

Town of Wolfeboro  
Short Term Rental Subcommittee  
Planning Board  
Monday  
May 3, 2021

Present: Geordy Hutchinson (remotely), Peter Cooke, Cindy Melanson, John Thurston, Brad Harriman (representing the BOS of Selectmen), Susan Repplier, Tavis Austin, Kathy Barnard

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM in the Great Hall.

The minutes of April 12, 2021 were reviewed. There was a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. All present except for two members (Cindy Melanson and Brad Harriman who abstained) voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

The next item on the agenda was for members of the public to make comments.

Mr. Fergus, Mr. Coco, the owner of the pottery shop on North Main Street, Audrey Klein, and a new property owner all expressed their comments on the issue.

The committee then reviewed other information received since the public hearing.

Tavis then reported on his review of filling out a form if you have a short-term rental.

This was tried in Conway, but the voters did not see the wisdom of registering these rentals.

Tavis then asked the committee what issue are we trying to address. If it is about noise and other actions requiring action by the police? Also, how do we want to address the issue of "short-term rental" from a timing issue.

It seemed to be an agreement within the committee that the short-term rental issue should be 30 days. There was also a discussion about grandfathering. Tavis felt that if there is a new regulation everyone would be treated the same and there would be no grandfathering.

The Town would be looking a permissive regulations if we were to adopt new requirements.

There was a discussion about NHMA (New Hampshire Municipal Association) and their thoughts on this issue. Some thought we need to find out from our attorney what we can do and cannot do.

The next committee meeting, the committee members all felt it was important to decide how we want to proceed, what is enforceable due to the limited staff we have, consider the jobs lost due to the lack of services, safety issues, how do we deal with the "commercial" aspect of this type of activity, how do we protect our residential neighborhoods from this activity and how do we protect individual property owners rights.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 17, 2021, 10:00 AM in the Great Hall.

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by Kathy Barnard

