

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



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NH WATER WELL BOARD MINUTES

December 8, 2022

The New Hampshire Water Well Board held a meeting on December 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Rooms 112-113 in the 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, Shane Csiki, H. Keith DuBois and Stephen Roy (sitting in for Rene Pelletier) NHDES Staff: Greg Barker

Mr. Cushing brought the Board meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for the October 2022 Board meeting. Mr. Costa made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Csiki seconded this motion. The Board voted unanimously, with Mr. Roy and Mr. DuBois abstaining, to accept the motion and minutes.

Licensing

No applications were ready for review at this time.

Probation Report

No licensees on probation.

NHDES Enforcement Report

No new actions to report. Chairman Cushing brought forth the concern of lack of well reporting of all wells based on calls he had been getting on newer wells during the recent real estate sale uptick. Chairman Cushing also inquired about the status of NHDES enforcement reporting to the Board and that we would like to be kept informed of same as it relates to water well matters as it had been in the past.

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, 66 applications had been received, 34 applications were fully approved, 7 applications were found ineligible, and 25 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, the bill hasn't been provided to Legislative Services. Because of that, the bill text hasn't been formulated, so it was unclear whether the same language would be presented.

New Business

Mr. Barker advised the board of three new LSR's, as follows:

- HB 2023-0458 Title: requiring developers to secure hydrology analysis certifying adequate water capacity and potability when building new subdivisions
- Legislation to permanently fund WAND program (No LSR as yet)
- Reintroduction 2023-0503 HB Title: relative to protective well radii.

Lastly, the following board meetings and license examination dates were agreed to.

202	3 Meeting Dates	
Date	Rooms	
February 8, 2023	208C	Wednesday
April 13, 2023	112 & 113	Thursday
June 7, 2023	208C	Wednesday
August 3, 2023	112 & 113	Thursday
October 11, 2023	208C	Wednesday
December 7, 2023	112 & 113	Thursday

All regularly scheduled meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

2022 Tentative Exam Dates

Date	Rooms	
February 16, 2023	110 & 111	Thursday
April 20, 2023	110 & 111	Thursday
June 15, 2023	110 & 111	Thursday
August 17, 2023	110 & 111	Thursday
October 19, 2023	110 & 111	Thursday
December 14, 2023	110 & 111	Thursday
June 15, 2023 August 17, 2023 October 19, 2023	110 & 111 110 & 111 110 & 111	Thursday Thursday Thursday

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At 10:16, Mr. Cushing requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Costa made the motion for adjournment, and Mr. Csiki seconded this motion. The board voted unanimously to the adjournment motion, with Mr. DuBois abstaining.

Rene Pelletier, Water Well Board Secretary

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