

Minutes 12th STR Subcommittee Meeting 12.3.2020

- The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.
- Participants were Elizabeth Craig, Christine Hinz, Clayton Kirking, Donay Queenan, Susan Raymond. Attending were Cheryl Rogers and Linda Swartz.
- Motion was made to approve the minutes of the 11th STR Subcommittee meeting held on November 19, 2020. Motion was unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Elizabeth Craig mentioned the STR Regulation Summary-by towns spreadsheet prepared by Linda Reardon and shared with Subcommittee members.
 - Elizabeth Craig recommended that discussion regarding the Spreadsheet be postponed until the next STR Subcommittee meeting (12.17.20). This is to provide subcommittee members opportunity to comment, add, delete or reformat the document.
- Elizabeth Craig noted that Ryan Skoda was approached for guidance on how to interact with the County leaders.
- Elizabeth Craig recommended the Draft Regulations be submitted to the Town Board in its current draft form prior to its next meeting.
 - Susan Raymond recommended that that the regulation regarding distance between STRs be amended to be no less than one mile. This would potentially reduce traffic, noise and vacancy issues. Susan also noted an option of a quota of houses with five miles. She provided an example of the proliferation of STRs in the area of List By Pass and along County Rte 27 just passed Rte. 11 (4 known)
 - Elizabeth Craig offered another approach of permitting a % of properties within a given area.
 - Clayton Kirking stated that other towns have limitations on the number of STRs permitted in a given areas.
 - Donay Queenan proposed a lottery process to establish equity in permit approval when and if an STR "cluster" area is determined.
- Elizabeth Craig noted the following will be added to the agenda of the next meeting:
 1. STR quotas and lotteries
 2. Sunset period
 3. Party house regulations
- Susan Raymond inquired as to whom townspeople would complain regarding violations of STR Regulations.
 - Elizabeth Craig noted that would be a determination to be made by the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Elizabeth Craig noted the following concerns with the composition of the STR Subcommittee:
 - a. Carol Russoff resigned from the Subcommittee with regrets.
 - b. The Subcommittee is now down to seven (7) members.
 - c. Both Carl Mulert and Ben Feldman have difficulty attending meetings as scheduled due to other engagements.
 - d. Can the Subcommittee maintain a quorum for future meetings.
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- Linda Swartz shared that the Zoning Board rules state members three (3) absences lose their seat on the Board.
- Elizabeth Craig proposed considering either an attendance requirement to maintain a seat on the Subcommittee or finding a new day/time that is more conducive to meeting. It was decided that Tuesday and Wednesday would be considered as possible alternatives.
- Donay Queenan noted her inability to attend the 12.17.2020 Subcommittee meeting.
- Christine Hinz discussed her outline for a condensed public presentation of the STR Regulations proposal:
 - Provide an overview to the Town to include
 - Thought process in building of the laws;
 - Process for communication;
 - Mission Statement;
 - Glossary of terms
 - Elizabeth Craig agreed that there will be a Town STR survey before the presentation; broad stroke comments to be used during presentations.
 - The presenters will be Elizabeth Craig and Carl Mulert, however, all should be available to respond to questions.
- Elizabeth Craig noted the preference for a hybrid meeting; Zoom and in-person.
 - Susan Raymond noted technical issues prevalent with the Zoom meetings.
 - Elizabeth Craig mentioned additional extension cords
 - Donay Queenan mentioned purchasing additional microphones.
 - Linda Swartz reminded the Subcommittee that this presentation is NOT a public hearing but a public information meeting.
- Elizabeth Craig recommended that the STR survey be sent to residents January 2021 and the tax records address will be used to ensure town “snowbirds” also receive the survey.
- Elizabeth Craig recommended March 2021 for the Town public info presentation.
- Elizabeth Craig stated that she had yet to schedule a meeting with Granicus but will propose a set of questions to be asked and share them with Susan Raymond.

- Susan Raymond recommended that at least three (3) companies be investigated for future webinar presentation.
- Donay Queenan noted her concern with the difference in dollar penalties assigned to STR owners and non-owners.
 - Elizabeth Craig recommended looking instead at a % of nightly rate rather than a set dollar amount.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm (pls. confirm)
Submitted 12.12.20 by Donay Queenan (added by EC)