

MINUTES
Town of Blowing Rock
Town Council Meeting
September 7, 2021

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council met for a special meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 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.

Council met to get an update COVID cases due to the Delta Variant of the virus and options for employee vaccination and weekly testing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sweeting made a motion that unvaccinated Town employees have three choices; 1. get vaccinated, 2. be tested weekly for COVID or 3. if the employee refuses the first two options be terminated. To be effective September 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with weekly testing beginning the week of September 13th, seconded by Council Member Matheson.

After a lengthy discussion the motion stood. For: Mayor Pro-Tem Sweeting, Council Members Matheson and Harwood. Against: Council Members Powell and Yount. Motion passed.

Council Member Powell stated to Mayor Sellers she would like to announce her resignation from Town Council effective September 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Sellers advised he was disappointed in Council Member Powell's decision, but understood she needed to do what she felt was right for her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. Council Member Harwood stated pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11. (a)(5) discussion of potential property acquisition, seconded by Council Member Powell.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tem Sweeting made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Council Member Powell.

MAYOR _____
Charlie Sellers

ATTEST _____
Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk