

STOCKBRIDGE SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 1, 2021
9:00 a.m.
ZOOM MEETING - TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey, Patrick White and Mike Canales

Call to Order:

Chuck called the meeting to order.

Chuck noted that this meeting was to discuss the proposed short-term rental bylaw and he asked for comments from the Board. Patrick recommended they relook at it in a year and see how it functioned. If we see a trend of residences continuing to drop, he will bring back the discussion to protect residential home ownership to defend the residential character of the Town. Patrick agrees with the bylaw as a means for the Town to regulate short term rentals.

Stephen Stern suggested that in the proposed bylaw, section 2.5 be worded to be more restricting. Mike said that they cannot further restrict residential use. Mr. Stern further questioned revoking a registration renewal and fine collection and how it addresses a “bad actor.” Mike replied that it would be done with fines. He continued that this is a first attempt and it still needs to pass Town Meeting. Chuck added that hopefully the State will step in and place regulations on Air B&Bs.

It was agreed that the question to be asked of Town Counsel is that without doing a full permit, can the Board revoke the registration? Mike said that they will get this answered, still refer the bylaw now and after the hearing when the Planning Board resubmits, this section can be changed.

Chuck made a motion that they pass this bylaw onto the Planning Board.

Patrick seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.