

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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Well Driller's Commission
MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:
Dwight Doughty
Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson
David Braley
Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
Mike Otley
Public Member
Daniel Locke
Hydrogeologist, MGS
Glenn Dyer
Master Well Driller
Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller
Joe Gallant
Master Well Driller

Legal Counsel:
Deanna White,
AAG

Guests:
Timothy Putnam,
Complainant
Peter Wolfe,
Guest
Peter Morton and Travis Morton,
Gallant Wells Owners
Dave Philbrook,
State Inspector

CALL-IN:
Helena Starr,
Complainant
Crystal O'Connor
O'Connor Wells Owner

Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux
DWP, clerk

PROCEEDINGS: 9:00 am

Motion to discuss.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty **2ND:** Glenn Dyer **VOTE:** Unanimous

TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from April 11, 2018, meeting.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty **2ND:** Dan Locke **VOTE:** Unanimous

TOPIC: Exam Applications

KYLE MEDCOFF – approved to sit for exam(s) – WD-J, PI-J

Motion to accept Exam Application.

MOTION: Glenn Dyer **2ND:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** Unanimous

ANTHONY O'CONNOR – on hold, until complaint is final.

Motion to hold exam until complaint is finalized.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty **2ND:** Glenn Dyer **VOTE:** Unanimous

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications

COUTUIER-WEEKS_SWA – gravel well, 120’ sand/gravel, must fit parameters of 100 ft. casing (3-sd peninsula) and recommend a 3-ft. screen be added.

Motion to approve well.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty **2ND:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** Unanimous

TOPIC: SWA In-House Approvals

- Kronlund-Western Maine Water
- Eastman-Goodwin
- Singlar-Clearwater
- Hix/Vachereau-Weeks
- Burns-Burns

TOPIC: Other Business

1st Draft – Notice to Hydrofrack, form – David working on form to place on webpage.

TOPIC: Complaints

BONNER-NH LICENSED DRILLER LUKE FOWLER – Complaint, dropped

- Complaint dropped, due to no response from either party.

PUTNAM-GALLANT – Complaint, closed

- Came to meeting, to be heard by Commission and Gallant Wells, Peter Morton and Travis Morton.
- Discussed issue and agreed upon solution to install water pump at quoted price (continuous pump, \$2800.00).
- Complaint closed, original investigation finished and complaint is closed.

Motion that David Philbrook has inspected the well and found it is properly sealed and into the bedrock, no violation found.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty **2ND:** Glenn Dyer **VOTE:** Unanimous

STARR-O'CONNOR – complaint, ongoing.

- 2nd inspection and water test, good, Dave Philbrook – inspector
- Follow-up inspection of corrected action by Dave Philbrook
- Discussion of O'Connor application to sit for exam, on hold
- Board addressed environmental concerns of Libby's drilling action
- DEP involved upon Starr request of oil contamination and improper disposal
- Will discuss penalties and violations at next meeting, July 11, 2018

Motion to have David Philbrook final inspection after corrective action is complete.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty **2ND:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** Unanimous

Amended from previous motion:

Motion to also find out if DEP is sampling, if not WDC will send David Philbrook to sample.

MOTION: Frank Hegarty **2ND:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** Unanimous

Motion to send letters to concerned parties to inform of next meeting.

MOTION: David Braley **2ND:** Frank Hegarty **VOTE:** Unanimous

ADJOURN: 10:57 am

Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mike Otley **2ND:** David Braley **VOTE:** Unanimous