MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 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
- Jesse Goodwin
  Master Well Driller
- Glenn Dyer
  Master Well Driller
- Frank Hegarty
  Master Well Driller

Guests:
- Margaret Machaiek
  State of Maine, AAG
- David Philbrook
  MWWC Inspector
- Randall Hinton & Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton
  Complainants
- Stephen Jones
  Complainant
- Michael Collins
  Complainant
- Carrie & Ed McMahon
  Guests
- Brandon Stewart
  Complainant
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Minutes Prepared By:
Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:
Motion to accept the minutes from Wednesday February 9, 2022.
❖ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:
1. THEODORE R MCLEOD III_WD00410 – PI-M; APPROVED
2. MICHAEL COLLINS_WD00607 – PI-M; APPROVED

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:
1. NONE

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

Other Business:
1. Question: Carrie and Ed McMahon – request Denied
   - request for reciprocity; possible reciprocity discussed but rules and regulations make no provision for this kind of reciprocity from plumbing to well drilling/pump installing.
2. 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
      o 3-9-22, discussion ongoing

3. EXAMS: Thursday, April 14, 2022 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
   a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

4. DRAFT: Rules and Regulations: Margaret Machaiek, (cont.)
   – SOM WD&PI RULE 10-144 CODE OF ME RULES, CHAP 232, (2019 Braley Draft)
   – 2-9-22, Close to completion, will discuss next meeting March 9, 2022
   – 3-9-22, MWWC Special Meeting, April 5, 2022: Rules and Regulation changes

COMPLAINTS:

STEWART-COLLINS – complaint, rcvd 12-27-21 – CLOSED
   a. 12-27-21, complaint received,
   b. 1-12-22, Motion to accept complaint; Hegarty/Dyer-Unanimous
   c. 2-9-22, Motion to table complaint for Philbrick assessment; Hegarty/Locke – Unanimous
   d. 3-9-22, complaint closed no violations found

Motion to dismiss complaint.
   ❖ MOTION: Frank Hegarty  2nd: Mike Otley  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.
   g. 2-9-22, A-Z Water System/Carl Levesque – made his statement to the Commission
   h. 2-9-22, Jones wants to amend his complaint to include Levesque Well Drilling/Kevin Levesque (Carl’s brother)
   i. 2-9-22, Motion to table until next meeting (3-9-22) and invite Levesque Well Drilling/Kevin Levesque to join meeting; Hegarty/Dyer – Unanimous

Motion to table until next meeting (4-13-22) for response from Levesque WD/Kevin Levesque.
   ❖ MOTION: Frank Hegarty  2nd: Jesse Goodwin  VOTE: Unanimous
HANSOM 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, Report given by David Philbrook, MWWC Inspector
   f. 1-12-22, Motion to table complaint, send letter outlining technical issues to be resolved before issuing violations and penalties; Hegarty/Dyer – Unanimous
   g. 2-9-22, at last meeting Karl Rudnicki was to install liner
   h. 2-9-22, Motion to have Carmel WD verify completion of corrections; Goodwin/Dyer – Unanimous
   i. 2-9-22, Motion to table until next meeting; Hegarty/Dyer – Unanimous

Motion to send letter asking to prove seals intact and not leaking, sending Philbrook to witness.
❖ 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
   g. 2-9-22, Issues not addressed at this meeting, made statements at prior meetings since November 2021.
   h. 3-9-22, Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton, wants to submit list of violations to the Commission and have Commission revisit/reassess previous violations.

Motion to table until next meeting (4-13-22) to revisit/reassess violations.
❖ MOTION: Jesse Goodwin 2nd: Alex Pugh VOTE: 6 yea / 1 recused
   o Frank Hegarty – recused self from vote

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 9a-12p – In-Person
   Special Meeting – Rules and Regulations - Draft

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 9:00 am – Remote (Zoom)
   Regular Monthly Meeting

Motion to Adjourn.
❖ MOTION: Mike Otley 2nd: Frank Hegarty VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:  TIME: 11:21 AM