

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 16, 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
Jesse Goodwin
Master Well Driller
Mary Szatkowski
Geologist, MGS

Zoom:

Absent:

Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller
Bradley Tirone
Hydrogeologist, DOT
Mike Otley
Public Member

Guests:

Lauren LaRochelle
AAG
April Bledsoe
Private Wells, DWP

Zoom Guest:

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS:

9:37 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Thursday, August 14, 2025 – Monthly Meeting

Motion to approve.

- ❖ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Mary Szatkowski VOTE: 3 yea, 1 recused
○ Jesse Goodwin - recused

Exam Applications:

1. BRIAN ANDERSON_WD00595 – WD-J *(Effective date: 4-8-2008) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

- ❖ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Jesse Goodwin VOTE: Unanimous

2. RONALD DUBOIS JR_WD02287 – WD-J *(Effective date: 4-30-2020) – APPROVED

Motion to approve.

- ❖ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Edward Bowie VOTE: 3 yea, 1 recused
○ Jesse Goodwin - recused

3. *JOSEPH RIITANO JR_WD00572 – WD-J, PI-A

- HALE WELL DRILLING LLC (MST DOUG HASKELL)

Applying for Pump Installer Company

- Not a master PI
- Person to be master of company is a Master Plumber

Motion to deny application due to Commission statutes, *(4700.i2; 4700j).

❖ **MOTION**: Alex Pugh **2nd**: Edward Bowie **VOTE**: 3 yea, 1 recused

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. SCHAUB JR-WEEKS_SWA
2. HOULTON BOMI-ESTEY_SWA

Other Business:

1. Open Discussions:

a. Well Driller database, ~ Mary Szatkowski, MGS

- i. Well driller accounts, active/inactive, Well cards/logs, etc.

1. Mary to send out informative emails to all Well Driller / Pump Installer.

b. Draft of Rules and Regulations, ~ Alex Pugh, DWP (cont.)

- i. Update and discussion
- ii. The Commission will discuss Rules & Regs at the next scheduled meeting.

1. Continued...

c. Statutory Legislation discussion, ~ Lauren LaRochelle, AAG

- i. Table to next meeting.

d. Update for Exam Questions, ~ pending review

- i. dated materials, new editions of manuals
- ii. The Commission will discuss Exams and Questions for Exams

1. To be discussed

2. EXAMS: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 10am

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

NEW COMPLAINTS

TERRI IRELAND – HODGDON WELL DRILLING INC – complaint, rcvd 9-15-25 – Denied/Closed

- 9-15-25, received paperwork for complaint (8-6-25)

Motion to deny complaint, no violation found.

❖ **MOTION**: Jesse Goodwin **2nd**: Mary Szatkowski **VOTE**: Unanimous

RODERICK SMALL – BURNS WELL DRILLING INC – complaint, rcvd 9-11-25 – Tabled

- 9-11-25, received paperwork for complaint

Motion to table complaint until next meeting for more information, *(i.e., contract, well log).

❖ **MOTION**: Jesse Goodwin **2nd**: Alex Pugh **VOTE**: Unanimous

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

ANONYMOUS – GALLANT ARTESIAN WELLS INC (2) – complaint, rcvd 4-9-25 – CLOSED

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

Motion to close complaint; fulfilled Commission orders.

❖ **MOTION**: Alex Pugh **2nd**: Jesse Goodwin **VOTE**: Unanimous

FLANAGAN – GALLANT ARTESIAN WELLS INC (1) – complaint, rcvd 3-18-24 – CLOSED

- 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: Have counsel draft a “Consent Agreement”(*) and have Alex Pugh review and approve for the Commission. ***Pugh / Tirone – 5 yea / 1 nay***
- 8-27-25, received Memorandum: Investigation Report of Flanagan well, 23 Boggy Duck Road, Northport, ME.

Motion to close complaint; fulfilled Commission orders.

❖ **MOTION**: Alex Pugh **2nd**: Edward Bowie **VOTE**: Unanimous

NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – 9am, (In-Person/Zoom)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

10:00 am

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION**: Edward Bowie

2nd: Alex Pugh

VOTE: Unanimous