

MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Meeting – IN-PERSON
18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

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 Machaick
State of Maine, AAG

Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton
Complainant

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:12 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** Unanimous

Motion to accept the minutes from **Tuesday, April 29, 2022** (Special Meeting)

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Alex Pugh **VOTE:** Unanimous

Exam Applications:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. NONE

Other Business:

1. EXAMS: **Thursday, June 9, 2022 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
 - a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

2. DRAFT: Rules and Regulations changes
 - **SOM WD&PI RULE 10-144 CODE OF ME RULES, CHAP 232**, (2019 Braley Draft)
 - Next Special Meeting: **Friday, May 26, 2022**: rules and regulations

3. BUDGET: 2022 – Alex Pugh (cont.)
 - a. Discussion and Review:
 - o 4-13-22, discussed MWWC Current and Proposed Fees ~ Alex Pugh *(see handout)

COMPLAINTS:

MANNING-PL JONES – complaint, rcvd 3-29-22 – NEW

- a. 3-29-22, new complaint received
- b. 4-13-22, review and acceptance of new complaint; *Hegarty/Locke - Unanimous*

Motion to Table complaint to next meeting (6-8-22) to formally close.

❖ **MOTION**: Daniel Locke **2nd**: Glenn Dyer **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, Motion to table complaint until next meeting (3-9-22); *Hegarty/Dyer – Unanimous*
- h. 3-9-22, Motion to table complaint until next meeting (4-13-22); *Hegarty/Goodwin – Unanimous*
* Commission wants to hear response from Levesque Well Drilling/Kevin Levesque
- i. 4-13-22, Motion to table complaint until next meeting (5-11-22); *Hegarty/Pugh - Unanimous*

Motion to table complaint until next meeting (6-8-22).

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

COMPLAINTS:**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, Motion to table complaint, send letter outlining technical issues to be resolved before issuing violations and penalties; *Hegarty/Dyer – Unanimous*
- f. 2-9-22, Motion Carmel WD verify sited issues corrected; *Goodwin/Dyer – Unanimous*
- g. 2-9-22, Motion table complaint until next meeting and verify corrections; *Hegarty/Dyer – Unanimous*
- h. 3-9-22, Motion table complaint and send letter asking for proof of intact seals, no leaks; *Hegarty/Dyer – Unanimous*
- i. 4-13-22, Motion to send David Philbrook to inspect for integrity of seals; *Hegarty/Locke – Unanimous*

Motion to table issues until all 4 – quarterly samples are taken. *(2022-2023, Spring/Fall)

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Daniel Locke **VOTE**: Unanimous

Motion to turn over alleged SWA forgery issue to Margaret Machaiek, AAG office to handle

❖ **MOTION**: Glenn Dyer **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: Unanimous

Motion to table complaint until next meeting (6-8-22).

❖ **MOTION**: Mike Otley **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 submitted list of violations that the Commission might consider when making their assessment of violations
- i. 3-9-22, Motion to table complaint until next meeting (4-13-22) to revisit/reassess violations; *Goodwin/Pugh – 6 yea, 1 recused, *Frank Hegarty recused from vote*
- j. 4-13-22, **New violations added to prior found violations after review of Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton’s submitted list of possible violations, (submitted by email on 3-9-2022). The Commission found five more violations could be added to the current list.
- k. 4-13-22, waiting on responses from A-Z and Affordable until next meeting, (5-11-22)
- l. 5-5-22, Violation Letters sent to A-Z and Affordable.
- l. 5-11-22, currently no response from Affordable or A-Z about violation letters, *(30-days when letter is received)

****NEXT MEETINGS****

Friday, May 26, 2022, 10am-1pm – In-Person / MECDC, Key Bank Bldg.

Special Meeting – Rules and Regulations – Drafting

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 9:00 am – In-Person / Elkins

Regular Monthly Meeting

ALL MEETINGS, TIMES, AND VENUES WILL BE POSTED TO THE WEB PAGE

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION**: Mike Otley **2nd**: Frank Hegarty **VOTE**: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: **11:27 pm**