

## Feedback Form Comments – Short-term Rental Public Forum – March 11, 2020

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1. The scribe in group #1 was pro-STR and was very hostile towards those in opposition-missed scribing many cons-Town Council should have scribed. Also helpful would have been to define what is STR. 2-day, 1 week, 1 month? Also were non-residents of Falmouth allowed to vote? Realtors, etc.?

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2. I love the idea of “Educate before regulate” and The Good Neighbor Approach & then evaluate. It’s a cost effective approach as starting place. Will interested residents have an opportunity to provide their answers to the clickers activity? I personally know folks that wanted to participate this evening but were unable to be here (work, kids, etc.)

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3. If we must endure short-term rentals permits are needed and regulations. \$1,000 a year would be a fair price for a permit (yearly)

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4. Rental is a great opportunity for some of us who need the income but there should be rules to govern these renters or to [couldn’t read work] quantity and quality of renters.

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5. I host visitors in my home on occasion on some weekends in the summer and some holidays while I am home using Airbnb. It allows my guests to find an affordable stay while sightseeing or attending events in Falmouth. It allows me to meet wonderful people and I have never had an issue with the renters due to screening through reviews. It has always been a win-win. Since O am there, my neighbors have never been negatively impacted. A typical renter is here for the weekend to attend a wedding or to have a mini-vacation in the Portland area. I have a driveway so no impact to street parking and I really enjoy the company, and make a little extra income.

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6. Costs of regulation? Many STRs on the Foreside have been rentals for 100+ years. Short-term renters are better renters, cleaner and more responsible than long-term renters. Helps local businesses. Offsets high property values/mortgages. Many STRs are actual businesses (LLCs) with state seller certificates. Most STRs are well screened.

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7. I think if neighbors have noise issues, they should file noise complaints and owners should be notified. We screen all of our renters and are highly hands on. We always keep an eye on our property.

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8. I feel that our “scribe” was pro-rentals and didn’t want to write down any cons so our group was heavily skewed. My husband’s group #3 had the same issue.

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9. Although I understand the concept of owners’ rights, there is not enough consideration given to their neighbors in terms of the impact of renting to unknown people. Weight should be given to permanent residents rather than absentee landlords and those who are in it for wealth. I have no issue with owner occupied renters and those who rely on supplemental income as long as they closely monitor their renters.

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10. Thank you for hosting this forum.

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