

# MINUTES

## MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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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

Mike Otley  
Public Member

Jesse Goodwin  
Master Well Driller

Dwight Doughty  
Hydrogeologist, DOT

Zoom:  
Jessica Meeks  
Hydrogeologist, MGS

Absent:

Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

Guests:

Bradley Tirone  
Sr Geologist, DOT  
Lauren LaRoche  
AAG

Zoom:

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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**PROCEEDINGS:**

**9:18 am**

### Review of Meeting Minutes:

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – Monthly Meeting**

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jesse Goodwin    **VOTE:** Unanimous

### Exam Applications:

1. STEVEN DOW\_WD02399, PI-J - \*(Effective Date: 9-27-2023) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jesse Goodwin    **VOTE:** Unanimous

2. BRYSON HOUGHTON\_WD00582, WD-J - \*(Effective Date: 11-25-2008) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mike Otley    **VOTE:** Unanimous

3. MICHAEL POTRZUSKI\_WD02268, WD-J - \*(Effective Date: 4-16-2019) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jesse Goodwin    **VOTE:** Unanimous

4. OWEN MURRAY\_WD02262, WD-J - \*(Effective Date: 3-18-2019) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Alex Pugh    **VOTE:** Unanimous

5. JASON GUAY\_WD02261, WD-J - \*(Effective Date: 3-15-2019) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION**: Dwight Doughty    **2nd**: Mike Otley                      **VOTE**: Unanimous

**Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:**

1. CADISEN WILLIS APPRENTICE PI – TO MST PLUMBER - Denied

a. Not a Pump Installer Company, not a Licensed Pump Installer

Motion to not accept Pump Installer Apprentice application.

❖ **MOTION**: Jesse Goodwin    **2nd**: Dwight Doughty                      **VOTE**: Unanimous

2. DOUGLAS MYERCHIN - Reciprocity, DANDELION ENERGY, INC - Approved

a. Reciprocity, current licenses in multiple states, no Maine Well Drilling Company

Motion to approve reciprocity.

❖ **MOTION**: Dwight Doughty    **2nd**: Alex Pugh                                      **VOTE**: Unanimous

3. ALLEN HOWE - Reciprocity, DENNIS L MAHER CO. - Approved

a. Reciprocity, current license in Massachusetts

Motion to approve reciprocity.

❖ **MOTION**: Dwight Doughty    **2nd**: Alex Pugh                                      **VOTE**: Unanimous

**Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:**

1. OTLEY-HANSENS\_SWA
2. SMITH-SCOTT\_SWA
3. THAKOR-SCOTT TEMPLE\_SWA

**Other Business:**

1. **EXAMS: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 10am**

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

2. **Investigative Summary: FLANAGAN-GALLANT CMPLT – Lauren LaRochelle, AAG**

- a. FLANAGAN-GALLANT CMPLT, \*see packet
- b. Investigative Report, \*see document
- c. Revocation Letter, \*see letter

3. **Open Discussions:**

- a. **Draft of Rules and Regulations -**
  - i. Update and discussion, (5-14-25)
  - ii. Commission will discuss at next meeting, (6-11-25)

5-14-25, Discussion: 10:10a – 10:43a– 11:17a

- b. **Update for Exam Questions -**
  - i. dated materials, new editions of manuals
  - ii. Commission will discuss at future meeting, (7-9-25)

**OPEN COMPLAINTS:**

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**ANONYMOUS – GALLANT ARTESIAN WELLS INC – complaint, rcvd 4-9-25 – OPEN**

- 4-9-25, complaint received and accepted
- 4-9-25, \*Lauren LaRochelle, AAG, will engage detective/officer from AG office to investigate, Alex Pugh is recused from voting on the case to facilitate investigation.
- 5-14-25, \*Investigative Summary – discussion
- 5-14-25, Complaint(s) will remain open pending outcome of AAG filing of violations.

5-14-25, Motion to file with AG Office to pursue legal action.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jesse Goodwin                      **VOTE:** Unanimous

**FLANAGAN – GALLANT ARTESIAN WELLS INC – complaint, rcvd 3-18-24 – OPEN**

- 11-13-24, Motion – to revoke license, with stipulation to reinstate license if issues are corrected; allowance of licensure is approved to repair well; Hegarty/Goodwin – unanimous
- 11-15-24, letter of revocation crafted and sent certified mail
- 11-27-24, Company and Individual Licenses revoked
- 3-12-25, follow-up: complaint resolution and closure
- 3-12-25, Motion: Create “revoked” listing on webpage, Vote: Goodwin / Doughty - Unanimous

3-12-25, pending follow-up with counsel. Questions from Commission about alleged sightings of Gallant AWI drilling post-revocation of license.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

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**MONTHLY MEETING:**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – (In-Person/Zoom)**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**11:17 am**

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Dwight Doughty    **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mike Otley                      **VOTE:** Unanimous