

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 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
Bradley Tirone
Hydrogeologist, DOT

Jesse Goodwin
Master Well Driller
Mike Otley
Public Member

Zoom:

Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller

Absent:

Mary Szatkowski
Geologist, MGS

Guests:

Zoom Guest:

Lauren LaRochelle
AAG

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS:

9:00 am

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – Monthly Meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes.

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

Motion to approve, Alex Pugh, notes.

❖ MOTION: Jesse Goodwin 2nd: Bradley Tirone VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:

1. NONE

Motion to accept.

❖ MOTION: Alex Pugh 2nd: Bradley Tirone VOTE: Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

1. NONE

2. SEQUINO-SUNCO SWA – commission review – TABLED

a. Motion tabled until next meeting 12-10-25; Hegarty/Bowie – Unanimous

b. Motion to accept Specialty Well Application providing submission of 3 quarterly tests starting in May 2026; Goodwin/Tirone – Unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. MCDONNELL-WESTER MW_SWA

Other Business:

1. Open Discussions:

- a. **MAGFILL usage ~ Jesse Goodwin**
 - i. DHHS approved products, NSF approved products
 - ii. Discussion

- b. **Update for Exam Questions, ~ pending review**
 - i. dated materials, new editions of manual
 - ii. Discussion

- c. **EXAMS: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 10am**
 - i. 286 Water Street, CDC Bldg., downtown Augusta
 - ii. Eligible candidates will be notified by email

- d. **AGENDA on posted on webpage before meetings**
 - i. Discussion, approved

OPEN COMPLAINTS

TERRY CHAPMAN – HALE WELL DRILLING LLC – complaint, rcvd 9-23-25 – OPEN

- *1-14-26, *Complaint closing pending completion certificate of Erosion Control class. *Goodwin/Otley- Unanimous*

ANONYMOUS – HALE WELL DRILLING LLC – complaint, rcvd 10-7-25 - DISMISSED

- *12-10-25, Information gathering discussed and Commission decided.*
 - *Motion to Table meeting until 2-12-26, *Hegarty-Goodwin – Unanimous*
 - *Motion to Un-Table meeting for discussion, *Hegarty-Goodwin – Unanimous*
 - *Motion to Table meeting until February 12, 2026, Hegarty-Goodwin – Unanimous*
- *Motion to accept submitted hours of WD-M. *Goodwin-Tirone - Unanimous*

ANONYMOUS – H2O PUMP INC / 23 BOGGY DUCK ROAD, NORTHPORT – complaint, rcvd 10-7-25 - OPEN

- *12-10-25, Perry Estabrook, present via Zoom for discussion*
 - *Estabrook says Dan Stinson (Affordable) running water pump and Affordable WD abandoned the well.*
- *12-10-25, Motion to send ANON-H2O Complaint to Affordable Well Drilling (Dan Stinson) for a response; Otley/Szatkowski - Unanimous*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter Executive Session: Alex Pugh / Bradley Tirone - Unanimous

- **9:23 am – IN**
 - *Discussion in Zoom break-out room of exam materials and questions.*

Motion to exit Executive Session: Mike Otley / Bradley Tirone – Unanimous

- **9:40 am – OUT**

Motion to accept Alex Pugh’s questions for exams: Jesse Goodwin / Bradley Tirone - Unanimous

NEXT MEETINGS:

MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 9am, (In-Person/Zoom)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

9:55 am

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION**: Mike Otley

2nd: Bradley Tirone

VOTE: Unanimous