

MINUTES - Becket Short Term Rental Sub-Committee Meeting 1/18/22 at 4:00 pm

Attendees: Henry Pacific, Joan Goldberg, Ann Krawet, James Peters, Dan Parnell

Absent: Julia Grace

Call to Order

Introductions:

Dan Parnell, on Town Finance Committee year-round resident of Becket.

Henry Pacific does not live in Becket, owns multiple properties in Becket. Has experience with air BnB.

Ann Krawet, Chair, owns/operated a short term rental parcel next to her residence until late August, and which is now for sale.

Joan Goldberg, retired town administrator, part time resident Sherwood Forest who would like to see a happy medium, concerned w/ impact upon neighborhood Quality of Life.

James Peters: full time Becket resident, doctorate in forestry, has an accessory apartment.

Discussion:

Ann explains the reason for the Planning Board's establishment of the STR sub-committee is the Town's primary concern about potential liability, and therefore the need to set standards and parameters for STRs in Becket.

Suggestions for proceeding:

Dan suggests we collect information/feedback from seasonal communities where most STRs would be (Sherwood Forest, Sherwood Greens, Indian Lakes, Skyline Ridge, Becket Woods, Mountain Grove, Shawnee Shores, Greenwater Pond, Center Pond, North Becket Village, Deer Trail, Yokum Pond, Crystal Pond and others) regarding their concerns about STRs. All are in favor. Ann suggests residents as well as much as possible.

Method of outreach: we will draft a Questionnaire to be distributed by each member to potential liasons/residents and investigate the possibility of using Broadband and the Town website. Assignments: Dan to talk to Bob Gross about Indian Lakes and Broadband and contact Greenwood Pond, North Becket Village, Sherwood Greens, Yokum Pond, Shawnee Shores.

Joan to contact Sherwood Forest.

Ann to contact Becket Woods, Crystal Pond, and Capt. Whitney Rd area.

Henry to contact Center Pond Estates area.

The draft questionnaire to include possibly ten questions. Each member should draft questions for discussion at next meeting on 1/25/22 4:00 pm zoom. The draft Questionnaire will be submitted to Planning Board at their Feb 9 meeting. Discuss possibility of including the Questionnaire in the mailing of the 4th quarter tax bills.

Henry Pacific says there are 43 registered STR in Becket.

Discussion of news articles and Bylaws enacted by other towns that were provided in the meeting packet: City of Hudson – time limits. Of interest was differentiation between a Management Company vs. an owner- managed operation.

Assignment for next meeting: Create draft questions and Statement of Purpose.

Adjourn