

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 11, 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

Mike Otley  
Public Member  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

#### (ZOOM) Guests:

Margaret Machaiek  
AAG

Jessica Meeks  
Hydrogeologist, MGS

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:11 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – Monthly Meeting – (In-Person/ZOOM)

Motion to accept the minutes from **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Ryan Gordon **VOTE:** Unanimous

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – Emergency Meeting – (ZOOM)

Motion to accept the minutes from **Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Ryan Gordon **VOTE:** Unanimous

Exam Applications:

RILEY DELISLE_WD02365 – (WD-J), effective date – 7-7-2022

Motion for candidate to sit for exams.

❖ **MOTION:** Mike Otley **2nd:** Ryan Gordon **VOTE:** Unanimous

JAMES WHITNEY_WD02351 – (PI-J), effective date – 8-18-2022

Motion for candidate to sit for exams.

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

BRYAN DUNHAM_WD02375 – (WD-J, PI-J), effective date – 9-30-2022

Motion for candidate to sit for exams.

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

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. GAMMON-BOWIE_SWA
2. INLOW-AFFORDABLE_SWA
3. NATALINO-STREETER_SWA
4. THOMAS-GOODWIN_SWA
5. WISE-SUNCO_SWA

Other Business:

1. EXAMS: **Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 2023 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
 - a. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

OPEN COMPLAINTS:

BENGAL – GOODWIN WELL & WATER INC – complaint, rcvd 8-22-23 – OPEN (10-11-23)

- ❖ 10-11-23, complaint accepted, send NOC & NOA

Motion to accept complaint

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

- ❖ 10-13-23, sent, Notice of Acceptance, BENGAL-GOODWIN CMPLT - Carrie Bengal
- ❖ 10-13-23, sent, Notice of Complaint, BENGAL-GOODWIN CMPLT - Goodwin W&W Inc

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
- 6-14-23, Motion to table complaint until next meeting July 2023
 - o Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley – Unanimous
- 6-29-23, Response Email, A-Z Water Systems – **appealing decision**
- 7-12-23, Future headings for complaints use program/business title and contact representative in parentheses. *(copies of response letters available at the next meeting)
- 8-9-23, A-Z Water System will be appealing the complaint.
- 10-11-23, Pending Fair Hearing; **pre-hearing, and hearing**

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

- 11-10-21, complaint accepted
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- 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.
 - o Frank Hegarty/Mike Otley - Unanimous

Lab Reports received to date:

- 9-11-2022, Lab Report, rcvd 2/14/23, Fall 2022
- 6-20-2023, Lab Report, rcvd 7/14/23, Spring 2023
- 9-26-2023, Lab Report, rcvd 9/28/23, Fall 2023
- 10-11-23, Pending completion of water samples of well, one more sample to do **Spring 2024.**

****NEXT MEETINGS****

FAIR HEARINGS:

HINTON- (1)AFFORDABLE – 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
 - a. ~~10-11-23, Hinton A-Z CMPLT – closed,~~
 - b. **10-11-23, Hinton-Affordable CMPLT – pending**

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – (In-Person/Zoom)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: 9:50 am

Motion to Adjourn.

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