

MINUTES
Short-Term Rental Ordinance Special Committee
March 26, 2024 10:30 am
Glen Lake Community Library

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

Committee members present: Bob Chase, Carey Ford, Meg Walton, March Dye

Also present: 17 members of the public

It was announced at the beginning of the meeting that we needed to get through the draft ordinance - therefore we would not be taking comments from the audience until the last 15 minutes of the meeting.

We stated that there had been numerous letters from the public concerning STRs and that they were available on the Village website.

It was noted once again that the purpose of the ordinance is not to eliminate STRs but to control the unchecked growth of them. From 2019 to 2023 we had a 28% increase in STRs from 49 to 63.

One of the recommendations from the 2020 Committee was to set a cap at 2-5% growth over the next 5 years and then to reevaluate. This was not done nor was their recommendation to create an ordinance done.

Roy Sonnema & Debra De Witt graciously withdrew their request for us to read their letter in the interest of time.

The draft ordinance was projected onto a screen. The committee went over it line by line and made several changes and also noted areas to address further.

The corrected draft will be available on the Village website. Please note that it is just a draft.

Some members of the public suggested that they write down their comments on the ordinance and send them to the committee. This was agreed to by the committee.

Comments may be sent to March Dye at: m.dye@villageofempire.com

They will then be shared with the other committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th at 4:30 -6:00pm at the Glen Lake Community Library.

Submitted by March Dye