

**Town of Germantown  
Short Term Rental Committee  
04/26/2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Members in attendance:**

Jan Borchert - Chair  
Sarah Suarez  
Janet Groh Crawford  
Maggie Goudsmit  
Laura Sink  
Molly McClarnon  
Eli Berkowitz  
Genette Picicci (joined later)  
Rachel Levine  
Garrett Montgomery

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting  
Minutes prepared by Laura Sink & Rachel Levine

Chairperson Jan opened the meeting at approximately 7:03 pm.

Official monthly meeting time: 4th Monday of every month @7 pm

**Announcements:**

- > Misc. admin
- > Google Drive link on Town website.
- > Meeting date: 4th Monday of the month, at 7 pm.
- > CC Board of Supervisors Special Meeting - Occupancy Charge Review, on Youtube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74K8vFCIP2Y&ab\\_channel=ColumbiaCountyBoardofSupervisors](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74K8vFCIP2Y&ab_channel=ColumbiaCountyBoardofSupervisors)

[On April 29th at 5 pm](#)

**Approval of meeting minutes**

**Short-presentations of STR regulation in other communities**

Sarah - presenting on Woodstock. A citizen led committee (different than others)

- They do not allow in residential areas (doesn't think that's applicable necessarily to Germantown but is drastic)
- Permitting, regulation wise, days allowed per year - 180 nights per year. Yearly fire & safety inspections. Non- owner occupied STR can rent for less than owner occupied. Woodstock does allow owner occupied, must have a host. Requires host to have copies of local laws, differentiate from others. They limit the number of STRs that are allowed in Woodstock.

**Discussion of opportunities, chances, threats: Issues that we really want to address in this process**

**Path forward**

**Questions to Granicus**

**5 minutes of public comment: no public comment.**

The committee formed a working group to put together a questionnaire and prepare a table at the Town wide yard sale on May 15th, 2021 to interview residents: Molly, Janet, Maggie, Laura, Eli

Motion to adjourn by Janet, Seconded by Laura.

**Meeting Ended at 8:12 pm.**