

Short-term Rental Committee

Minutes of the meeting

July 13, 2023. Howes House, West Tisbury

Present: Bea Phear, Dan Rossi, Sheila Morse, Karen Overtoom, and John Rau.

The minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2022 were approved as distributed.

Bea asked whether the committee was interested in trying to make a recommendation now or to plan to go to the visioning sessions and work out a program with participants at that time. Karen felt we should keep going now. She says she is inundated by buying entities and would like to get ahead of the curve before investors get in. Sheila agreed.

John said that registration and inspection should be implemented as soon as possible at a minimum. Sheila said we do not have to invent the wheel, Tisbury already requires registration, and we also have ideas from other towns.

Bea proposed that we work up a draft of parameters in bullet points, starting with one rental to be permitted per owner, who is a natural person, not a corporation. This will then be discussed at the next meeting and subsequently brought before the planning board for refinement, feedback and public hearings.

If registration were required of the approximately 280 rental units at \$200 each, that would bring in \$56,000, which would be enough to support a staff person to manage the program. Dan noted that finding staffing is difficult, but there might be someone interested in part time.

It was agreed that Sheila will draft the requirements for registration. Karen will list the purposes, looking at the Nantucket and Great Barrington drafts among others. Bea will do a draft outline of the parameters of a plan. These will all be distributed to the committee for review by August 4. Bea reminded the Committee that they may not be discussed by email, but reviewed prior to the meeting for discussion.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 10 at 5:30 PM, in person, at the Howes House.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Phear

Approved August 3, 2023