



The State of New Hampshire  
**WATER WELL BOARD**



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Peter W. Caswell, C.W.D. - P.I., *Water Well Contractor*  
Scott Costa, C.W.D. - P.I., *Water Well Contractor*  
Greg Barker, P.G., *NHDES Staff*

Norman Harris, III, W.W.C., *Pump Installer*  
Rene Pelletier, P.G., *Dept. of Environmental Services*  
Steve Lamb, P.G., *Public Member*  
Shane Csiki, *State Geologist*

NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

December 9, 2021

The New Hampshire Water Well Board held a meeting on December 9, 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, Shane Csiki and Stephen Roy  
(sitting in for Rene Pelletier)  
DES Staff: Greg Barker, Rob Tardif, Dawn Buker

*Mr. Cushing brought the Board meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.*

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the Minutes for the October 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Costa seconded this motion. Apart from abstentions by Mr. Csiki and Mr. Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept meeting minutes.

**Licensing**

Mr. Barker described that there were three license applications for review. The board first reviewed the application submitted by Mr. Michael Thomas for pump installer contractor. Based on the documented level of experience being only 2 ½ years from the application, Mr. Harris motioned that Mr. Thomas' application be tabled until he has completed his three years of experience. Mr. Costa seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next applicant was Kevin Prior who was applying to become a pump installer contractor. Mr. Costa motioned that Mr. Prior be allowed to sit for the pump installers test. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Prior to sit for the test.

The last applicant was Curtis King who was applying to become a pump installer. Mr. Costa motioned for Mr. King to sit for the pump installer test. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to allow Mr. King to sit for the test.

Mr. Barker provided a report on license renewals. A list of non-renewed licensees was provided at the October meeting and efforts were made to contact these individuals. Those efforts resulted in 10 renewals and 1 confirmation of retirement. Mr. Cushing notified the board that license holder Patrick Keating (W264) had also retired. That provided a remainder of 24 licensees who had not renewed.

9:20 – Rob Tardiff and Dawn Buker of Subsurface Bureau enter meeting.

**Probation Report**

Mr. Barker indicated no licensees are currently on probation.

**DES Enforcement Report**

Mr. Roy provided an overview of the staff currently involved with DWGB enforcement with the departure of Emily Jones. Eric Skoglund was introduced to the board as the staff member that will be interacting with enforcement issues before the board and that Mr. Barker and Mr. Roy will be supporting enforcement efforts moving forward until DWGB enforcement is fully staffed.

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. All identified deficiencies have been addressed by Streeter and Sons. Mr. Harris made a motion that the board make a determination whether Mr. Streeter had met DES requirements for each of the locations and that a letter of No Further Action be issued. Mr. Costa seconded motion. Mr. Roy amended the motion to stipulate that the letter to Mr. Streeter should emphasize that he (his firm) follow water well board rules in the future. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Harris. Mr. Cushing requested a vote, and the board unanimously supported the motion to issue a letter for No Further Action to Mr. Streeter.

**Old Business****Status of Amendment to RSA 485-A:30b**

Mr. Rob Tardiff and Ms. Dawn Buker, both of the DES Subsurface Systems Bureau, provided a status on this proposed amendment. They have been in discussion with Representative McConkey to attach the modified language to a bill.


**New Business**

Valme/Vanek Well Location Waiver Petition – Petition to the Water Well Board to waive the provisions of 602.12(a) and (b) and 602.15(a). Ashley Valme provided testimony in regards to the reasons for the petition and the chronology of the well and septic system installations. Much discussion and question and answer ensued. Mr. Costa made a motion to grant the waiver and Mr. Roy seconded the motion. Motion was passed by a majority of the board, with Mr. Harris abstaining. Ashley Valme was asked by the board to provide written testimony regarding the Capital Well response. The board also resolved to request a representative from Capital Well come in for an informal interview over this matter.

11:07 – Mr. Tardif and Ms. Buker leave the meeting.

NH DOT Licensing Petition – NH DOT was seeking to have the board waive the licensing requirement, RSA 482-B:5, and create a Memorandum of Agreement to relieve NH DOT of having licensed individuals. Much discussion and question and answer ensued. Mr. Costa made a motion to deny the waiver application and Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Costa, Mr. Harris and Mr. Cushing voted in the affirmative, Mr. Csiki abstained, and Mr. Roy voted to deny the motion. Therefore, the motion to deny the NH DOT a waiver from technical driller licensing was passed and NH DOT's request was denied.

Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Costa seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.



Rene Pelletier, Water Well Board Secretary