

# 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	Mike Otley Public Member
Alex Pugh Hydrogeologist, DWP	Mary Szatkowski Geologist, MGS
Bradley Tirone Hydrogeologist, DOT	

**Zoom:**

Frank Hegarty Master Well Driller
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**Absent:**

Jesse Goodwin Master Well Driller
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**Guests:**

Lauren LaRochelle AAG
April Bledsoe Private Wells, DWP

**Zoom Guest:**

Joe Ruitano 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      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mike Otley      **VOTE:** Unanimous

#### Exam Applications:

1. CHRISTOPHER PIERCE\_WD02354, WD-J \*effective date – 5-25-2022 - ACCEPTED

Motion to accept.

❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** 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      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** 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**

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

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- 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      **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Mary Szatkowski      **VOTE**: Unanimous

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

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- 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      **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Mary Szatkowski      **VOTE**: Unanimous

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

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- 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**

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- 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:**

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**MONTHLY MEETING:**

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

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**10:25 am**

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alex Pugh

**VOTE:** Unanimous