

TOWN OF RUMNEY
HEARING – BLASTING REGULATIONS
MINUTES
MAY 19, 2014

Selectmen: Ed Haskell, Cheryl Lewis, Dan Kimble

Fire Chief: David Coursey

Planning Board: Steve Weber, Carl Spring, David Saad, alternate

Administrative Assistant: Anne Dow

Clerk: Diana Kindell

Public: Bryan Felice, John Bagley, Paul Spring, Gail Sanborn, Tom Wallace, Mike Latulippe, Sue Woods and Atty. Bruce Marshall

Chairman, Ed Haskell opened the hearing at 7:00 pm.

Carl Spring thanked the Board for preparing these regulations.

Atty. Marshall addressed several issues within the regulations:

- Why ½ mile for the pre-blast survey? It is usually 1000'.
- Questioned keeping these records for 5 years as they are usually videos of inside of people's homes and not released – the homeowner would have to sign off.
- Why 30 days' notice of the pre-blast survey – many times blasts are scheduled in less time than that?
- Monitoring devices within a ½ mile area – the Fire Chief can request one for any location where there may be a vibration. Again should be the 1000'.
- Overnight storage – the State and Federal regulations require guarding any site where loaded shots are left overnight.
- Overseeing the blast – concerned for safety – that only MSHA certified people can be allowed within a blast area. The blaster is responsible for safety.
- Waiver – concerned that smaller shots require as much if not more oversight than the open faced shots as the vibration can be larger with the only relief upward. The better approach would be to waive certain aspects of the permit, but not the permit. There would be no record of the blast.
- Post-Blast survey – It is better to rely on home owners to report problems. The survey takes time and space – any problems would be investigated.

David Saad noted the blast notification to town offices “the previous day” could be less than the 24 hour requirement. A notice could be sent at 5 pm for a morning blast the following day.

He further noted the application calls for 1000' – not ½ mile – must be consistent. David further questioned “the Board” inspecting a site for a waiver, which would constitute a meeting.

Steve Weber inquired in to the fee process – is it an administrative fee for the Fire Chief and what if a police detail was required? The police detail would be a separate fee.

All suggestions will be reviewed. The regulation was not signed at this meeting.

At 7:40 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Cheryl Lewis and agreed to be all.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell

Clerk