

Well Driller's Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Location: 286 Water Street, 1st Floor

Attendees: Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty, Jr. Hydrogeologist, Maine DOT
Joe Gallant, Master Driller
Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer
Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
Mike Otley, Public Member
Legal Counsel: Deanna White, AAG
Danny Woodsome, Driller, public attendee
Dana Tuttle, State Plumbing Inspector, Plumbers Examining Board

Minutes prepared by: David Braley

PROCEEDINGS:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

TOPIC: May 2015 Meeting

Motion: Frank motioned to approve the May minutes. Mike 2nd.

Discussion – Typo in last paragraph

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

TOPIC: Exam Applications

The following individuals were approved (unanimously) to sit for exams:

Matthew Bramlett. – PI and WD- Journeyman – Ike moved, Frank 2nd, unanimous
Everett McClintick, - PI and WD – Master – Ike moved, Joe 2nd, unanimous

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications

Town of Columbia Falls, Town Office Building – Shannon Well Drilling, Chris Getchell,
#WD00515, 34 feet from Overboard Discharge system, no direct discharge, treated like a tank
for setback purposes, approved with 90 feet of casing or liner and seals required, signature on
application require prior to final approval. Ike moved, Frank 2nd, unanimous approval

TOPIC: Other Business

The Commission discussed various areas of overlap between the work drillers and pump installers perform and the requirements of the internal plumbing code. Both the Commission and the Plumbers Examining Board agree that further discussions are needed. Frank and David will

attend the next meeting of the Plumbers Examining Board scheduled for August, 2015 to continue discussions.

Mr. Tuttle also clarified an issue that had been raised concerning the installation of water treatment equipment and appropriate licensure. Mr. Tuttle confirmed that an appropriately licensed plumber is required for the installation of water treatment equipment. If a drilling/pump installation company intends to install water treatment equipment it/they must employ a Master Plumber or have one as part of the corporate structure for those companies that are incorporated. This requirement is beyond the scope of the Commission's authorities and is a requirement of the State's adopted internal plumbing code.

TOPIC: Complaints:

The on-going complaint(s) regarding Danny Woodsome and Woodsome Well Drilling was discussed. Mr. Woodsome was present and participated in the discussions. After considering possible course of action to resolve all of the violations found and points assessed in regard to complaints received in 2014, Ike moved and Joe 2nd as follows:

Mr. Woodsome agrees to enter into a legally binding consent agreement with the Commission and further agrees that the consent agreement shall stipulate:

That Mr. Woodsome agrees to pay the \$5,000 fine levied against him and Woodsome Well Drilling in six (6) equal monthly installments of \$833.33, that the first payment shall be due by the last day of July 2015, and each subsequent payment shall be due on the last day of each month that follows, with final payment due by December 31, 2015;

That Mr. Woodsome agrees that failure to make a timely payment, or if he or his company are found in violation of any Commission regulation for twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of this agreement, his license and the license of Woodsome Well Drilling will be immediately revoked; and

That Mr. Woodsome agrees that the conditions included in the consent agreement and the potential resulting Commission actions for failure to comply with the provisions of the consent agreement cannot be appealed and represent final Agency actions.

Approved 6-1, David, Joe, Ike, Dan, Mike, Frank in favor, Dwight voted against the motion.

David will draft the consent agreement, to be reviewed by counsel prior to submittal to Mr. Woodsome for signatures.

10:55: Mike motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Joe, approved unanimously

Next Meeting: August 12, 2015 286 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 9:00 A.M.