

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

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Meeting – HYBRID (In-Person/Zoom)  
18 Elkins Lane, Rm 109, Harlow Bldg., Augusta, ME

### ATTENDEES:

#### Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, (Chair)  
Hydrogeologist, DOT  
Ryan Gordon  
Hydrogeologist, MGS

Mike Otley  
Public Member  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

Jesse Goodwin  
Master Well Driller  
Glenn Dyer  
Master Well Driller

#### Guests:

Margaret Machaiek  
AAG

#### Guests: (Zoom)

Manon Levesque,  
Kevin Levesque,  
Complainants

Stephanie Everette,  
Stephen Everette,  
Daniel Bowden  
Complainants

Meaghan Knowlton, President  
Western Maine Water Inc  
Complainants

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:20 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Monthly Meeting *(HYBRID)

❖ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

*Ryan Gordon – recused, not at last meeting

Exam Applications:

1. MATTHEW KEENE_WD02312 – (PI-J) – APPROVED

Motion to approve exam application.

❖ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. LITTLEFIELD – GOODWIN_SWA

Motion to accept Specialty Well Application and drafting of deed covenant paragraph by Dwight Doughty.

❖ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Glenn Dyer VOTE: Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval: **Both applications re-done due to incorrect information.*

1. (2) 3-21-23 - HEFFERNAN-STERNS-GOODWIN_SWA

2. (2) 3-21-23 - KARAKIS - GOODWIN_SWA

Other Business:

1. EXAMS: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta

a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

EVERETT-WESTERN - complaint, rcvd 2-1-23 – CLOSED 4-12-23

- a. 2-8-23, complaint, accepted
- b. 2-10-23, Notice Letters, sent to Everett and Western Maine Water Inc
- c. 2-24-23, Response, received from Western Maine Water Inc
- d. 3-8-23, Meaghan Knowlton, present by Zoom. Reviewed possibilities of problem.
(Possible: “Dirty fracture”, rock problem, no issues from surface water, should camera well)
- e. 3-8-23, *Motion, send David Philbrick to camera well; Hegarty / Dyer – Unanimous*
- f. 4-12-23, Reviewed well video recordings by David Philbrick, and verbal accounts by complainants
- g. 4-12-23, MWWC denied complaint due to no violations committed by well driller or company

Motion to dismiss complaint.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: Unanimous

TUFTS - A-Z WATER SYSTEMS – complaint, rcvd 9-13-22 – OPEN

- a. 9-14-22, complaints, accepted
 - 1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER – ME0092430
 - 2. ~~SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855~~ - closed, *(12-14-22)
- b. 10-6-22, Notification Letter, sent via email and regular mail, has 14-days to respond
- c. 10-12-22, Alex Pugh reached out to DEP and Plumbing Board and reported,
 - i. Plumbing Board stated, “A-Z was not the last to touch the well.”
- d. 10-20-22, Response received, Heidi Levesque
- e. 11-9-22,
 - 1. FOUNDATIONS EARLY LEARNING CENTER – ME0092430
 - 2. ~~SEBAGO LAKE LODGE – ME0016855~~ - closed, *(12-14-22)

Statements: Jed Haws - approved and inspected; Kate Tufts – it is resolved, after-the-fact permit issued; Carl Levesque - issue is over 2 1/2 -years *(3-15-20)

- f. 12-14-22, Alex Pugh: to do follow-up with statements and information gathering
 - Sebago LL-A-Z portion of complaint closed
 - complaint, tabled for more information gathering
 - information request sent (1-3-23), to Kevin Levesque, Levesque WD about A-Z complaint
- g. 1-7-23, Response received, Manon Levesque
- h. 3-8-23, *Motion to table until next meeting, (4-12-23); Doughty / Goodwin - 5 yea/1 recused, *Frank Hegarty - recused*

TUFTS (2) - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING - complaint rcvd 2-21-23 - OPEN

- a. 3-8-23, complaint accepted, TUFTS - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING
- b. 3-22-23, Notice sent, Levesque WD & Foundations Early Learning CTR
- c. 4-12-23, Received response from the Kevin and Manon Levesque
- d. 4-12-23, Kevin and Manon Levesque participated via Zoom; the “gravel” well is complete, approval is pending approval by Drinking Water Program

Motion to table until next meeting and we hear back from DWP, (5-10-23)

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: Unanimous

****HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-01-21 – OPEN****

- a. 5-11-22,
 - o Motion to table issues until all 4 – quarterly samples are taken. *(2022-2023, Spring/Fall)
Hegarty/Locke – Unanimous
 - o Motion to turn over alleged SWA forgery issue to Margaret Machaiek, AAG office
Dyer/Goodwin – Unanimous
 - o Motion to table complaint until next meeting (6-8-22).
Otley/Dyer - Unanimous
- b. 6-8-22,
 - o Water well was difficult to assess, decided to have Carmel WD take periodic samples, over the course of 1-2 years
 - o Waiting upon sampling compliance, Spring/Fall 2022, (June 20, 2022)
 - o Karl Rudnicki is appealing the MWWC decision; issue is tabled until compliance is met
- c. 9-13-22, * **Follow-up Conducted: Karl Rudnicki and Alex Pugh; continuous**
- d. 2-14-23, received lab report for Carmel Well Drilling - from Clear Water Lab
 - o Waiting for Spring 2023, for next lab report(s)

***** To be Continued *****

FAIR HEARINGS: ** (Fair Hearings: waiting settlement and meeting(s) dates, times, and place.)

HINTON- (1)AFFORDABLE & (2)A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN

- a. 4-13-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems and Affordable Well Drilling
- b. 5-5-22, Violation Letters sent to A-Z and Affordable
- c. 5-11-22, A-Z Appeal Response letter
- d. 5-23-22, Affordable Appeal Response letter
- e. 6-8-22, Pending Fair Hearing scheduling (date and time), (MOU, FHRF)
- f. 10-19-22, **Hinton - A-Z, Settlement Proposal received**

JONES- A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 10-19-21 – OPEN

- a. 6-8-22, Violations assessed for A-Z Water Systems
- b. 7-1-22, Violation letter sent to A-Z
- c. 7-12-22, A-Z Appeal Response, received
- d. 7-13-22, Fair Hearing to be scheduled after paperwork submitted, (MOU, FHRF)
- e. 10-19-22, **Jones - A-Z, Settlement Proposal received**

****NEXT MEETINGS****

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 9am – (In-Person/Zoom)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 10:23 am

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Ryan Gordon **VOTE**: Unanimous