

The State of New Hampshire WATER WELL BOARD



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NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2021

The New Hampshire Water Well Board held a meeting on October 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Rooms 112-113 in NHDES office at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. Members of the public, if necessary, could participate in this meeting in person.

Present were: Bart Cushing, Chair

Board Members: Scott Costa, Norman Harris, Steve Lamb, Peter Caswell and

Rene Pelletier

DES Staff: Gregory Barker, Rob Tardif, Dawn Buker, Brandon Kernen

Mr. Cushing brought the Board meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes for the June 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Costa made motion to revise the June minutes to remove Complaint #1 because the complainant never filed a formal complaint nor was the accused notified of the complaint. Mr. Harris seconded the motion to revise the minutes. Discussion ensued and ultimately the Board voted unanimously to revise the June 2021 Board meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Costa to vote on the amended minutes. The Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

New Business

Mr. Cushing moved to modify the agenda, at the suggestion of Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Barker, to bring New Business forward on the agenda. The motion carried with no descent votes.

Election of slate of Board Officers (Chairperson & Secretary)

Mr. Cushing opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Costa nominated Mr. Cushing to be Chairperson and seconded by Mr. Caswell. Mr. Costa nominated Mr. Pelletier for Secretary. Mr. Cushing requested any additional nominations from the floor. With no other nominations put forward, Mr. Cushing closed the nomination process. Mr. Cushing requested a vote on the slate of nominees which carried forward by unanimous vote.

Presentation for Amendment to RSA 485-A:30b

Mr. Rob Tardiff and Ms. Dawn Buker, both of the DES Subsurface Systems Bureau, approached the board over gaining support to amend RSA 485-A:30b. They proposed to conceptually modify the statute so that when drillers are requested to install a well where a septic system exists that an amended septic plan not be required provided the lot septic loading design be maintained. Mr. Tardiff and Ms. Buker discussed with the board the general proposal to have the board be part of the discussions to create final language for a bill. The board entertained much discussion and ultimately supported that a Legislative Service Request go forward to

the senate and that they requested participation in bill language development. A formal motion and vote was not taken, however informal, unanimous support was expressed by all board members.

9:45 – Mr. Pelletier leaves and is replaced by Mr. Brandon Kernen.

10:12 - Mr. Tardiff and Ms. Buker leave the meeting.

Licensing

Mr. Barker described that there were 4 license applications for review. The board first reviewed the application submitted by Mr. Joel F. Banaszak for water well drilling contractor. Based on the level of experience from the application, Mr. Cushing motioned that Mr. Banaszak be denied to sit for the license tests. Mr. Caswell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next applicant was Richard Lane who was applying to become a technical well driller. Mr. Costa motioned that Mr. Lane be allowed to sit for the technical drilling test. Mr. Kernen and Mr. Harris seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Lane to sit for the test.

The next applicant was Zachary Lebel to become a pump installer. Mr. Costa motioned for Mr. Lebel to sit for the pump installer test. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Lebel to sit for the test.

The last applicant was Derek Skillings applying for domestic and industrial pump installers license. Mr. Costa made a motion to allow Mr. Skillings to sit for the tests, once a reference from a licensed pump installer has been submitted. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

2020-2021 License Renewal Update

A list of outstanding license renewals was presented to the board. The board recommended sending letters to specific individuals on the list.

DES Enforcement Report

Mr. Barker provided an overview of the enforcement actions conducted by DES, which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Barker also provided a synopsis of the actions taken by Streeter and Sons for the identified deficiencies at the Pemigewasset Drive, Conway, NH properties.

Old Business

Discussion of well completion reports and compliance ensued. Mr. Barker indicated he could produce a report of numbers of well completion reports submitted electronically for 2021.

Mr. Costa made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cushing seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Rene Pelletier, Water Well Board Secretary