

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 9, 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

Jesse Goodwin
Master Well Driller

Zoom:
Mary Szatkowski
Geologist, MGS

Absent:

Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller

Guests:

Lauren LaRochelle
AAG
April Bledsoe
Private Wells, DWP

Peter Morton,
Gallant AW Inc
Sam Dempsey,
Guest

Zoom:

Johnny Flanagan
Complainant

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS:

9:05 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – Monthly Meeting

Motion to approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Jesse Goodwin **2nd:** Edward Bowie **VOTE:** 5 yea, 1 recused
Recused: Alex Pugh, *(not present at last meeting)

Exam Applications:

1. RORY OWENS_WD02356 – WD-J, *(Effective date: 6-15-2022) - APPROVED

Motion to Approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Alex Pugh **VOTE:** 5 yea, 1 recused
Recused: Jesse Goodwin, *(knows candidate)

2. FIDENCIO MIRAMONTES_WD02410 – PI-J, *(Effective date: 5-1-2024) - APPROVED

Motion to Approve.

❖ **MOTION:** Alex Pugh **2nd:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. BEACH-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA
2. JONES-STREETER_SWA
3. RENO-SCOTT TEMPLE_SWA
4. PACCIA-BROWN – JH SWETT_SWA
5. DONNELLY-STREETER_SWA
6. GUIMOND-WEEKS_SWA

Other Business:

1. **New Discussions:** *(see docs, ANONYMOUS-GALLANT CMPLT packet)
 - a. Discuss Peter Morton’s (Gallant AWC) request to revisit complaint and discuss possible reinstatement of licenses.

**Counsel will be drafting a “Consent Agreement” outlining the stipulations required to reinstate the Pump Installers portion of the Individual and Company Licensure.*

2. EXAMS: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 @ 10am

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

3. Open Discussions:

- a. **Draft of Rules and Regulations** – Alex Pugh (cont.)
 - i. Update and discussion
 - ii. Commission will discuss at next meeting, *(8-13-25)
- b. **Update for Exam Questions** - *(pending)
 - i. dated materials, new editions of manuals
 - ii. Commission will discuss at future meeting after Rules and Regs discussions.

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

ANONYMOUS – GALLANT ARTESIAN WELLS INC (2) – 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, by Detective Seth Blodgett
 - 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 (1) – 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; Vote: ***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.
- 7-9-25, Motion to have counsel draft a “Consent Agreement”(*) and have Alex Pugh review and approve for the Commission.
MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Bradley Tirone VOTE: 5-yea / 1-nay

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NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 – 9 am, (In-Person/Zoom)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

11:07 am

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley

2nd: Jesse Goodwin

VOTE: Unanimous