

**Town of Germantown
Short Term Rental Committee
08/22/2022 Meeting Minutes**

Location: Town Hall / Virtual Zoom Meeting

Minutes prepared by Laura Sink.

Chairperson Jan opened the meeting at approximately 6:05 pm.

Members in attendance:

Jan Borchert - Chair
Rachel Levine
Maggie Goudsmit

Laura Sink (remote)
Christina Bohnsack

New Rule that each individual that is remote must note on the minutes.

Rachel makes a motion to approve last month's minutes, Laura seconds.

Discussion on Total Number / Cap on STRs

- Large discussion on if accessory structures should be included in number, and how we might differentiate
- 848 total dwellings in Germantown (based on real property)
- 43 listings according to AirDNA
- Discussion on percentage - 5-6 percent.
- Decided 6% which is 50 / 848 dwellings - this allows room for inaccuracies in numbers, and allows all existing Airbnbs to operate.

Draft Review

- Discussion on vacation exemption. Maggie believes this should be removed, and anyone on Airbnb should be consistently accountable. Christina suggests a form that indicates dates that a vacation exemption will take place, and utilizes the handbook & checklist.
- Brandon joins discussion in person at 7:21 pm
- Farm stay inspections & sanitary needs to be reviewed by CEO
- Discussion about how to include farm stay structures in written local zoning law.
- Definition of "cabin" "tiny homes" "tents"
- Look up zoning and building codes for campsites and seasonal cabins
- Rachel questions 1 STR per person and how it affects those that have more. Amnesty period or for a 3 year period?

Host Handbook Review

- Reviewed and made small revisions

Next Steps

- Handbooks
- Self Certification forms
- Laura to call additional town CEOs to find out about campground, farmstay inspections.
- Reviewing one more time, review by email.

Public Comment

None

Motion to close the meeting made by Christina. Maggie seconds. Meeting ends at 8:22.