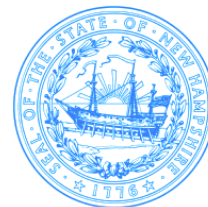




The State of New Hampshire
WATER WELL BOARD



Bart Cushing, *Technical Driller, Chair*
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*
Shane Csiki, *State Geologist*

DRAFT NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

October 13, 2022

The New Hampshire Water Well Board held a meeting on October 13, 2022 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: Peter W. Caswell, Norman Harris, Scott Costa, Shane Csiki and Rene Pelletier
NHDES Staff: Greg Barker
Public: Charles & Lisa Hinsley of Sargent Artesian Wells

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

Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for the June 2022 Board meeting. Mr. Costa made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Caswell seconded this motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion and minutes.

The Board reviewed the Minutes for the August 2022 Board meeting. Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Caswell seconded this motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion and minutes.

Licensing

Mr. Barker introduced a problem that at least two former licensees were having while trying to reestablish their licenses. Two licensees had allowed their licenses to lapse for over a year and due to the length of their careers and owning companies, they no longer had a supervisor reference. When a licensee allows their license to lapse for more than a year, they must reapply for a license and have the board approve the application to be allowed to take the license test. Mr. Hinsley attended this meeting to discuss with the board how to reinstate his license. After much discussion, Mr. Costa made a motion to reinstate Mr. Hinsley's license. Mr. Harris seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously to accept the motion to reinstate the license. Moving forward, the board requested that former licensees in this predicament apply for a waiver rather than reapplying for their license.

Probation Report

No licensees on probation.

NHDES Enforcement Report

No new to actions to report.

Old Business

Mr. Barker presented an overview of the Water Assistance for Natural Disaster (WAND) Impacts to Low-Income Residential Well Owners program. As of the meeting, 36 applications had been fully approved, 8 applications were found ineligible, and 3 applications were under review or pending.

Mr. Barker made the board aware of the potential reintroduction of the 2021-22 session bill NH-667-FN, RSA 482-B Amendment "relative to private well testing". At this point, however, the bill hadn't been provided to Legislative Services, so it was unclear whether the same language would be presented.

New Business

The board implemented its annual officer elections. Mr. Cushing made a request of the board to form a new position of Vice Chair. After discussion, Mr. Pelletier recommended that Mr. Barker discuss this possibility with internal legal counsel. Mr. Cushing opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Costa nominated Mr. Cushing to be Chairperson and seconded by Mr. Harris. Mr. Cushing nominated Mr. Pelletier for Secretary. Mr. Costa seconded the nomination. Mr. Cushing requested a vote on the chair nominee, and the vote was unanimous, confirming Mr. Cushing as the Chairman. Mr. Cushing requested a vote for the secretary, and the vote was also unanimous, confirming Mr. Pelletier as Secretary.



Rene Pelletier, Water Well Board Secretary