



State of New Hampshire
WATER WELL BOARD



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NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

July 14, 2015

A meeting of the New Hampshire Water Well Board (“Board”) was held on July 14, 2015, in the Department of Environmental Services Building in room 111, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Present were: David Hunt, Chairman
Rene Pelletier, Secretary
Board Members: Steve Guercia, Roger Skillings, and Kelly Dobrowolski
NHDES Staff: Richard Schofield and Katie Murphy

Mr. Hunt brought the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

Administrative Rules

The meeting was called to decide whether the Board will accept a proposal by the Plumbers, Fuel Gas Fitters and HVAC Association of New Hampshire (PFGFHVAC) to participate in a stakeholder meeting with representatives of: PFGFHVAC, the Mechanical Safety and Licensing Board, and the NH Water Well Association, to address concerns with the current rules as proposed. Brandon Kernan, NHDES, was present for the discussion.

Mr. Schofield updated the Board on the June 29, 2015 PFGFHVAC Association meeting he attended with Mr. Kernan, at which the Association stated their opposition to the current rules as proposed. The PFGFHVAC Membership objects to the pump installers license requirement and argues that plumbers can install well pumps under an exemption in RSA 482-B:7, and also under the maintenance and repair clause. The PFGFHVAC Membership also questioned whether licensed pump installers are authorized to do plumbing work inside the foundation, under the law and administrative rules. Similar questions were expressed at the Mechanical Safety and Licensing Board meeting that Mr. Schofield attended in June.

Mr. Schofield informed the Board that he recently spoke with Jeffrey Cyr, Chief Mechanical Inspector of the Mechanical Contractors Program, about the issue of whether a plumber can do an occasional pump replacement under the maintenance and repair clause. The Board considered how to address the concerns of the plumbers. Mr. Kernan brought attention to the requirement that a licensed electrician would need to be present for any electrical work that is associated with installing a new or replacement pump without a pump installer license. Plumbers would benefit from becoming a licensed pump installer because the license would allow them to do the electrical wiring associated with a pump installation.

The Board considered whether to participate in the stakeholder meeting to discuss the benefits and rational for licensing plumbers for pump installation, or to move forward to present the rules to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR). Upon motion by Mr. Skillings, and seconded by Mr. Pelletier, the Board voted to be available to meet with the stakeholders that will be affected by the new licensing rules for pump installers. The Board appointed Ms. Dobrowolski, Mr. Pelletier, and Mr. Guercia, with Mr. Skillings as a back-up if one of the other representatives are unable to attend, to represent the Board at a stakeholder meeting.

New Business

Mr. Schofield presented updates to the proposed rules agreed upon at the previous meeting. The Board requested that Mr. Schofield clarify the new language in We 306.03 regarding the existing employee exemption. All other changes were approved by the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Skillings, and seconded by Mr. Pelletier, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Rene Pelletier
Water Well Board Secretary