

**Town of Germantown
Short Term Rental Committee
11/01/2022 Meeting Minutes**

Location: Town Hall / Virtual Zoom Meeting / Special Meeting

Minutes prepared by Laura Sink.

Chairperson Jan opened the meeting at approximately 5:05 pm.

Members in attendance:

Jan Borchert - Chair
Molly
Maggie

Laura Sink
Rachel Levine
Christina

Molly makes a motion to approve minutes. Maggie seconds.

Review STR draft comments

- Approve suggested changes from last draft
- “The lottery”:
 - Vote to keep the lottery as the proposed method of assigning STR permits vs first-come-first-serve priority for STR permit holders.
 - Majority of the committee votes to keep the lottery.
 - Asterisk note to explain the dissent between lottery & first come first serve, and that it was a narrow majority.
 - The main concern with lottery is it puts investments made by current STR owners at risk without a guarantee to continue in the long run. Concern about first-come-first-serve is that it excludes parts of the community that are not currently renting out parts of their property.
- Longer amnesty period for owners of multiple STRs:
 - Decision to increase the amnesty period as an option for multiple STR owners from 18 months to 3 years (duration of one full permit term)

Molly makes a motion to approve the draft and send it to the lawyer and Town Board for Review. Laura Seconds. All in favor except Rachel.

- **Rachel’s Dissent:**
 - Some limitations she does not agree to. She recommends further analysis of the metric used for the percentage allowed and the inclusion only of single family residencies only.
 - Rather than the lottery, she would prefer to see the zoning law change and STRs permitted by special use permit and have approval through the town planning board and ZBA.

Motion made by Laura to cancel November & December meetings. Seconded by Christina.

Next Steps

- Review Maggie's Handbook at the next, January meeting

Public Comment

Kaare made a grammatical suggestion

Motion to close the meeting made by Molly. Christina seconds. Meeting ends at 5:46.