

**Town of Germantown
Short Term Rental Committee
07/26/2021 Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Jan Borchert - Chair	Molly McClarnon
Sarah Suarez	Christina Bohnsack
Stefania Maruniak (via zoom)	Eli Berkowitz
Laura Sink	Genette Picicci

Location: Town Hall and Virtual Zoom Meeting

Minutes prepared by Laura Sink

Chairperson Jan opened the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm.

Meeting Minutes from June:

No additional changes. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Sarah, seconded by Molly.

Updates on Subcommittees:

- What our neighbors are doing: will add additional towns outside of Columbia county next
- Owner occupied: not here
- Germantown Research: research concluded last time.
- State Research, Affordable Housing & Gentrification: Conclusion update (from Rachel) Comprehensive Plan first. Budgeted to revisit zoning in 2022 in Germantown.
- Make a snapshot from each subcommittee on drive

Subcommittee Work products:

Goal is that every subcommittee creates a one-pager (or similar) of concrete outcomes to be shared with the public on the committee website. Design, length, content is up to the subcommittee.

Update from Economic Development Committee (Sarah Gaskins)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rQ3oNx-zpSqtNxvIGAqoC5ZEubnvPDdh/view?usp=sharing>

Community Workshop / Public Forum Design

Create an event where we can engage the public and give opportunity for the community to be heard in this process. Question: will a comprehensive plan update be necessary to change the zoning? The answer might impact the approach to stakeholder engagement. Sarah will ask the town lawyer to get an answer.

Sarah offered to host the event, but would like input on organizing it.

Objectives of the Recommendation:

What do we want to preserve / What do we want to curb? How do we approach defining the objectives? Group discussion: let's collectively work on defining the objectives at our next meeting.

Homework: Write a concrete objective of what our recommendations shall achieve.

Next Meeting 08/30/21: working session “goals of recommendation”

Public Comment: No comments from the public.

Motion to adjourn by Molly, seconded by Laura.

Meeting Ended at 08:05 pm.