

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

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**Well Driller's Commission**  
**18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Bldg., Rm 109, Augusta, ME**

**ATTENDEES:**

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty

Hydrogeologist, DOT, Chairperson

David Braley

Hydrogeologist, MeCDC

Daniel Locke

Hydrogeologist, MGS

Frank Hegarty

Master Well Driller

Glenn Dyer

Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant

Master Well Driller

Mike Otley

Public Member

Legal Counsel:

Guests:

Debbie Dyer

Public

Haig Brochu

Public

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux

DWP Licensing Clerk, Commission Clerk

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**PROCEEDINGS: 9:02 am**

**TOPIC: Review of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes from April 10, 2019, meeting.

David Braley and Frank Hegarty abstained for absence at last meeting.

**MOTION:** Mike Otley      **2<sup>ND</sup>:** Glenn Dyer      **VOTE:** Unanimous

**TOPIC: Exam Applications**

None

**TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – Board Approvals**

None

**TOPIC: Specialty Well Application – In-House Approvals**

- COUTURIER-PINE STATE\_SWA

**TOPIC: Other Business**

- Opinion on Airwell™ – Water Radon Mitigation Equipment – letter rcvd 4-29-19
  - o Jonathan Dyer, Maine Radon Coordinator – would like the Commission to comment on.

Motion to send letter to convey the Commission message that yes, there needs to be appropriate licensure of Well Driller, Pump Installer license, or Master Plumber; and the system must be NSF approved.

**MOTION:** Mike Otley      **2nd:** Glenn Dyer      **VOTE:** Unanimous

- Geothermal Well Construction Waiver Request – letter rcvd 4-17-19
  - o John Peterson, Assoc. Project Manager – would like the Commission to consider a waiver for a retrofit of existing open loop geothermal system at Evie Cianchette Bldg., to closed loop geothermal system
  - o Party not able to attend meeting, postpone to next meeting, 6-12-19.
- Reciprocity issues with New Hampshire – email rcvd 4-1-19
  - o David Braley – would like to discuss with board but the issue requires more research
  - o Reciprocity for the MWWC means no exam necessary to become licensed provided the licensee meet the qualifications and standards of MWWC rules and regulation; individual and company.

Motion to accept reciprocity licensees and companies from New Hampshire.

**MOTION:** Glenn Dyer      **2nd:** David Braley      **VOTE:** 5 yea / 2 nay

**TOPIC: Complaints**

JOHNSON-ACE – NEW, complaint, received 5-7-19,

- o New complaint, Blanche Johnson – July 10, 2018 a well was drilled on the property of Blanche Johnson by Peter Oakes of Ace Well Service Inc.
- o Issue began January 30, 2019, of sediment and mud.
- o 5-8-19, Commission unanimously decided to accept complaint.

Motion to accept the complaint and send David Philbrook to inspect the well.

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

CROUSE-WOODSOME – complaint, received 3-15-19, OPEN

- MWWC Inspector sent to validate findings and report.
- 5-8-19, waiting for report and findings.

CIVIL ARMS INC-PHILBRICK – complaint, received 1-7-19, OPEN

- 4-10-19, MWWC Inspector sent to reinspect and collect yield information.
- 4-18-19, Notice Letter sent to Philbrick of commission resolution.
- 5-8-19, waiting for report and findings.

PUTNAM-GALLANT – complaint, initial complaint received 5-4-18;

- complaint #1, closed; complaint #2, open; complaint #3, open; complaint #4, open;
- MWWC Inspector received call from Mr. Putnam with update that technical issues are resolved.
- 5-8-19, Dwight Doughty has offered to reach out to Mr. Putnam to find out if the issues have been resolved.

**ADJOURN: 10:35 am**

Motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Mike Otley

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Glenn Dyer

**VOTE:** Unanimous