

Agenda Summary

June 22, 2020

Agenda Item No. 3-C-6

Face Covering Resolution Extension

Summary: At your 5/26/20 meeting the Selectboard adopted the enclosed Selectboard Face Covering Resolution which expires on 6/25/20 unless extended by the Selectboard. This time has been set aside to see if the Selectboard desires to extend the requirement requiring face coverings in public buildings.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to adopt the enclosed Selectboard Face Covering Resolution extending it until the Selectboard rescinds, suspends or the Governor lifts the State of Emergency, whichever comes first.

Stowe Selectboard Resolution

Regarding Face Coverings

WHEREAS, Governor Scott and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development have issued the following instructions in conjunction with the Governor's executive orders regarding COVID-19:

“Employees must wear face coverings when in the presence of others. In the case of retail cashiers, a translucent shield or sneeze guard is acceptable in lieu of a mask. Businesses and non-profit and government entities may require customers or clients to wear mask while on their premises,” and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised “Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance,” and

WHEREAS, the Stowe Selectboard desires to add their voice encouraging the community to follow the Governor's executive orders regarding COVID-19 and to promote community acceptance of wearing face coverings to help protect the public health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, Stowe business and community leaders have developed the *Stowe Promise* which the Selectboard has voted to support. It recognizes “A responsible and phased re-start is critical for the recovery of our local communities on all fronts.” It also recognizes *best practices* which includes “wearing a face mask in the presence of others (or use sneeze guards at counters),” and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that employees are required and people entering municipal buildings are required to wear a face-coverings or an acceptable substitute when in the presence of others except if it is not recommended by the CDC, or while eating/drinking. Other places that accommodate the public are required to do the same.

While it is recognized that compliance is mandatory for employees, it is also recognized that there is no enforcement mechanism requiring residents or visitors to wear a face covering. The intent is to set the example and to encourage voluntary cooperation, not confrontation.

This Resolution Regarding Face Coverings shall remain in effect until the Stowe Selectboard amends, rescinds, or suspends this Order or until the Governor declares an end to the COVID-19 state of Emergency in Vermont, whichever comes first.