

Post Meeting Precis STR Subcommittee 07-09-2020

- Meeting called to order promptly at 4:30 07.09.2020
- In attendance: Elizabeth Craig, Clayton Kirking, Loretta Hoffman, Linda Swartz, Linda Reardon
- EC suggested since so many committeemembers unable to attend this session, and since we are also still waiting for complete committee participation in internal questionnaire, we could keep the business of this meeting limited to old business of Subcommittee Mission. General agreement amongst the group.
 - Committee members agree that focusing on lists or details of specific regulations or specific STRs in town at this point is “putting the cart before the horse”, but we think we’re getting close to being ready to get started on both of these projects.
 - Noted that a written Mission Statement will give clarity about direction, and make it easier to move forward.
- OLD BUSINESS: Mission of STR Subcommittee
 - EC reported that she reviewed all Town Board minutes relating to creation of Subcommittee, and there is no clear written directive for the work of the Subcommittee, beyond letter to Board from Zoning Commission.
 - Review EC’s first draft of Mission of this subcommittee:
 - EC suggested should also include a charge to be guided by spirit and intent of 2009 Comprehensive Plan for Town of Taghkanic, even though STRs not mentioned in Plan.
 - Otherwise, Mission generally approved as a working draft, with the addition as noted above of reference to Comprehensive Plan.
 - At our previous meeting Carl and Christine had both said they were willing to edit and/or write up this mission statement, but since both were unable to attend this meeting, Linda S. agreed to review and edit in time for EC to present it for review by Town Board at Board meeting on 07.13.202
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - EC shared very general overview of results to date of questionnaire to committee members; there is some consensus emerging and as soon as all committee members have responded she will create a big chart to share with Subcommittee.
 - As Susan was unable to attend this meeting, EC shared that Susan had emailed to say that she encountered same difficulty as EC in contacting Host Compliance, but that Susan intends to continue to make an effort to request a presentation by Host Compliance. EC noted that it may be that HC’s insistence on an email address with a “.gov” ending might suggest that they will only be willing to make a presentation to the Board itself, and Linda S. reminded EC that several members of the Zoning Commission (including LS) had already attended the Host Compliance presentation to Ancram’s town government. Perhaps we should ask Linda and another member of Taghkanic’s Zoning Commission to attend one of our upcoming meetings to speak directly to the whole Subcommittee in re: this matter. In any case, this should also be brought to the attention of the Town Board, and we might also try to get more information about what progress is being made at the County level, before we proceed further in trying to contact Host Compliance. We will address this again at our next meeting, hopefully with all in attendance.
 - Should we set a different time for meetings in future? General agreement that the 4:30 time slot is not preferable to 7:30, but 7:00 would be a little easier.
- Next meeting Thursday July 23rd at **7:00 pm**; all meetings thereafter at 7:00, 60-90 minutes in length
- Closed meeting at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by Elizabeth Craig 07.12.2020