of revocation crafted and sent certified mail
- **11-27-24, Company and Individual Licenses revoked**
- 3-12-25, follow-up: complaint resolution and closure
- 3-12-25, Motion: Create “revoked” listing on webpage, Vote: Goodwin / Doughty - Unanimous
- 3-12-25, pending follow-up with counsel. Questions from Commission about alleged sightings of Gallant AWI drilling post-revocation of license.

NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9am – 12pm, (In-Person/Zoom)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

11:05 am

Motion to Adjourn.

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