

MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 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  
Alex Pugh,  
Hydrogeologist, DWP

Ryan Gordon  
Hydrogeologist, MGS  
Jesse Goodwin  
Master Well Driller

Mike Otley  
Public Member  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

Guests:

Margaret Machaiek  
AAG

Hale Well Drilling  
Doug Haskell  
Luke Pomerleau  
Joe Riitano

Affordable Well Drilling  
James Bisson  
Steven Bisson  
Heather Pelkey

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:03 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, June 14, 2023, Monthly Meeting**

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

Exam Applications:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. BUSWELL-LORD_SWA_7-6-23

Motion to approve with 120-feet of casing and install as presented on SWA.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Jesse Goodwin **VOTE:** Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. SEBAGO CAMPS LLC-WESTERN_SWA_6-21-23
2. WIGHTMAN-GOODWIN_SWA_6-14-23
3. WORTHLEY-BURNS_SWA_6-22-23
4. WHITTEMORE-GOODWIN_SWA_6-29-23

Other Business:

1. EXAMS: **Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
 - a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

OPEN COMPLAINTS:**ANONYMOUS – AFFORDABLE WELL DRILLING INC – complaint, rcvd 6-6-23 – CLOSED**

- 6-14-23, Motion to accept complaint
 - o Mike Otley/Frank Hegarty – Unanimous
- 6-16-23, Notification Letter, sent to Affordable WD / James Bisson
- 7-12-23, With evidence presented the Commission determined that it was best to close the complaint.

Motion to dismiss complaint.

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

ANONYMOUS – HALE WELL DRILLING LLC – complaint, rcvd 5-12-23 – CLOSED

- 6-14-23, Motion to accept complaint
 - o Mike Otley/Frank Hegarty – Unanimous
- 6-16-23, Notification Letter, sent to Hale WD / Douglas Haskell
- 7-12-23, With evidence presented the Commission determined that it was best to close the complaint.

Motion to dismiss complaint.

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

DWP (Tufts) - A-Z WATER SYSTEMS – complaint, rcvd 9-13-22 – OPEN (9-14-22)

- 5-10-23, Motion to assess violations, points, and associated fines for A-Z Water Systems Inc.
 - o Alex Pugh/Ryan Gordon – 6 yea/1 recused *(Frank Hegarty)
- 6-7-23, Notice of Violations, sent to A-Z Water Systems
- 6-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting (7-12-23)
 - o Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley – Unanimous
- 6-29-23, Response Email, A-Z Water Systems – **appealing decision**
- 7-12-23, In the future, complaint headings of a program/business title and contact representative in parentheses. *(copies of response letters available at the next meeting)

DWP (Tufts) (2) - LEVESQUE WELL DRILLING - complaint rcvd 2-21-23 – OPEN (3-8-23)

- 5-10-23, Motion to assess violations, points, and associated fines for Affordable Well Drilling Inc.
 - o Mike Otley/Glenn Dyer – 6 yea/1 recused *(Frank Hegarty)
- 6-7-23, Notice of Violations, sent to Levesque WD
- 6-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting (7-12-23)
 - o Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley – Unanimous
- 6-21-23, Response Letter, Levesque Well Drilling – **finest paid, \$1000.00.**
- 7-12-23, In the future, complaint headings of a program/business title and contact representative in parentheses. *(copies of response letters available at the next meeting)

****HANSCOM WD-CARMEL WD – complaint, rcvd 11-09-21 – OPEN****

- 11-10-21, complaint accepted

- 06-14-23, *Follow-up; Dwight Doughty to contact Carmel Well Drilling.
- 06-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting July 2023
 - o Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley – Unanimous

- 7-12-23,

Motion to 1) get spring sample, 2) void or deny SWA, 3) send letter: in violation of agreement and violation points will be discussed at next meeting.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Mike Otley **VOTE**: Unanimous

- 7-14-23, Lab Report, received by FAX, (collected, 6-20-23)
- 7-17-23, email received from Alex Pugh,

“Dwight asked me to forward this. I had drafted a letter to Karl Rudnicki, but this analysis arriving means that we can limp along with the water sampling/lab analyses”

****NEXT MEETINGS****

FAIR HEARINGS: ** (Fair Hearings: pending settlement, 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 – pending approval

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 – pending approval

MONTHLY MEETING:

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

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

Motion to Adjourn.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: **10:12 am**