

**Town of Germantown
Short Term Rental Committee
01/24/2022 Meeting Minutes**

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Minutes prepared by Laura Sink.

Chairperson Jan opened the meeting at approximately 7:02 pm.

Members in attendance:

Jan Borchert - Chair
Stefania Maruniak
Maggie Goudsmit

Molly McClarnon
Sarah Suarez
Laura Sink
Christina Bohnsack

Meeting Minutes from October:

Laura makes a motion to approve, Stefania seconds.

Fire Department Presentation / Concerns:

Douglas Pearson from Fire Dept presents & answers questions. (See attachment A)

Subcommittee reports:

Review the list of what Molly has started as a recap.

Stefania presented the beginning of a spreadsheet of surrounding towns.

Red Hook STR Public Hearing Comments:

Laura gave a review of Red Hook STR Law Meeting

Link to video:

Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STQMXG5oRml&ab_channel=PANDATV23

Part 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTJKhSF-oZE&ab_channel=PANDATV23

Discussion Regarding Presenting Goals to the Public or waiting until we had more concrete Regulation outline:

When should we start hearing from our community? Let's gather more data research and ask specific questions. Use LWRP recent study as guidance.

Narrowing Down our Terms to Define:

To help move forward, everyone in attendance agreed to focus and narrow down our Terms to Define.

Christina makes a motion to close the meeting, Stefania seconds. Meeting ends at 8:08 pm.

Attachment A

Douglas Pearson from Germantown Fire Department Notes:

His concern:

- little units / tiny houses
- accessibility of large trucks to small / tiny houses that are “popping up” everywhere
- materials (what are these structures made of? Combustibles inside?)
- heating / what type
- septic system? - reason: a few tons of fire trucks can collapse septic
- escape doors?
- equipped with fire extinguishers / fire alarms?

Have building inspector involved: he knows better of the building regulations.

Some trucks are 2 tons - 90% in Germantown is clay. Permitted driveway is necessary so a fire truck can get there.

Escape routes and emergency exits is most important thing

Smoke detectors / fire extinguishers - fire alarms would be hard wired into 911. If there is something wrong, 911 would notify us. They would also be notified when detectors go off due to steamy shower, hot oven etc if that happens.

If there is any type of rentals: emergency exits, doors, fire extinguishers and alarms. Access to the location.

Keys when renters are not there? Keys to the residence / gate. How far would the person need to be (key holder) - ideal if the individual with the keys lived on premise. A neighbor could be key holder. most distance: 30 minute, but if there's a fire they won't wait 30 minutes but will instead go inside. What if its your house and the owner is at dinner? How does it work if it burns? Ideal all houses have 911 sign. 911 signs are not expensive - contact FDP.

Accountability sheets: if there are multiple people there / renting spaces. Who are the clients / temp residents plus phone numbers.

Walk throughs:

- Doug would definitely suggest a walkthrough for the tiny places and the bnbs. The fire dp can pick up on things that normal people don't expect. How have the rooms been constructed / where is the fire alarms / heating system etc. Yearly walkthrough.

Paper version of location map. Label rental structures A, B, C.

Fire safety for outdoor fire pits and fire places? -

- include burn ban times.
- bon fires - as long as you notify 911 that you have a controlled burn. What type of piles are you burning - how high is that going. Go on columbia dispatch 911 control burns list.

What kind of information should be displayed - least thing is an information sheet for renters:
What should go on there? What to do in an emergency?

Information sheets

- -call 911
- -exits
- -fire extinguishers
- -burn bans
- -bon fire regulations