

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
Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller

Glenn Dyer
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

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

JONES-A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 10-19-21 – OPEN

- 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

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, 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
 ○ 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**