

Well Driller's Meeting
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Location: MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, ME

Attendees: Commission Members:
Daniel Locke, Hydrogeologist, Maine Geological Survey
David Braley, Hydrogeologist, MeCDC
Mike Otley, Public Member
Joe Gallant, Master Well Driller
Ike Goodwin, Master Well Driller
Frank Hegarty, Master Pump Installer
Julia Kimball, Commission Clerk
Legal Counsel, Deanna White, AAG

Guests:
Travis Morton, Gallant Artesian Well Company
Peter Morton, Gallant Artesian Well Company

Minutes prepared by: Julia Kimball

PROCEEDINGS:

Dwight Doughty - Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

TOPIC: September 2016 Meeting

Motion: Ike motioned to approve the September minutes. Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve minutes. (Dwight abstained due to absence in September)

TOPIC: Specialty Well Applications

A Specialty Well application was brought before the Commission by Clearwater Artesian Well Company for 225 Parsons Point Road Acton, ME. 20 feet from onsite leach field, 20 feet from onsite tank. No closer than 75 feet from the 1st neighbor's leach field and no closer than 75 feet from 1st neighbor's onsite tank. No closer than 75 feet from 2nd neighbor's tank and no closer than 75 feet from the 2nd neighbor's leach field.

The well is approved with a minimum of 120 feet of casing with a 10 inch borehole grouted bottom to top.

Motion: Joe motioned to accept the application with the amendment that a Commission designee be there to inspect the well. Ike 2nd.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

TOPIC: Complaints:

Ronald Gonyou vs Gallants Artesian Wells Inc

The Commission received a complaint from Mr. Gonyou alleging that his wells that were drilled collapsed. Gallants Artesian Well Inc did not install the pumps placed in the wells. Well log and invoices were provided to Commission by Gallant Artesian Well Inc for work performed.

Motion: David motions that there is not enough evidence to warrant further investigation. Mike 2nd.

Vote: Motion carries

Tracy Sargent vs. John Perry of Clearwater Well Drilling

The Commission reviewed the inspection report for the work performed on the Sargent well. Mr. Perry drilled down to 725 feet. From the inspection report the recovery rate is .3 GPM. The pump being used to measure the recovery rate was unable to reach the minimum 420 feet in the well. A letter will be written to both homeowner and driller to inform them of a new inspection.

Motion: Ike motions to have Dave go back to pump well down to 420 feet along with authorization to acquire proper equipment to do so. Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Patricia Jandreau vs John Perry of Clear Water Well Drilling

The Commission received the requested lab results from a State of Maine approved environmental testing lab. Ike motioned to find facts.

Facts found: Water presents high arsenic, iron, manganese.

No coliform, e-coli, or nitrate/nitrite.

All of which point to the natural water quality of water causing the issue rather than the well construction.

Motion: David motions to not accept complaint, it is not worthy of further investigation based on finding of facts. Dan 2nd.

Vote: Motion carries

Nancy Johnson vs Dan Woodsome of Woodsome Well Drilling

Mr. Woodsome was sent a 2nd notification that the Commission had received a complaint against Woodsome Well Drilling. Mr. Woodsome did not respond.

Motion: Ike motions finding of fact

Finding of Fact:

Nancy Johnson filed complaint on August 8, 2016 with the Commission.

Commission notified Mr. Woodsome of complaint August 12, 2016 requesting information, a response within 14 days of written notice, and his presence at the September 14th meeting per Section 900.1 of the Well Driller and Pump Installer rules.

Commission sent a second request for information on complaint received. The second request was for information concerning the Ms. Johnson complaint. Information and response within 14 days was required per Section 900.1 Well Driller and Pump Installers rules. Mr. Woodsome's presence was requested at the October 12, 2016 meeting. Mr. Woodsome did not respond within 14 days of second notification.

Motion: David motions to accept the Nancy Johnson complaint against Woodsome Well Drilling. Frank 2nd

Vote: Unanimous to approve

Motion: Ike motions to find violation of Section 900.1 for failure to reply to two notifications sent by Commission. Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion: David motions to send inspector to Nancy Johnson's home to inspect work performed by Woodsome Well Drilling. Pump must be inspected. Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

Motion: Mike motions to send letter to both parties of violations found at October 12, 2016 meeting. Frank 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

***Ike left at this point in the meeting and did not vote on the follow matters. ***

Coleman complaint against D & M Well Company Inc.

The Commission received lab results from a State of Maine certified lab along with a water sample that was requested. The lab results show exceeding iron.

Motion: David motions information as presented does not present a problem with the well construction. Based on information provided no violations based on undrinkable water. Rules do not cover site excavation, or timeliness of work performed. However the Commission will continue to investigate the lack of documentation on the well. Frank 2nd

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Charles Fowler complaint against A-Z Water Systems

Commission received complaint from Mr. Fowler concerning pump work, fracking, and lack of contract.

Motions: Frank motions to send standard request for information to A-Z Water Systems.

Included in the request for information will require a list of everyone who performed work on this job. Joe 2nd.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

TOPIC: Other Business

Open Loop Geothermal: Joe reported from the Maine Groundwater Association that it was stated by MGA that they do not approve the use of unapproved materials in dual purpose open loop geothermal wells.

11:45: Mike motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Joe, approved unanimously

Next Meeting: November 9, 2016 MGS 17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, Maine 9:00 A.M.