



State of New Hampshire
WATER WELL BOARD



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SUMMARY OF ITEMS DISCUSSED

August 26, 2021

The New Hampshire Water Well Board held a meeting on August 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Rooms 110-111 in NHDES office at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. Members of the public, if necessary, could participate in this meeting in person or through a remote meeting software available through a NHDES-provided web service.

Present were: Bart Cushing, Chair

Board Members: Peter Caswell and Rene Pelletier

Scott Costa, Norman Harris, Steve Lamb were absent

DES Staff: Gregory Barker, Andrew Koff, Stephen Roy

Lack of quorum of this meeting allowed for informal topic discussions only. No formal meeting was held under the WWB rules, nor did the attendant board member render decisions on agenda items, complaints or actions.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft Minutes from the June 2021 Board meeting.

Complaints

No new complaints were discussed. The Board discussed the protocol for complaint response, specifically the need to ensure that parties against which complaints are filed should be invited to meetings that review the complaint.

The Board requested and received an update on the response of Streeter and Sons and the issues pertaining to the well and pump installations at Pemigewasset Drive in Conway. The Board requested DES staff to send a letter to Streeter and Sons requesting an update on the status of response of homeowners to site inspections and any upgrades installed or planned at the homes.

DES Enforcement Report

Ms. Emily Jones of NHDES presented a brief summary for the Board on the enforcement actions initiated by DES for violations of RSA 482-B and the rules of the Board, We 100 – 1000. The report included an overview of the violations, DES actions and the status of correspondence in currently active cases.

Ms. Jones reviewed the Nelson/Streeter case and stated that NHDES is seeking further enforcement on the non-licensed well installer.

New License Applications

The Board reviewed three new applications for individuals to take the pump installer/driller exams. The Board suggested to DES staff to schedule the applicants to sit for the exams and they, as a Board, will revisit both the applications and the exam results at their next meeting.

2020-2021 License Renewal Update

Mr. Koff presented a summary of the license renewal status. The Board requested DES staff to provide a summary of the non-renewed licensees at their next Board meeting.

Update on Drought Assistance Program Initiative

Mr. Roy provides an update of the state's Emergency Drought Assistance Program. Mr. Roy informed the Board that the drought assistance program staff and Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund were discussing an expansion of the program to include installation of water quality treatment equipment. The Board provided DES staff some recommendations related to licensing of parties that install treatment system equipment, treatment for Radon, and cost considerations for treatment equipment.

New Business

Mr. Barker stated that the Board is due to elect a new Board Chair, the Board acknowledged that the issue would be moved to their next meeting.

Mr. Roy introduced to the Board Mr. Gregory Barker as DES' new Water Well Program Manager.

Mr. Roy introduced to the Board an email from a licensed pump installer that was attached to the pump installer's license renewal application. Specifically, the licensed pump installer was requesting the Board to waive the license renewal fee for any party over the age of 70 years old. Mr. Cushing stated that he would write a letter to the licensee indicating that the fee was established by state law and not subject to the discretion of the Board.

The meeting ended at 10:41.