

Well Driller's Meeting
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2016
Location: MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME

Attendees: Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairman
Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
Mike Otley, Public Member
Joe Gallant, Master Well Driller
Julia Kimball, Commission Clerk
Legal Counsel, Deanna White, AAG

Excused-
Ike Goodwin, Master Well Driller
Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer

Minutes prepared by: Julia Kimball

PROCEEDINGS:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

TOPIC: November 2016 Meeting

Motion: Mike motioned to approve the November minutes. David 2nd

Vote: Unanimous to approve minutes

TOPIC: Exam Applications

Travis Martin applied to sit for Journeyman Pump Installer exam.

Motion: David motions to approve Travis Martin to sit for journeyman pump installer exam after 12/21/2016 when he has had his apprentice license for one year. Mike 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

Anthony O'Connor applied to sit for Journeyman Well Driller Exam.

Motion: David motions to approve Anthony O'Connor to sit for journeyman well driller exam. Mike 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications

A Specialty Well application was brought before the Commission Ted McLeod Inc. 81 feet from onsite leach field, 51 feet from onsite tank. No closer than 85 feet from the 1st neighbor's leach field and no closer than 41 feet from 1st neighbor's onsite tank. No closer than 100 feet from 2nd neighbor's tank and no closer than 72 feet from the 2nd neighbor's leach field. 37 feet from 2nd neighbor's well.

Motion: David motioned to accept the application with 65 feet of casing. Mike 2nd.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

A Specialty Well application was brought before the Commission by Western Maine Water Inc. 32 feet from onsite leach field, 34 feet from onsite tank. No closer than 40 feet from the 1st neighbor's leach field and no closer than 40 feet from 1st neighbor's onsite tank. No closer than 100 feet from 2nd neighbor's tank and no closer than 100 feet from the 2nd neighbor's leach field.

Motion: David motions to approve 120 feet of casing with 10 inch borehole grouted bottom to top. Driller is required to give Commission ample notification before drilling so a Commission member may be present for grouting process Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

A Specialty Well application was brought before the Commission by Shannon Well Drilling. 50 feet from onsite leach field, 30 feet from onsite tank. No closer than 75 feet from 1st neighbor's onsite tank.

Motion: David motions to approve 120 feet of casing no grouting required. Mike 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

An After the Fact Specialty Well application was brought before the Commission by Clearwater Artesian Well Drilling Company. 50 feet from onsite leach field, 45 feet from onsite tank. No closer than 100 feet from the 1st neighbor's leach field and no closer than 100 feet from 1st neighbor's onsite tank. No closer than 100 feet from 2nd neighbor's tank and no closer than 100 feet from the 2nd neighbor's leach field.

Motion: David motions to approve the well as constructed which has 120 feet of liner seals and grouting between 6 inch and 4 inch void. process Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

TOPIC: Complaints:

David Kimball vs Dan Woodsome of Woodsome Well Drilling

A letter will be sent to Mr. Kimball informing him of the license revocation action the Commission has taken against Mr. Woodsome.

Dan Woodsome of Woodsome Well Drilling

The York County Sherriff's Department served Dan Woodsome on November 29, 2016 with notification that his company well drilling, pump installing and personal well drilling and pump installer licenses were being revoked due to violations. Mr. Woodsome has until December 29, 2016 to request an appeal of license revocation.

Charles Fowler vs A-Z Water Systems

At this point in time Mr. Levesque has not responded to the Commission with evidence concerning this complaint. The Commission is basing the following on the information supplied.

Motion: David motions to find Carl Levesque in violation of Section 901.1 based on information provided from the invoice in the original complaint. Mike 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

Motion: David motions to find Carl Levesque in violation of Section 407.2. Mike 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion: David motions to find a violation of 407.5. No evidence has been provided to indicate the well was disinfected after hydrofracking. Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion: David motions to table complaint and send letter to Carl Levesque of potential fines and possible license suspension. Letter will be sent to homeowner as well. Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

TOPIC: Other Business

Open Loop Geothermal:

Deanna drafted a memorandum to be sent to Well Drillers concerning the construction of open loop dual purpose wells.

11:00: Mike motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Joe, approved unanimously

Next Meeting: January 11, 2017 MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, Maine 9:00 A.M.