

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday December 9, 2020

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Meetings via Zoom – link on webpage, MEDWP.COM

### ATTENDEES:

#### Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, (Chair)  
Hydrogeologist, DOT  
Daniel Locke  
Hydrogeologist, MGS

Thomas Brennan  
Senior Geologist, DWP  
Mike Otley  
Public Member  
Frank Hegarty  
Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant  
Master Well Driller  
Glenn Dyer  
Master Well Driller

#### Guests:

Margaret Machaiek  
State of Maine, AAG

Karl Rudnicki  
Complainant  
Randy Marquis  
Guest

Christian Halsted  
MGS

#### Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, DWP, Commission Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS: 9:09 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from November 10, 2020

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

Exam Applications:

1. MATTHEW BRAMLETT - WD02157 – Master WD, PI - **APPROVED**

Motion to approve.

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

2. BERT DESCHAINE – WD00325 – Master PI – **APPROVED**

Motion to approve.

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

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. FUREY-KENNEBEC_SWA
2. CARROLL-R MARQUIS_SWA

Other Business:

1. Exams: Thursday, December 10, 2020 @ 10am at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
 - a. Eligible candidates have been notified by email

2. Recap: SANBORN-STREETER SWA 2-13-20 (*from 11-10-20 MWWC meeting minutes)
 - a. 11-10-20 - *MWWC discussed, permit expires after one-year; Driller of specialty well must submit application and all specialty well applications are per homeowner/well driller and are non-transferrable, (IAW 144c232 - 400.7.2).
 - b. 11-10-20 - ***Motion:** to notify homeowner and well driller that a New SWA must be submitted - ***Vote:** Frank Hegarty/Joe Gallant – vote unanimous

 - c. 12-9-20 - Report from Streeter: well may not be in the correct location.
 - d. 12-9-20 - Motion from 11-10-20 meeting:
 - e. 12-9-20 - JH Swett Well Drilling - needs to submit a new Specialty Well Application, motion from last meeting.

Motion to send Dave Philbrook to inspect well and location IAW Specialty Well Application.

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

3. In-House Approval - Specialty Well Application:

- a. Randy Marquis - joined meeting to inquire about his recently submitted Specialty Well Applications.
- b. processes and timeframes discussed

4. MGS Water Well Database: Christian Halsted, Maine Geological Survey (MGS)

- a. Update on Well Log digital system, and statistics of usage
- b. MGS, Water Well Database: <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/pubs/digital/well.htm>

COMPLAINTS:

HOWARD-CARMEL – complaint, received 10-14-20 – open

- 11-10-20 – complaint reviewed and accepted
- 11-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Carmel Well Drilling/Karl Rudnicki
- 12-9-20 – Complaint reviewed, Mr. Rudnicki in process of resolution, and offered Well Cam video footage.

*Tabled until next meeting, Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

LOCKE-L&L/OCONNOR – (RTE 108, Rumford, ME 04276)

1. LOCKE-L&L – (RTE 108), complaint, revd 12-9-20

- 12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent

2. LOCKE-OCONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (RTE 108), complaint, revd 12-9-20

- 12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent

AJ OCONNOR – (654 South Rumford, Rumford, ME 04276)

1. LOCKE-OCONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (654 S), complaint, received 5-4-20 - open

- 11-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to AJ O’Connor
 - o 1st Notice of Complaint, sent same time as L&L WD
- 12-9-20 – MWWC accepted complaint against AJ O’Connor
- 12-30-20 - *2nd Notice of Complaint, to be sent to AJ O’Connor

Motion to accept complaint, Locke-O’Connor (654 South Rumford).

- ❖ **MOTION:** Glenn Dyer **2nd:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** 6 yea, 0 nay – passed
 - o Daniel Locke recused from vote

2. DYER-OCONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (654 S), complaint, received 6-23-20 - open

- 11-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to AJ O’Connor
 - o 1st Notice of Complaint, sent same time as L&L WD
- 12-9-20 – MWWC accepted complaint against AJ O’Connor
- 12-30-20 - *2nd Notice of Complaint, to be sent to AJ O’Connor

Motion to accept complaint, Dyer-O’Connor (654 South Rumford)

- ❖ **MOTION:** Frank Hegarty **2nd:** Mike Otley **VOTE:** 6 yea, 0 nay – passed
 - o Glenn Dyer recused from vote

DENSMORE-L&L (Rock Libby)

1. DENSMORE-L&L – complaint, received 6-3-20 - open

- 6-4-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
- 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint.
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

L&L (Rock Libby) – (654 South Rumford, Rumford, ME 04276)

2. DYER-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 6-23-20 – open

- 6-25-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
- 7-8-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint.
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

3. DOUGHTY-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 6-10-20 - open

- 6-10-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
- 7-8-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

4. LOCKE-L&L – (654 S), complaint, received 5-4-20 - open

- 5-7-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby and Anthony O’Connor
- 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint
- 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
- 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty sent, L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby

Motion to adjourn.

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

ADJOURNMENT: **11:03 AM**