

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
March 16, 2021

In attendance: John Rescigno, Tony Albert, Ron Madan and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant - AA)

John called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Meeting with Fire Chief Coursey

The Select Board was supposed to meet with Chief Coursey regarding gas permits. He said that he makes copies and gives one to the installer and one to the home owner. Some insurance companies have been asking for this. He said he also takes copy of their license to make sure it is the correct license.

The oil side is similar to the gas. The State of NH puts this out and will be updating this soon. There is a copy that has to go next to the boiler.

They are getting stricter with the gas stuff since there have been some deaths and accidents with homeowners installing appliances and stuff themselves. Gas is becoming more popular.

The Town has created a permit to install and operate LP and/or Natural Gas equipment, a Permit to operate a place of assembly and copies of the State of NH permit to install and operate oil burning equipment. He said the best way to do it is a public hearing to adopt the permits in compliance with RSA 153:5. Rumney has adopted this. Tony feels Groton should adopt this.

Chief Coursey charges \$40 for the permit and they usually give him a check to the Town. Then every three months he submits a bill to the Town for his time. Tony asked if he would be willing to do this for Groton and he could include mileage. Tony said that John doesn't do them and Hebron doesn't do gas so Tony has been taking care of them but since he is a Selectmen, he would like someone else to handle it. Chief Coursey said we could do an add on to the current contract with Rumney Fire. John said we could also make him an employee of the Town. Chief Coursey said that he doesn't know how Rumney would feel about this but he can bring it up at the next meeting and see what they would prefer. Tony said we could also pay him per hour to cover his time and the mileage whether it is through the contract or as an employee of the Town. Groton doesn't expect him to do this for free and is willing to pay for this. They asked if he would be okay with \$50/hr. If he was an employee of the Town, he could be a safety inspector or something like that and then he could do other inspections for the Town, like MIT, etc.

Chief Coursey said that most companies are really good at meeting him or letting him know when he is running late but when he is dealing with home owners only is where sometimes there are problems.

Chief Coursey also mentioned the release form if the private road condition doesn't allow the fire or ambulance to get up there. Sara explained that we do require the release form per RSA 674:41 which we have all owners on private roads or class VI roads sign any time they do a new building permit which also is recorded at Grafton County Registry of Deeds. We have been doing this for a few years. John said NHMA states we do not have to go back to those that weren't recorded in the past but must make sure these forms are on file now and are recorded with Grafton County now. Chief said that makes him feel better about some of the properties in Town.

Chief Coursey said that he would like to run this by Rumney Selectmen and get back to us with what they think is best. Once this is done, we can set up the public hearing and reach out to the oil/gas companies with his contact information.

Meeting with Bubba

Bubba met with the Select Board to go over the following:

- There were more heating issues at the Town Garage. The furnace died. Alan Monroe came out to look at it. The hot air furnace is \$4,600.00 and new boiler would be \$6,500.00 which would include all duct work, etc. There will be a duct in where the oil tank is, in the bathroom and up to the office. This would be oil like before and we can use the same exhaust that is in there. The Select Board is okay with moving forward with the hot air furnace. Bubba will let them know and this should be done this week.
- Bubba thinks we should start reaching out to the State Park about them having some type of ranger at Sculptured Rocks State Park to monitor the amount of people, the parking, have a porta potty, clean up the trash, etc. The amount of people visiting has increased and should be monitored like Wellington. The Select Board agreed we should reach out to the State regarding these concerns starting in April before the traffic starts.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:54pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant