

MINUTES
Town of Blowing Rock
Town Council Meeting
August 24, 2021

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council met for an emergency meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss COVID-19 and potential action. The meeting took place at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street Blowing Rock, NC. Present were Mayor Charlie Sellers, Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Sweeting and Council Members Albert Yount, David Harwood, Doug Matheson, Virginia Powell, Town Manager Shane Fox, Police Chief Aaron Miller, Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, Public Works and Utilities Director Matt Blackburn and Town Clerk Hilari Hubner who recorded the minutes.

Mayor Sellers advised Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Sweeting called the meeting. He stated for the record he was opposed to holding this emergency meeting as he felt it was too short of notice for the public to be able to attend the meeting. He felt this is an important situation that affects everyone, and Council works for the citizens and giving a 48-hour notices gives people more of an opportunity to attend the meeting to be able to speak their mind.

Council met to discuss the influx of COVID cases due to the Delta Variant of the virus and options for restrictions inside the Town limits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sweeting made a motion to in-act a mandatory mask mandate for the city limits of Blowing Rock beginning Friday August 27th at 5:00 p.m. with a two week “grace period” to educate the public and began enforcement on Friday September 10th at 5:00 p.m. The motion also included a detailed state of emergency declaration to be posted at Town Hall as well as sent to the Town’s “Sunshine” list. The motion was seconded by Council Member Matheson. Unanimously approved. **State of Emergency Declaration – Attachment A**

Council discussed employee vaccination and weekly COVID testing. Council Member Matheson made a motion to continue the employee incentive of \$150 or three (3) days off for fully vaccinated, seconded by Council Member Yount. Mayor Sellers called a special meeting to be held on September 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss COVID.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem Sweeting made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Council Member Powell.

MAYOR _____
Charlie Sellers

ATTEST _____
Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk

Attachments

State of Emergency Declaration – Attachment A