

**Kennebunkport Short Term Rental Meeting**  
**32 North Street, Kennebunkport Fire Dept Meeting Room**  
**October 9, 2018**

**Committee members in attendance:** Linda Flint, Werner Gilliam, Susan Hill, Ann Hand, Bill Junker, Jane Evelyn

Minutes for 9/25/18 - discussion and approved.

Approximately 20 members of the public were in attendance to offer public comment regarding the topic of short-term rentals. The topic for this meeting was a continued discussion on a proposed public survey. At a previous meeting the first 7 questions were discussed. The goal for this evening was to finish reviewing the remaining questions. Survey availability was discussed with it being generally understood that surveys would be available via the website, hardcopies at town hall etc.

After much discussion regarding all 24 questions the survey was reduced to 9 questions with questions #5, #7, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24 voted to be stricken.

The remaining questions with assistance and input from the public were reworded with the intent of gathering facts regarding public experience with Short Term rentals vs. opinions. Werner was to take the comments on the questions and rework the survey and bring it back to the committee for comment.

Once the discussion surrounding the survey questions was completed the public was able to discuss other concerns that they had. Concerns ranged from a lack of data for substantiated complaints to concerns that the Board of Selectmen be made aware that citizens had significant concerns over the perceived need to regulate short term rentals. Committee members explained that the committee's charge was to review the issues surrounding short term rentals and then report to Selectmen. Parking was a concern that was also discussed. Some off-street areas are permitted to have overnight parking while other areas in town do not. Regulating on street parking on private vs public roads was discussed. Town does not regulate parking on private roads, it is left up to an association to decide how they wish to handle the issue. There was also discussion regarding the availability of staff work related to identifying current properties operating short term rentals. It was reported that research done by staff was performed by reviewing the primary online service providers data.

Numerous property owners shared their own personal experiences with being operators of short-term rentals and discussed the need for significant renovations to attract renters. Many owners utilize local services such as cleaners, laundry services, etc. Discussion was also had that having the option to rent out their home in the summer short term would allow for people of a more moderate-income desiring to live in Kennebunkport be able to afford to live permanently in the town.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM. Next meeting to be held October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

