



# Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

## **Work Group Reviewing an Ordinance Regarding Short-Term Rentals**

Friday, January 24, 2020  
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

### **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Approved**

Members Present: Chris Peterson, Jackie Battos, Bruce Elliot, Ron Jodice, Holly Beum, Liz Peterson

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Thomas Fitzgerald, Henry Miga, Mike Glidden

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

#### **1) Review and Discussion of an Ordinance Regarding Short-Term Rentals**

Mr. Peterson gave an overview of the purpose of the group and introductions were made. Ms. Capriola gave an overview of research conducted by staff regarding Short-Term Rentals and the memo that was prepared by staff. The group also discussed the memo prepared by the Zoning Commission. Mr. Miga gave background regarding a number of state statutes, housing code, and other relevant regulations. Mr. Peterson emphasized that any ordinance should balance protecting the quality of life in Simsbury with this new type of commerce.

Potential life-safety components to the ordinance were discussed. A focus on quality of life was mentioned as an important factor for this ordinance. The group had discussion on if this should be limited to only certain areas of the Town, and if the rentals should be owner occupied and what the definition of that would be.

#### **2) Next Steps and Meeting Date**

Another meeting will be scheduled for later in February; the group will look to hold meetings frequently so as not to lose momentum when drafting an ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas Fitzgerald  
Management Specialist