

# MINUTES

## MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – (9 am – 12pm)

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Meeting – IN-PERSON / ZOOM

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

### ATTENDEES:

Commission Members: \*(present - 3 / zoom - 1 / absent - 4)

Present:

Edward Bowie (Chair)

Master Well Driller

Mike Otley

Public Member

Bradley Tirone

Hydrogeologist, DOT

Zoom:

Mary Szatkowski

Geologist, MGS

Absent:

Frank Hegarty

Master Well Driller

Alex Pugh

Hydrogeologist, DWP

Jesse Goodwin

Master Well Driller

Jessica Meeks

Hydrogeologist, MGS

Guests:

Lauren LaRochelle

AAG

Zoom:

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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### PROCEEDINGS:

**9:00 am**

#### Review of Meeting Minutes:

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – Monthly Meeting**

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bradley Tirone

**VOTE:** Unanimous

#### Exam Applications:

1. NONE

#### Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

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

1. LEWIS-SCOTT TEMPLE\_SWA

#### Other Business:

**1. EXAMS: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 @ 10am**

a. 286 Water Street, CDC Bldg., downtown Augusta

b. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

**2. Open Discussions:**

a. **Draft of Rules and Regulations** – Alex Pugh

i. Update and discussion

ii. Commission will discuss at next meeting, (7-9-25)

- b. Update for Exam Questions -
  - i. dated materials, new editions of manuals
  - ii. Commission will discuss at future meeting after Rules and Regs discussions.

#### **OPEN COMPLAINTS:**

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

- 4-9-25, complaint received
  - \*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, \*Review, Investigative Summary
- 5-14-25,
  - Motion to accept complaint;
    - ***Doughty/Goodwin – 5 yea/1 recused (Pugh)***
  - Motion to accept pictures of alleged on-site drilling violation(s) of Gallant AWI;
    - ***Doughty/Goodwin – 5 yea/1 recused (Pugh)***

##### **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.
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#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

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##### **MONTHLY MEETING:**

**Wednesday, July 9, 2025 – 9 am – 12 pm, (In-Person/Zoom)**

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

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#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**9:15 am**

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otle

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bradley Tirone

**VOTE:** Unanimous