

Agenda Summary

September 13, 2021

Agenda Item No. 4-E

Mask in Municipal Buildings & Vehicles Discussion

Summary: This time has been set aside to discuss if the Selectboard wants to reinstitute requiring mask in Town of Stowe owned buildings and vehicles. Vermont Digger reported, “Health Commissioner Mark Levine recommended all Vermonters consider wearing masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, at a press conference.” In a subsequent Vermont Digger article indicated, “Governor Scott has indicated that all executive branch employees will have to attest to the fact that they are vaccinated or be subject to masking requirements.”

The Governor’s Office and/or the State Health Department has not mandated masks throughout Vermont. The State Administration has opined that local legislative bodies may require mask in municipal buildings and vehicles. However, they may not require masks in non-municipal buildings or vehicles, but you could encourage it. Vail has indicated they are requiring masks indoors.

Some municipal buildings have more members of the general public coming into them than others. Also, it should be noted that children under the age of 12 are not yet eligible for vaccination and some of our municipal employees have children that age or under.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move to require mask in the presence of others (within six feet) for Town of Stowe buildings and vehicles that house municipal employees except if the person is physically exerting themselves.