MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
Meeting via Zoom

ATTENDEES:
Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, (Chair)
   Hydrogeologist, DOT
Daniel Locke
   Hydrogeologist, MGS
Alex Pugh
   Hydrogeologist, DWP
Mike Otley
   Public Member
Glenn Dyer
   Master Well Driller

Jesse Goodwin
   Master Well Driller
Frank Hegarty
   Master Well Driller

Guests:
Margaret Machaiek
   State of Maine, AAG
David Philbrook
   MWWC Inspector
Randall Hinton & Elizabeth
   Complainant
Stephen Jones
   Complainant
Michael Collins
   Complainant
Carl Levesque
   Complainant
Brendan O’Rourke
   Guest

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS:  9:04 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from January 12, 2022.
❖ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Jesse Goodwin  VOTE: Unanimous
   o *Motion to accept passed, but with additions and corrections.

Exam Applications:
1. NONE

Pending:
1. MICHAEL COLLINS_WD00607 – PI-M
   o 1-12-22, Motion to table until complaint is resolved; Hegarty/Goodwin-unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:
1. NONE
Other Business:

1. **BUDGET 2022 – Alex Pugh, (cont.)**
   a. Discussion and Review:
      o 1-12-22, Commission funds are low, within year the funds will not support Commission operations, create higher cash flow by raising license fees
      o 2-9-22, Proposals:
         ▪ Have proposed 30% increase in license fees
         ▪ Possibility of creating fees for apprentice licenses

2. **Exams:** *Thursday, March 9, 2022 @ 10am* at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

3. **DRAFT:** Rules and Regulations: Margaret Machaiek, (cont.)
   – 2-9-22, Close to completion, will discuss next meeting March 9, 2022

COMPLAINTS:

**STEWART-COLLINS – complaint, rcvd 12-27-21 – OPEN**

   a. 12-27-21, complaint received,
   b. 1-12-22, Motion to accept complaint; Hegarty/Dyer-Unanimous

   Motion to table complaint until Robert Philbrick can be present.
   ❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty 2nd: Daniel Locke **VOTE:** Unanimous


   a. 11-10-21, Motion to accept complaint and send MWWC Inspector.
   b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to A-Z Water Systems/Carl Levesque
   c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Stephen Jones
   d. 12-8-21, Motion to table complaint, and send MWWC Inspector
   e. 1-12-22, Report given by MWWC Inspector; no motion given, will send Frank Hegarty/ David Philbrook to continue investigation by removing pump to get accurate current yield.
   f. 2-9-22 - Well inspection by David Philbrook, concluded that the Jones’ second well has yield of 0.5gal/min @ 340’ and video of well revealed that the seal was good and intact.

   - A-Z Water System/Carl Levesque – made his statement to the Commission
dewatered the well and measured results of 0.25gal/min – performed by apprentice (Danny/Donny)

   - Jones wants to amend his complaint to include Levesque Well Drilling/Kevin Levesque (Carl’s brother)

Motion to table complaint until next meeting March 9, 2022, invite Levesque Well Drilling/Kevin Levesque to join meeting
   ❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer **VOTE:** Unanimous
HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-01-21 – OPEN
a. 11-10-21, Motion to accept complaint and Motion to send Dave Philbrook
b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to Carmel Well Drilling/Karl Rudnicki
c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Hanscom Well Drilling/Ronald Hanscom
d. 12-8-21, Motion to table complaint, and send MWWC Inspector
e. 1-12-22, Motion to table complaint, send letter outlining technical issues to be resolved before
issuing violations and penalties. Frank Hegarty/Glenn Dyer – Unanimous

- at last meeting Karl Rudnicki was to install a liner, need to verify

Motion to have Carmel Well Drilling verify that the seals and liner are correct and tight via camera, etc.
❖ MOTION: Jesse Goodwin 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

Motion to table complaint until next meeting March 9, 2022, encourage Karl Rudnicki to join.
❖ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

HINTON-AFFORDABLE & A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN
a. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to A-Z Water Systems/Carl Levesque
b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to Affordable Well Drilling Inc/James Bisson
c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Randall Hinton & Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton
d. 12-8-21, Motion to table complaint, and send MWWC Inspector
e. 1-12-22, Report given by David Philbrook, MWWC Inspector
f. 1-12-22, Motions for Affordable and A-Z violations assessed, Letter of Violations to be sent

- Not addressed at this meeting, made statements at prior meetings since November 2021.

***NEXT MEETING***

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:00 am – REMOTE VIA ZOOM

Motion to Adjourn.
❖ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: TIME: 11:16 AM