

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 9 am

Meeting – IN-PERSON / ZOOM
18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members: *(present - 5 / zoom - 1 / absent - 1)

Present:

Edward Bowie (Chair)
Master Well Driller
Alex Pugh
Hydrogeologist, DWP
Bradley Tirone
Hydrogeologist, DOT

Mike Otley
Public Member
Mary Szatkowski
Geologist, MGS

Zoom:

Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller

Absent:

Jesse Goodwin
Master Well Driller

Guests:

Lauren LaRochelle
AAG
April Bledsoe
Private Wells, DWP

Zoom Guest:

Joe Riitano
Complainant
Luke Pomerleau
Guest

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS:

9:05 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – Monthly Meeting

Motion to approve.

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

Exam Applications:

1. CHRISTOPHER PIERCE_WD02354, WD-J *effective date – 5-25-2022 - ACCEPTED

Motion to accept.

❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Bradley Tirone **VOTE:** Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. SASSON-HATCH_SWA – commission review - APPROVED

2. SEQUINO-SUNCO SWA – commission review – TABLED

Motion to table until next meeting 12-10-25.

❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Edward Bowie **VOTE:** Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. KING-JONES_SWA
2. LIBBY-GOODWIN_SWA
3. PICKERING-JONES_SWA

Other Business:

1. Open Discussions:

a. MAGFILL usage ~ Jesse Goodwin

- i. DHHS approved products, NSF approved products

b. Update for Exam Questions, ~ pending review

- i. dated materials, new editions of manuals
- ii. The Commission will discuss Exams and Questions for Exams
 1. To be discussed

2. EXAMS: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 @ 10am

- a. 286 Water Street, CDC Bldg., downtown Augusta
- b. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

OPEN COMPLAINTS

RODERICK SMALL – BURNS WELL DRILLING INC – complaint, rcvd 9-15-25 - CLOSED

- 10-8-25, approved; no contract, agreement only, *207.1
- 10-8-25, Motion to accept complaint. *Hegarty / Goodwin – Unanimous
- 11-12-25, homeowner dropping complaint.

Motion to dismiss complaint, no violation.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Mary Szatkowski **VOTE**: Unanimous

TERRY CHAPMAN – HALE WELL DRILLING LLC – complaint, rcvd 9-23-25 – CLOSED

- 10-8-25, approved; possible DEP violation, not certified to drill in close proximity to water body, *300.3, *300.1
- 10-8-25, Motion to accept complaint. *Hegarty / Goodwin – 4 yea / 3 nay – passes
- 10-8-25, Motion for Alex Pugh to send referral to DEP. *Bowie / Hegarty – Unanimous
- 11-12-25, not certified for setting up erosion control, *(2 layers/haybales), no violation with MWWC on condition training in Erosion Control and providing the Commission with a certificate from class.

Motion to dismiss complaint, no MWWC violation.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Mary Szatkowski **VOTE**: Unanimous

ANONYMOUS – 23 BOGGY DUCK ROAD, NORTHPORT – complaint, rcvd 10-7-25 - OPEN

- 10-8-25, approved; *704.1, letters to Flanagan and Estabrook, alleged improper well abandonment.
- 10-8-25, Motion to accept complaint. *Hegarty / Tirone – 6 yea / 1 abstained (Pugh) – passes
- 11-12-25, letter to be resent to complainant, Perry Estabrook_WD00042 (H2O Pump Inc_WDC0091)
- 11-13-25, notification of complaint letter sent
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ANONYMOUS – HALE WELL DRILLING LLC – complaint, rcvd 10-7-25 - OPEN

- 10-8-25, approved; to determine owner and responsible master of company, need to provide payroll records, subcontract fees, and/or stake in company.
- 10-8-25, Motion to accept complaint. *Goodwin / Szatkowski – Unanimous
- 11-12-25, Commission asked via Zoom that Hale WD Company provide financial records of proof for Company Responsible Master – Doug Haskell. Gather information from Hale Well Drilling and bring to next meeting.
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NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 9am, (In-Person/Zoom)

Location: 18 Elkins Lane, Room 109, Harlow Building, Augusta, ME

ADJOURNMENT:

10:25 am

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION**: Mike Otley

2nd: Alex Pugh

VOTE: Unanimous