

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes July 31, 2023

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Tony Tribuno **Absent:** Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher

Others Present: Scott Tucker, John Lebron, Michele Carlson, Matthew Moore, Nicki Steel, Gretchen Havreluk, Charles Foster, Eric Durocher, Mike Eldred, Jill Adams, Sarah Shippee, Vicki Capitani, Joe Mahon,

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. at OSEC, Library Meeting Room.

1. A presentation on short-term rentals (STR) from the Bi-Town Rental Housing Committee, with committee presenters: Charlie Foster (Chair), Eric Durocher (Dover), and Gretchen Havreluk (Wilmington). Presentation and discussion with Dover and Wilmington Selectboards, and Wilmington Planning Commission in attendance. The conversation included short-term rentals and differing points of view, both pro and con. Taking community input with about 30 people in attendance was important to the committee. Several comments were made about the amount of work from the committee, thanking the members for their efforts. Durocher stated several times that the committee was not anti-AirBnB, there were no decisions, only recommendations made. The recommendations may be found in the "Bi-Town Housing Rental Sub-Committee, Short-Term & Long-Term Rentals Report for Deerfield Valley, Dover & Wilmington, Vermont, July 2023", www.deerfieldvalleyhousing.com or send questions to dvbthousing@gmail.com. During the 8-months that the committee met, they heard from Chief Murano on neighborhood quality of life issues, Vermont Division of Fire Safety Patrick Banks, and Bi-Town Marketing Director Tim Dolan, and other community members. Some questions posed referred to the vendor cost to maintain a STR registry, registry is an additional tax to STR owners, vendor scans websites to assure registry accuracy, when did STRs become a crisis, comment that HOAs can regulate through their own bylaws and differences of opinion, why government should/should not regulate STRs, maybe start regulating with single family homes, use ZA to provide a list to police and fire on contacts, etc. Selectboards and Planning Commissions may determine next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica DeFrancesco, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno

July 31, 2023 Joint Select Board Meeting at OSEC 6:30pm

Presentation of Bi-Town Housing Rental Sub-Committee Report

Name	Town	Interested in joining Housing Committee? Enter email below
Jane Douglas	Newtown	
John Lebrun	Wilmington	
TONY TRIBARO	WILMINGTON	
Jennifer Deusmane	Wilmington	
SHERMAN TURNER	"	
FRED DAMIAN	"	
Mike Eldred	Wilmington	
Will Galway	Dover	
Scott Tucker	Wilton	
Kathleen Santos	Wilmington	
Janice & Emilio Mignanelli	Wilmington	
Nicki Steel	Wilmington	
James Walker	Wilmington	
Tom Fitzgerald	Wilmington	
John Gannon	Wilmington	
Tia Boh	Dover	
Sarah Shipp	Dover	
Matthew + Lisa Moore	Wilmington	
Michele Carlson	Wilmington	
Brian Schadole	Dover	
Jill Adams	Wilmington	
Scott Saw	Dover	
Cliff Lannon		
Carlotta Gladys		
Greg		
Mat Buono		
Dana. Sonice		
David Bliss		

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