

MINUTES
MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Meeting via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, (Chair)
Hydrogeologist, DOT
Daniel Locke
Hydrogeologist, MGS
Alex Pugh
Hydrogeologist, DWP

Mike Otley
Public Member
Jesse Goodwin
Master Well Driller
Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller

Glenn Dyer
Master Well Driller

Guests:

Margaret Machaiek
State of Maine, AAG
David Philbrook
MWWC Inspector

Randall Hinton & Elizabeth
Dexter-Hinton
Complainant
Stephen Jones
Complainant

Michael Collins
Complainant
Carl Levesque
Complainant
Brendan O'Rourke
Guest

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:04 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from **January 12, 2022**,

- ❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: Unanimous
 - **Motion to accept passed, but with additions and corrections.*

Exam Applications:

1. NONE

Pending:

1. MICHAEL COLLINS_WD00607 – PI-M
 - 1-12-22, Motion to table until complaint is resolved; Hegarty/Goodwin-unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. NONE

Other Business:

1. BUDGET 2022 – Alex Pugh, (cont.)
 - a. Discussion and Review:
 - 1-12-22, Commission funds are low, within year the funds will not support Commission operations, create higher cash flow by raising license fees
 - 2-9-22, Proposals:
 - Have proposed 30% increase in license fees
 - Possibility of creating fees for apprentice licenses
2. Exams: **Thursday, March 9, 2022 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
 - a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email
3. DRAFT: Rules and Regulations: Margaret Machaiek, (cont.)
 - **SOM WD&PI RULE 10-144 CODE OF ME RULES, CHAP 232**, (2019 Braley Draft)
 - 2-9-22, Close to completion, will discuss next meeting March 9, 2022

COMPLAINTS:

STEWART-COLLINS – complaint, rcvd 12-27-21 – OPEN

- a. 12-27-21, complaint received,
- b. 1-12-22, Motion to accept complaint; Hegarty/Dyer-Unanimous

Motion to table complaint until Robert Philbrick can be present.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Daniel Locke **VOTE**: Unanimous

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

- a. 11-10-21, Motion to accept complaint and send MWWC Inspector.
- b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to A-Z Water Systems/Carl Levesque
- c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Stephen Jones
- d. 12-8-21, Motion to table complaint, and send MWWC Inspector
- e. 1-12-22, Report given by MWWC Inspector; no motion given, will send Frank Hegarty/ David Philbrook to continue investigation by removing pump to get accurate current yield.
- f. 2-9-22 - Well inspection by David Philbrook, concluded that the Jones’ second well has yield of 0.5gal/min @ 340’ and video of well revealed that the seal was good and intact.

- A-Z Water System/Carl Levesque – made his statement to the Commission dewatered the well and measured results of 0.25gal/min – performed by apprentice (Danny/Donny)

- Jones wants to amend his complaint to include Levesque Well Drilling/Kevin Levesque (Carl’s brother)

Motion to table complaint until next meeting March 9, 2022, invite Levesque Well Drilling/Kevin Levesque to join meeting

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

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

- a. 11-10-21, Motion to accept complaint and Motion to send Dave Philbrook
- b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to Carmel Well Drilling/Karl Rudnicki
- c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Hanscom Well Drilling/Ronald Hanscom
- d. 12-8-21, Motion to table complaint, and send MWWC Inspector
- e. 1-12-22, Motion to table complaint, send letter outlining technical issues to be resolved before issuing violations and penalties. Frank Hegarty/Glenn Dyer – Unanimous

- at last meeting Karl Rudnicki was to install a liner, need to verify

Motion to have Carmel Well Drilling verify that the seals and liner are correct and tight via camera, etc.

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

Motion to table complaint until next meeting March 9, 2022, encourage Karl Rudnicki to join.

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

HINTON-AFFORDABLE & A-Z WATER – complaint, rcvd 11-03-21 – OPEN

- a. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to A-Z Water Systems/Carl Levesque
- b. 11-10-21, Notice of Complaint sent to Affordable Well Drilling Inc/James Bisson
- c. 11-10-21, Notice of Acceptance sent to Randall Hinton & Elizabeth Dexter-Hinton
- d. 12-8-21, Motion to table complaint, and send MWWC Inspector
- e. 1-12-22, Report given by David Philbrook, MWWC Inspector
- f. 1-12-22, Motions for Affordable and A-Z violations assessed, Letter of Violations to be sent

- Not addressed at this meeting, made statements at prior meetings since November 2021.

****NEXT MEETING****

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:00 am – REMOTE VIA ZOOM

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION**: Mike Otley **2nd**: Glenn Dyer **VOTE**: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: **11:16 AM**