

Town of Kennebunkport

Short Term Rental Committee

09/25/2018 5pm at 32 North St

Committee members in attendance: Werner, Bill, Susan, Ann, Linda

Handouts to Committee and the public included: DRAFT Survey questions, Letter from Keith Zacarin property owner, Letter from Jason Schlosser representative from TurnKey.

Meeting began with comments from the public generally concerned with communication regarding meeting times and dates, meetings not being televised, and the recent cancellation of the most recent meeting. Werner explained that meetings are posted on the town calendar, and that many other ad-hoc committee meetings are not televised, although due to the significant interest in this subject should this discussion be held to a greater depth televising them would be considered. Re iterated that this was an adhoc committee formed at the request of the selectmen to look at the issue of whole house short term rentals with the intent of reporting to the selectmen towards the end of the year of their findings.

The public consisted of folks who identified themselves as property owners who owned rental property in Kennebunkport or elsewhere. During the public discussion of the meeting many comments discussed these points:

- Specific things that they require of their renters such as occupancy limits, no large parties, etc.
- The positive impact of short-term renters regarding the local economy
- Hotels appear to be full, short term rentals fill a niche in the vacation rental market that the hotels do not address.
- Most guests are reported to be respectful and family oriented.
- Goose Rocks beach has historically been a short-term rental community
- Regulations on short term rentals would affect property owners negatively if too restrictive.
- Many took issue with the draft document minimum stay requirements felt that enforcement would be difficult

The committee then moved on and began discussing the DRAFT survey questions that Werner provided. The survey in its current form consists of 24 questions. The committee discussed the

merits of 7 of the 24 questions, accepted public feedback, and made modifications to some of those questions.

The public voiced concern that the questions appeared to be skewed towards assuming that there were problems with short term rentals. Concerns were also voiced regarding the length of the survey and suggestions were made that the survey should consist of between 8 to 10 questions. Some members of the public voiced an opinion that the survey should only be distributed to residents and property owners.

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 6:40 with discussion by the committee regarding next meeting dates. Werner agreed to poll the members regarding future dates for setting the schedule.