

October 16, 2023

Buckland Town Hall, 17 State St., Buckland

### Meeting Agenda

1. Review and discuss town counsel's recommendation regarding short term rentals (STR's).
2. Presentation preparation for October 17 public hearing and information session.
3. Other topics unanticipated by Chair(s) 48 hours in advance
4. Adjourn meeting

### Attendees - Town Hall

John Gould, co-chair  
Andrea Donlon, member  
Jon Wyman, member  
Mariel Olcoz, member  
Adriana Isaza-Geary, member

Co-chair John Gould opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

### Items

1. Discussed the building inspectors role of overseeing short term rentals (STR's) that are pre-existing.
  - A. Whole house versus portions of houses are in question.
  - B. Inspectors rely on the Board of Health to report on issues.
2. Reviewed requirements for existing registered pre-existing STR's and how they can continue as is unless;
  - A. There is a change of ownership,
  - B. There is a lapse of use (stop usage as a STR),
  - C. Failure to comply with another part of the bylaw.
3. As an option, sunseting was discussed with a six month registration timeline.
4. Member Donlon will prepare a new slide for the presentation on existing STR's that have gone through the registration process which are allowed, but legal counsel said that should be identified as legally permitted. Pre-existing STR's should register by a certain date in order to continue as a STR.
5. The cut-off date is the first publication date of the public hearing. All STR's should be registered/permitted prior to this date.
6. Previously permitted STR's are the primary reason to allow existing STR's to continue use.
7. Member Hoberman will be in charge of coordinating the Section 7 - Flood Plain bylaw (FPB) presentation. The new FPB will be presented on screen and have the prior version as handouts with revisions and strike throughs. There are 10 pages in the presentation.

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8. The changes to the Section 8-4c, Trailer and Mobile Home bylaw were discussed. It was voted to add "within a year" after the line "sixty consecutive days." Member Wyman moved and Member Isaza-Geary seconded.
9. A general bylaw will be needed as a functional part of the STR bylaw, and needs to be worked on. The STR informational meeting has a lot of interest, and the general bylaw is to show where the board is at and that we have tentative answers to questions that have been repeatedly asked of the board.

Handout; Section 8-4.c Trailer and Mobile Home bylaw revisions.

Adjourn meeting

Member Donlon moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Isaza-Geary seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next meeting: October 17, 2023, 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jon Wyman, Planning Board member