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7	Third Street Firehouse Greenport, New York	
8	July 26, 2018	
9	7:00 p.m.	
10	BEFORE:	
11	GEORGE HUBBARD, JR MAYOR	
12	JACK MARTILOTTA - DEPUTY MAYOR	
13	MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE	
14	DOUGLAS W. ROBERTS - TRUSTEE	
15	JULIA ROBBINS - TRUSTEE	
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17	JOSEPH PROKOP - VILLAGE ATTORNEY	
18	PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR	
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2	(The meeting was called to order
3	at 7:00 p.m.)
4	(Whereupon, all stood for the
5	Pledge of Allegiance.)
6	(Whereupon, a moment of silence
7	was held for Kenneth Arthur Higgins,
8	James O. Hillis, Anthony Holmes, John
9	Martin "Kricket" Krukowski, Barbara
10	Reibling, Fern L. Simpson.)
11	MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, we have a
12	couple announcements. The annual
13	Shakespeare in the Park performances
14	will be held on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th
15	in Mitchell Park beginning at 7:00 p.m.
16	The Village Special Election
17	regarding the Volunteer Fire Department
18	Length of Services Award Program will
19	be held from noon through 9:00 p.m. on
20	August 14th at the Third Street
21	Firehouse.
22	We had a request, Holly would like
23	to speak a little bit before we get
24	into the public hearings about an
25	event.
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MS. VANZETTA: Hi, my name is
Holly Vanzetta (phonetic). I currently
live in Southold, and I was a member of
this community for several years; and
the reason I'm here is for the lighter
side of things.

My son Sam, who is sitting there right now, is seven and he has just completed three-and-a-half years of daily treatment for leukemia successfully (indicating).

(Applause.)

And it was kind of a big deal, so
we would like to celebrate. So many
members of this whole community have
come out and helped me as a single mom
in this community to get through it, to
succeed, CAST, members of churches in
this community, several members that
are in this room, families. It's just
important to me that it's a community
event. We want to celebrate by having
a potluck celebration to bring
awareness to the good things and also
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BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 that, you know, there are still children that need more attention.

September is Childhood Cancer

Awareness Month. I'd like to have this
party on August 20th and bring

awareness to the fact that more

children need to be recognized, and I

just want to have a party and Sam wants

to go to Fifth Street Beach, I don't

know anyone that doesn't; and I would

like to encourage, you know, the

children from his class and community

members to all come to the potluck from

5:00 to 9:00.

Okay, that's it.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

Next item is the public hearing, wetlands permit application submitted by Brooke Epperson on behalf of Erika Cabral to construct a new garage, covered cabana, hot tub pool on the property located at 127 Bay Avenue.

This has been noticed. And there are a few issues with the application.

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The CAC has looked at it, but we're gonna hold the public hearing, take comments and then we'll move on from there.

MR. PALLAS: Thank you, Mayor.

The CAC visited the site. There were a few things we need clarification on, specifically where exactly the FEMA flood line was, it was difficult to tell from the FEMA maps and the site plan. We requested and we have received, we received them yesterday, I haven't had a chance to revisit the site to do a more thorough investigation. I will do that as soon as I can.

Just as another note, from
everything I can tell, the garage, the
only thing that now appears to be in
the wetlands is the pool itself. All
the other structures that were noted
are not in the wetlands, it would be
just for the pool.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

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MR. PORTILLO: Hi. Good evening. Thank you for having me. I'm Anthony Portillo from AMP Architecture and I'm representing the applicant. They could not make it tonight, apologize. offices are at 15400 Main Road in Mattituck.

Thanks, Paul.

And we did deliver the plans with the hundred-year flood plain, and the five-foot interval topo that was requested after the CAC meeting that was on Tuesday of this week. I think it was yesterday, so to my understanding, they want to review that and they will provide a letter of what their recommendation is.

I just wanted to indicate that I did some research on the building code and FEMA requirements, and I had a quick conversation with Paul, and I just wanted to state that based on my research, I can provide this to the Building Department and the Board, that

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	inside of the flood plain area. There		
4	just isn't allowed to be any		
5	obstructions that are above ground, so		
6	as long as it's completely below grade,		
7	it is allowed by FEMA and ASCE 24,		
8	which is what the building code looks		
9	at as the FEMA codes.		
10	So I just wanted to let you guys		
11	know that, and Paul and I can provide		
12	that on the drawings, if you'd like,		
13	the code references.		
14	MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.		
15	MR. PORTILLO: Sure.		
16	MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody from the		
17	public that would like to comment on		
18	this public hearing?		
19	(No response.)		
20	Okay. I will offer a motion to		
21	keep the public hearing open until the		
22	Building Department can finish		
23	reviewing the plans and everything		
24	else, and we will discuss this at next		
25	month's meeting.		
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Page 8 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second. 3 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor? 4 TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye. 5 TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye. 6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye. 7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed? 8 (No response.) 9 Motion carried. 10 Okay, the second public hearing we 11 have is a proposed amendment to Chapter 12 103, Rental Properties of the Village 13 of Greenport code to create regulations 14 regarding the transient or short-term 15 rental for residential properties and 16 units. 17 There's a version that's out there 18 that's been talked about for six years 19 between Code Committee, the Village 20 Board, all around. We had a rental law 21 that was passed six years ago, we 22 modified that this last year to include 23 all rentals in the rental code and this 24 is trying to streamline and add some of 25 the Airbnbs per se into future Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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compliance.

If you read it, owner-occupied is allowed per code, you just need a rental permit. Something that was added just recently by myself in talking to the Village Attorney and Village Administrator, a two-dwelling unit and one of them is a full-time rental, then you do need to go before the Planning Board for a special use permit for the second one to try to

promote long-term rentals so that

everything doesn't turn into Airbnb.

What's proposed right now is, if
it is not owner-occupied doing an
Airbnb which is basically running it
like a business, it needs a special use
permit from the Planning Board. That's
what we have proposed right now.

We're here to get comments from
the public. I see we got a big crowd
here, so everybody has a chance to
speak and talk on it, just when you
come up, name and address for the
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record and let's try to limit to five minutes per person, so everybody has time and we can get everybody's comments in.

I will open this up to the public. Who would like to speak?

MS. ALLEN: Good evening. Chatty Allen, Third Street.

I mentioned this in the past, I like pretty much everything that is written down, except I think you should make it very simple for now to get it onto the books as owner-occupied, year-round tenant only.

There's a lot of people buying

two-family homes for the sheer purpose

of doing short-term rentals. By having

year-round resident or owner-occupied,

I like that because, hopefully, maybe

it can bring some more rentals back

into the Village that aren't there. We

don't have these homes basically, all

of them are sitting idle because

nobody's living in it unless it's gonna

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approved. And I don't know if it's being done yet, but there should be a very steep fine because people that run these short-term rentals, they're getting megabucks for two, three

nothing to them; so I think the fine needs to be steep when they're not

nights, a hundred dollar fine is

following the rules.

Thank you.

MR. McMAHON: Good evening. My

name is Devin McMahon. I'm a lifelong

resident of Greenport. Up until a few

months ago, I served as chairman for

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the Planning Board for the Village. I served as a member of that board for a total of five years.

I have been dealing directly with this issue personally, professionally as a volunteer throughout that time.

The insurgence of the investors both local and from out of town have purchased a significant portion of the housing stock for the sole purpose of running unauthorized undeniably commercial enterprises in residential areas. This has had a very real, very negative effect in the community.

I'm very happy to see that this board is continuing to discuss ways to address this issue, but I don't think this proposed law in its current form is the answer. In fact, I think it will make things worse.

The proposal would effectively

codify approval for Airbnbs. You can

make the counterargument that, no, they

would still need to get approval from

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the Planning Board. Okay, but you just wrote into the code that it is an acceptable conditional use for a residential property. If I read the language of this proposal, and I owned fifteen houses in the Village that I wanted to turn into hotels, I would be thrilled. I'd have fifteen proposals on the docket at the next Planning Board meeting, and if you denied those proposals but grant one to my neighbor, then you would have -- better have really good detailed reasons for denial, there would be fifteen new lawsuits for the Village to deal with the following week.

It's not fair for you to pass the

buck and put this burden on the

Planning Board. The only real effect

this proposal would have is to shift

the angry mob from one meeting to

another. You're paid to be here,

they're volunteers. I can't tell you

the number of times I was running a

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meeting and there were a dozen or more angry residents there to object to a particular proposal. Oftentimes, they brought up very legitimate grievances and concerns that needed to be ironed out. There were also a lot of people there simply because they didn't like the applicant or they didn't trust them to be respectful neighbors.

Likability and/or lack or trust cannot be the metric by which a conditional use is approved or denied. I think there is a very real possibility that might happen under this proposal.

I do not believe the Planning
Board should be given authority to
allow rentals shorter than a month on
any property that is not occupied
primarily by the owner. That's my
personal preference, but I've heard
compelling arguments for two-week
limits. I think that's reasonable.

To clarify what I'm talking about

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here is, the property in question is your primary residence, you live there at least fifty-one percent of the time, you can rent your entire home out for two weeks, a month, several months at a time without issue. No paperwork, no approvals necessary. If you own the property and you want to rent it out for six months, no problem, no paperwork, no approvals. If you own a property that is your primary residence --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm having a hard time hearing.

MR. McMAHON: Hello. I'm very sorry.

If you own a property that's your primary residence, but you have a spare bedroom that you want to occasionally rent out for a night or a weekend or a few days, then you already fall under the existing section of the code that deals with bed and breakfast. You need to submit a site plan that shows you

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have adequate off-street parking,
proper egress for fire safety, et
cetera, that you're adhering to all the
same safety standards that every other
registered bed and breakfast in the
Village has to live up to.

If you own a residential property that you do not reside in, you want to rent it out on a short-term basis, that's clearly a commercial venture in a residential neighborhood without adhering to any of the existing codes. Then no. Stop it. It's bad for the Village.

I'm not saying you're a bad person by any means. I'm saying what you're doing is bad for the Village. The Fire Department can't find enough volunteers, business can't find workers, people who want to work here year-round can't find housing; meanwhile, half the properties in the Village are sitting empty eight months of the year.

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As long as I've been alive,
weekenders have been an integral part
of this community. I'm not concerned
about those houses. I am concerned
about the houses that never have a
member of the community living in them.

For the argument that Airbnbs are good for businesses in the Village, no doubt they help bring in traffic four months a year, May to September, you know, roughly.

I'm a bar manager here in the

Village and I bar-tend at another local restaurant on other nights. Those restaurants are full all day long. All summer, we're turning away customers.

My livelihood and the health of the businesses I work for depends on being as busy as possible as often as possible. We don't need more foot traffic on a Saturday in August, we need foot traffic on a Wednesday in February.

You get that by having year-round

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2	residents whether they own the property
3	or they're renting it from somebody
4	else. We need local customers
5	consistently throughout the year.
6	Few other concerns with the
7	language proposed, but I can go on for
8	hours, and there's a lot of people who
9	want to speak.
10	Quickly, I had two other comments.
11	Create definitions for short-term
12	housing and long-term occupancy. You
13	need to have definitions for everything
14	in between, monthly rentals, six-month
15	rentals. Distinctions should be made
16	between how this applies to
17	single-family, two-family and
18	multifamily houses. That is not
19	addressed as far as this goes.
20	Thank you.
21	MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.
22	MS. MORAN: Hi, my name is Julia
23	Moran. I'm at 809 Main Street.
24	We're against the proposed
25	regulation. We don't think our
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property should be restricted in an attempt to assist -- I am focused on the bed and breakfast owners because those are the most recent news article and their business. I'm gonna focus on that issue.

> Bed and breakfast owners are businesses which run in residential neighborhoods. I am a neighbor; I have two houses, and I tolerate strangers coming and going because I understand the owners there are trying to run their business. When we're renting out our property, they show the same respect that we have for their running their business.

Changing this requirement to fourteen days will put an end to the majority of short-term rentals.

We have families coming in for weekend weddings, coming to the Village to shop and visit wineries, and as the previous person said, all of these people support the local economy. I

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We bought our first house in

Greenport in 2007, and five years

later, we bought a second house in

Greenport because we wanted to rescue

it from neglect. It had been a

long-term rental, and for sixteen

years, it had been neglected. No one

was taking any care of this house and

we came and we rescued this house.

So long-term rentals are not always the answer to problems. It's on the corner of Webb and Main Street.

It's the big blue house and it took us four years of paying local tradespeople and suppliers to fix up that house.

(Applause.)

We support this community, but we decided that instead of selling our first house, we're gonna keep it. We don't want to sell it, we think it's an excellent investment.

And we also have a huge family.

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My husband grew up in a house with sixteen kids and sometimes they all come out and we will use both of these houses, but in the meantime, we are gonna do short-term rentals and we think we have certainly shown our investment in the community and we don't think we should be restricted.

I feel like it's a little bit of a bait-and-switch here. I mean, when people -- we went into this thinking that we wouldn't have a problem with this and now we're being told, no, even though you put all this money into the community, now we're gonna restrict your ability to use the property.

I also am a little bit concerned about the way the law is proposed and I do think I understand that there are some definitions that need to be worked out, but when I hear owner-occupied, there is a certain feeling I get from a lot of discussion that goes on around here about locals versus non-locals.

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And I have to say, it is really concerning to me because we are a member of this community, although I think we will never be locals; I think your parents have to be born here to be locals. But it's very disappointing to me to have this discussion about locals versus non-locals.

I also think it would be a very good basis for a legal challenge if that kind of distinction stayed in place.

I think that there is a broader purpose to the proposal. We should review it. At one point, the purpose of this was to create affordable housing, keep housing prices down. heard people who were true locals coming up here and saying, well, then you're interfering with my property rates, this is my biggest asset, I want to be able to sell it at some point and retire. And so if really what we're trying to do is keep prices down, we Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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should say that that's the purpose of the regulation.

I mean, people should be straightforward. The legislative purpose is completely absent. It's just to regulate for what purpose? If we're looking to deflate the market values, if we're looking to subsidize bed and breakfast owners, if we're looking to stop investment in the Village, we should face it head on and then figure out how to address whatever the issue is. I don't think we can just put a restriction into place if we haven't even agreed upon the right question.

Thank you.

MS. HAMMES: Good evening. My name is Tricia Hammes, and I live on Main Street in Greenport.

I want to thank the Village Board for holding this public hearing today on this important topic to all Village homeowners and residents.

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I've owned a home in Greenport since 2001, and I've seen a lot of change in the Village over the years.

Much of it positive, some of it negative.

I've given a lot of thought of the issue of short-term rentals over the last few years and all the arguments back and forth. At this time, after due consideration of various arguments with pros and cons, I believe that the Village should impose a prohibition on all short-term rentals in a manner at least as restrictive as that of the rest of the Town of Southold, i.e., a fourteen-night minimum rental period to all properties including those that are owner-occupied.

Personally, I would prefer to see
the period set at twenty-eight days,
but I appreciate that this may not be
realistic in the current environment.

I'd like to address a few points
related to the current proposal as well
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as the rationale behind my support for a blanket limit on short-term rentals.

First and foremost, since the Town of Southold's adoption of a fourteen-night minimum rental policy, I believe that the character and the nature of the Village has been significantly altered as a result of, and frankly disadvantaged by, being on a different playing field than the rest of the Town of Southold.

Since Southold's adoption of the law, an increasing amount of Village's housing stock has been bought up as or converted into investment properties which are geared solely towards short-term rental. In addition, a number of what have been historically long-term rentals and multifamily residences have also been converted into short-term rentals.

The Village already has a
disproportionate amount of tourist
driven housing stock in the form of
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hotels and B&Bs compared to the greater Southold area. The increase in properties being turned into short-term rentals is, in my opinion, changing Greenport from a community that people visit to being more and more principally a vacation weekend destination where some people either make their home or maintain a secondary residence.

The impact of this has been evident in the increase in traffic and parking issues in the Village during the summer season and weekends with people coming to Greenport to visit and the more dramatic slowdown of business in the off-season for restaurants and stores in town as less and less people are here on a full-time residence basis.

I do not want to see the Village

turn into other areas like the New

Jersey Shore or some of the beach towns

in Florida and other tourist areas

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where every third or fourth property is for rent on a short-term basis. believe strongly in the fabric of the residential community of the Village and don't want to see it further eroded as a result of the decreasing full-time residential population.

Unless the Village is put on the same footing as the surrounding area in terms of regulation of short-term rentals, it will be a target for speculative property investors and we will continue to hemorrhage residential housing stock.

In the event that the Board determines to move forward with the current proposal or any similar proposal that is not a blanket prohibition on short-term rentals, I strongly believe that a property owner who wishes to offer a short-term rental, whether in their own home or in a secondary property owned by such person, should need to demonstrate a Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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Significant nexus with the Village of Greenport, including maintaining it as their primary residence for voting, driver's license purposes and the such in order to minimize speculative investment and ensure that landlords are the people that are part of the Village community and have, quote/unquote, skin in the game.

In addition to fundamentally changing the nature of the Village community, the proliferation of short-term rentals, as many have noted, has had a significant adverse impact on the availability of long-term affordable housing for local residents. It's imperative that the Village and, frankly, the greater Town of Southold focus on how to encourage and incentivize the addition of workforce housing to encourage a vibrant year-round economy on the North Fork. While I do not believe that regulating short-term rentals will solely solve

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this issue, I do believe that the proliferation of investment property owners has driven up property values and rents to a level that makes it difficult for local working people to afford, and as a result, in a decrease in the availability of long-term rentals.

> In addition, I believe that many multifamily homeowners have moved away from longer-term rentals in favor of a higher perceived return in the short-term rental market. It's a proven fact across the U.S. and everywhere where these types of short-term rentals have proliferated that when short-term rental markets are vibrant, there is a loss of affordable long-term housing for full-time residents.

> I know that some people argue that the Village doesn't have a right to regulate short-term rentals, that is their property and they should be able

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to use it as they see fit. The courts have long held that municipalities have the right to zoning variance to effect municipal planning and segregate uses for property that are incompatible with other uses, including to maintain the residential nature of neighborhoods where people live.

I don't believe that most people would support commercial enterprises being able to freely establish themselves in residential communities and that is in effect whether you call them Airbnb, VRBO or anything else where short-term rentals are.

Second, with respect to the current proposal put forth by the Village Board, while I think it's a step in the right direction, I'm very concerned that without setting forth very specific criteria of governing the requirements applicable to the granting of the permit, including permits similar to those contained in Section

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157b7 of the Village code applicable to bed and breakfast, but a decision by the Planning Board to deny conditional use permits will give rise to significant litigation for the Village.

And given the high

(unintelligible) attached to this issue and the length of time the Village has already spent debating whether there should even be any regulations, it's highly unlikely that the Village will be able to achieve a consensus on what additional criteria should apply to the granting of a conditional use permit for a short-term rental beyond the general guidance provided by Section 150.20 of the Village code. Absent more specific criteria which can be applied on a black-and-white basis, I think this board needs to give serious consideration for the strong likelihood of litigation and disputes arising from a denial by the Planning Board of a grant of conditional use permit in this Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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prohibition. Third, after much thought and consideration, I'm in agreement that there's not a lot of principal distinction between an official permitted bed and breakfast or, frankly, a hotel and a residence that's being used continuously as a short-term rental. Because of this, I believe that if people feel strongly that they want to use their residence as a short-term rental, they should be required to comply with the requirements set forth in 157b7 of the code to become a permitted bed and breakfast and go through the same

I'm highly sympathetic to the plight of those who have consciously decided to make a living by running a Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

approval process as applicable to bed

and breakfast.

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bed and breakfast being put on a different playing field than an investor or homeowner that's just trying to maximize return on their residential or, in many cases,

investment property.

In conclusion, I feel very strongly that the Village Board needs to take action to prohibit any rentals in all houses located in residential neighborhoods in the Village for a period of at least fourteen days. I think this is an imperative first step in helping to maintain the fabric of the Village's community as a great place to live with wonderful people as neighbors and to also help to build a vibrant economy that is not based solely on tourism.

I'm not naive enough to think that
the Village is not going to continue to
be a tourist destination and I do
believe that recognizing that and
working with that fact is essential to
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Page 34 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 the long-term plan in the Village, but 3 that doesn't mean that we should allow it to become an unfettered investment 4 5 zone that leads to growth that is only 6 seasonally and non-residentially 7 focused. 8 The Village is my home as it is 9 for many others and I want it to be a 10 vital full-time community that is 11 shared with visitors, not a vibrant tourist destination where non-residents 12 13 constitute the majority of people using 14 the homes in neighborhoods that 15 comprise the Village. 16 Thank you for your time and 17 consideration. 18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else want 19 to address the Board? 20 Name and address first. 21 MS. MILOT: Alice Milot. 22 My son just recently-- I'm here 23 to speak for my son who could not be 24 He just recently, probably about here. 25 eight months ago, bought a house in Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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This motivated me to work harder and save more to make my dreams of owning a home and having a home base for my family out here a reality.

The fact is that renting out my house periodically for around three months total a year will allow me to financially keep the property and enjoy it with my family for the other nine months of the year.

My average renters stay six days. Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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Why do renters rent my house? It could be that I've spent countless hours fixing up my property to be attractive and to market it well. Renters love the look and style of my new updated home, thanks to my grandfather who comes from Peconic Landing to water the window boxes and keep the house looking great three times a week, but no, the number of reasons people rent my house, eighty percent of renters so far is so they can bring their children and dogs with them on vacation.

To the B&B owners that complain
about short-term renters, what I would
like to say to them is that your
renters, on average, stay less time
than mine. I would also say that it's
not my fault that you have not adapted
to what consumers want. There is no
lack of demand and certainly that
Airbnb to ban [sic] will only continue
to grow in Greenport. List your B&B on
Airbnb if you have not done so already,
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I see some on there, and make your business friendlier to families and dogs. Many hotel owners in town I have spoken with have no issue with short-term rentals on Airbnb. market themselves well and are booked well in advance.

What I will say to the Village is that you cannot underestimate the impact of the seventy-or-so-odd properties that rent on Airbnb in Greenport have in bringing economic benefit. I would say that platforms like Airbnb and Uber are not going away, and you can study countless cases of cities or towns that have tried to overregulate them and failed. This is the twenty-first century.

And I'm sure you're aware that Shelter Island is currently involved in a horrible legal battle between the Town Board members and those that want to rent short-term after trying to regulate them. This case looks like it

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2 may end up in the New York Supreme 3 Banning short-term rentals may Court. be deemed unconstitutional under the 4

5 Fourteenth Amendment.

> Lastly, I repeat that because I can rent my house periodically throughout the year, it will sit empty if I did not, I can afford to keep the property and enjoy it and all the Town has to offer with my family. flexibility of shorter-term rentals is vital, and I want to be able to use my house, especially in the summer. not getting rich off this business, simply just getting by, so I can enjoy Greenport with my family as much as I can.

This property is so special to my family and me. To threaten our ability to maintain it and use it to regulate to protect the very few who have not adapted their business to what consumers want is not what this country is about. This house is my American Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

Page 40 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 dream, please do not take it away with 3 regulations. 4 Thank you. 5 JACQUES: My name is Jacques. 6 live at 160 Sterling Street in 7 Greenport. 8 Little bit of history first. 9 had a business on the South Shore in 10 Southampton and wanted to move in with 11 my female friend, and I was advised by 12 somebody to look on the North Fork and 13 believe it or not, I had never heard of 14 the North Fork. 15 Took a ferry, came over there. 16 The same day -- you're laughing. 17 same day we rented a business in 18 Greenport after never having been here. 19 That tells you, number one, what I like 20 and what a lot of other people like. 21 It's what they see in Greenport. 22 Subsequently, we bought a 23 humongous house and the name of the 24 house is W-O-R-K and everybody 25 basically knows that house ritual, it Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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2 basic issue.

We're changing, yes. Being up to date, a lot of things will not go away, but this issue is slightly or very much different from the Ubers and the other items because there are people that are hurt here. There may be people that gain from it; overall, people get hurt because of it.

We run a business here too. I
have seen tremendous change. We have
had a business for forty-five years,
and I'm here to tell you, you will see
big holes in Greenport Village very
soon. They are already happening. A
lot of businesses are closing up. We
will close up eventually because I'm
turning eighty, and I don't want to do
it anymore, but I'm in great shape and
I could do it. But there are a lot of
businesses that will go out of
business, folks. Be aware of it.

Secondly, if we're standing
outside the business on Main Street,

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you see all these groups -- the first time it happened a few years ago -- six, seven, eight girls are walking by. Where are they going? There's nothing down that way. Well, they're going home. They're going to the Airbnb. But none of these people spend any money besides the beer and a hot dog in Greenport. Believe me. I've looked. We've asked them. Because they don't have a lot of spendable money.

Full-time renters are different.

They occupy the city. We had a

business where you needed two or three

people at the Christmas season just to

get through things. Summertime left

and whatever they had, twenty,

twenty-five personnel that walk down

the street gave the impression that

there was business, there were people,

there was ambiance. After they left,

that unfortunately changed and the more

Airbnb we do, the residents or

full-time residents we have, the less

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traffic will be during the week in the Village.

Two or three years from now, as you're sitting here, maybe not everybody, because, after all, you are elected, you'll see Greenport will be going through drastic changes, and it already has. If you want to ask for someone with — ask me because I stand outside, I look over the weekend what is happening and it's not a pretty picture.

MR. WILE: Ian Wile, 234 Fifth Avenue.

I'm very impressed by the weight of all the comments, I think, on all sides. It's clearly an emotional and complicated issue.

The biggest thing I always think
about is, you know, I'm reading in the
newspaper, and I see a few other
municipalities dealing with this
problem like New York, London, San
Francisco, Paris. Places with huge
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planning boards, huge legal departments and spend countless resources trying to figure it out, so you're not alone, and I don't even know how anybody in this room can try and guide you in the best way because it's a problem that around the world, they're trying to crack.

I think nobody expected Airbnb to sort of swell, to go worldwide as much as it has, and in the small space, it certainly made its impact.

My own history, we very much like the emotional appeal we heard. I was a perfect candidate for the mortgage crisis. I bought a house when I couldn't afford it, it had a two-family unit. We rented out the second unit in order to pay the mortgage. We rented it out as a -- to a long-term tenant, and we used the downstairs weekends and part-time until we could finally make our move to be here full-time. Without the opportunity, whether it was long-term or short term, I wouldn't Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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have my house today because I wouldn't have that opportunity.

We tried various things, we did short-term, medium-term and long-term in my rental time, and I'm pleased that over the years, we have been able to live in the house and take the second kitchen out, and that became our home and we sort of swelled and grown into it, but when we took the second unit off, I had an awareness that we were removing a piece of available apartment housing.

It was not a big space, and I would say that most of the people we rented to were under thirty and not interested in buying a house yet. They were trying to find their way in the world. And Greenport needs enough spaces for people to find their way, and maybe one of those ways is to buy a house and short-term rent it out, so you can get to a place where you can achieve that and maybe it's not.

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I think my big takeaway from the law that's being proposed is that, well, the day count seems like it course some consternation and needs some good thinking. What I see here is not a prohibition, so if you're twenty-something and you can get into a house, you should grab it and keep it rented, and, you know, I'd love to see it rented long-term, but if the economics or your use interest is that you want to be able to spend nine months with your family, I think that's an interesting piece.

I think what I see here is there
is an attempt to make some model where
you could come and say, I would like to
be able to do these things, and you
could gain approval, so it doesn't seem
to be as black or white as there is no
Airbnb or there is Airbnb, since what I
read here is that if I have a
two-family house like I had once upon a
time, that I would have greater leeway
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to work than I do if I'm just buying it as a non-owner-occupied. I've been in front of this board and, poor Devin, and the planning boards and the zoning boards for non-short-term housing with a similar set of issues to say when people have speculative housing, whether it's long-term or short-term, just buying houses as investment, whether it's to create long-term units or short-term units, you are, in fact, creating a business in a residential zone.

I feel some of the anger towards
the B&Bs which I honestly feel is
misguided. These are -- bed and
breakfasts have had to go through a
series of governmental appearances,
they've had to pitch for their business
plan in a residential area and are
subject to different parking
regulations than a house with a B&B and
they're paying taxes, most of the
Airbnbs and VRBOs don't have to pay.
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I feel -- unfair business playing field, and I think that, you know, I'm a big watcher for accidental consequences, you know, and what I fear is that if it's just easier to do Airbnb, I don't understand why anybody would have an official B&B and not rent out the biggest houses in town. that group of people came to various boards and are operating under certain different set of rules. We have houses on our block that I know are Airbnb units that consistently rent to a dozen or more people that have fifteen or more cars pull in and I, having sat through different forums when B&B had to do that, there are certain parking requirements or even as a long-term housing, there is a requirement for 1.5 cars per unit, et cetera.

I think we have to understand that the use for a short-term rental has a greater impact on building than the code currently shows in terms of Flynn Stenography & Transcription Services

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parking, right. So I would expect that if I had to come up here for an Airbnb permit, somebody might say, how many rooms do you have? I have three. How many, you know, do you have 1.5 car spaces? I've never been able to figure out how to park a half car, but, you know, would there be more spaces required for an Airbnb? I think there are some components in there that may -- to the points that have been brought up by both directions, I don't want to see this village exposed to litigation unnecessarily.

What I think, you know, you're on an incredible right track in terms of trying to crack this nut, but I'd like to see, instead of weighing down the Planning Board or the Zoning Board with a set of complicated appeals every time, it might be nice to see some quidance in terms of, you know, short-term rental requires certain different parking weight than a

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residential. That way, you can give preference, if I'm a speculative investor, maybe what I'm going to start to do, well, I can make more money maybe per week on a short-term rental, but I can buy, execute, be in and fill this other piece of housing easier, and I can decide as a businessperson, would I rather invest in this house and create long-term housing or invest in this house and create short-term housing? Both are fine by law, but require different set of hurdle, different set of legal challenges, different set of, you know, be required to file hotel taxes, be required to provide parking.

> I will say from a business standpoint, I know, I think I echo Devin, I will never complain about the amount of summer business except that we're exhausted, but I absolutely will say in the last twelve months, I can point to hard data that says that the

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midwinter, midweek population is reduced by thirty to forty percent, and I think if you want to turn into a ghost town, you know, that's a real caution.

I'm with Devin, I love being busy, but I love being busy all year. I'm not a seasonal place. I open all year-round. I'm there for everybody. My favorite days are Wednesdays. That's not a big Airbnb day, you know. My thing is that, you know, there's room for both of these things, but I think biggest, most complicated batch is not the twenty-eight-year-old who wants to create an anchor for his family. I think that's where my passion is. I recognize that. I think that that's what we should be about, the future permanent resident, you know, the person who is trying to sink a claw in so they can find a home here, which is very different than somebody bought four, five, six, seven, eight Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

Page 53 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 places to create large places. 3 I think that your appeal hit a nerve with me because it's in the 4 5 middle between all these other things 6 and it can't be left out. 7 It's complicated, I wish everybody 8 the best, but we should aim to preserve 9 our year-round population or 10 opportunities for them. There will 11 soon be not enough people to clean the 12 part-time house. We're missing staff. 13 We're missing young people who will be 14 future old people here. 15 Thank you. 16 MS. GRUBER: Donna Gruber, 151 Bay 17 Avenue. 18 I'm going to be much shorter 19 because there were some great wise 20 researched heartfelt words spoken here 21 tonight. 22 My point of view is that there's 23 enough here for everyone. There's just 24 enough here. You don't -- you can 25 differentiate your rentals that aren't Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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hotels and Airbnbs to longer term, so
like your son, I did the same thing
your son did, there's no way I could
afford to live here unless I made money
out of my house.

So your son, he's doing it right, like longer, right, so he's differentiating the market, he's doing six days, he's not the one that's doing it for half price for one night whenever, so they can sleep over their friend's house and make money. That's how I look at it.

I'm not saying business numbers or anything like that. There is enough business and peace in this village for everybody. Let me have the one or two nights and the three nights, let someone get the one months, don't do less than, you know, ten days. I've always done ten to fourteen days because then that group gets that amount of money, and that's their business. You can't have people coming Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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in, I mean, I'm not sure, what is your
son -- if you don't mind me asking,
what does he rent a night for how many
bedrooms?

MS. MILOT: It depends.

MAYOR HUBBARD: We're not going back and forth.

MS. GRUBER: Anyway, I don't think any of us, the B&Bs, the hotels or the homeowners or the investors should separate and start fighting. I think that's just stupid wasted time. been coming to these meetings for like five years and unfortunately nothing has been regulated yet, so I don't think -- I think clean and easy, the way it's going on all around us, so we're not a target. Like people from other B&Bs in the Town of Southold came to show solidarity with us tonight because they are seeing much more enforcement with houses that should never be rented in the first place. They're being rented at slashed prices Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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2	to put other businesses, hotels, B&Bs
3	out of business. There's less parties.
4	There was someone that just fined
5	\$11,000 out in Orient Point for being
6	found out twice, for having an illegal
7	rental two nights, one nine, tons of
8	cars, everything like that.
9	I think for the people doing it
10	right and want to earn money for their
11	house so they can live here, do it
12	longer-term. Do it legitimate. Be
13	different than hotels, be different
14	than a restaurant.
15	AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Unintelligible.
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17	MAYOR HUBBARD: We're not gonna be
18	going back and forth.
19	MS. GRUBER: No. That's all
20	right. I wanted to address like three
21	things, that was one of them.
22	AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Unintelligible.
23	)
24	MAYOR HUBBARD: Please.
25	Direct the comments to the Board
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2	and
3	MS. GRUBER: Unregulated. There's
4	no regulation. I have regulation.
5	Airbnb doesn't have regulation. Right,
6	the one regulation could be a time
7	period. That's what's going on all
8	around us.
9	I can hear everybody murmuring.
10	I think there's enough room for
11	everyone. I think it should be two
12	weeks, that's it. Make your money. If
13	you don't want to do one week for the
14	two-week price, great, you've got your
15	own market. You can't just pick all
16	the little stuff, it's just not fair.
17	That's my Tricia, you hit on so
18	many awesome comments.
19	Thank you.
20	MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else want
21	to address the Board?
22	MS. ANTONIADIS: Sophia
23	Antoniadis, 857 Main Street.
24	I did send a letter to Sylvia
25	Pirillo, and I'm not sure if it was
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distributed. I'm just gonna read the letter.

This is overly complicated, and there's -- I don't believe this proposed law is the solution because it opens up more issues legally.

So we're a property owner in Greenport. Our home is in the Historic District, and we have been working on restoring that house for approximately two years, but before I start, I have the constitutional right to own property, and to use it and enjoy it, sell it, lease it, and mortgage it and do pretty much whatever I want to within the law.

And our home is on Main Street and it's a magnificent Queen Anne Victorian built in 1903, and you probably have noticed the structure because it's tremendous, it has the pergola and it has more than five bedrooms, and it has multiple living rooms and the library and double dining rooms and grand

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And not too long ago, this home was in terrible disrepair. And I have been approached by bed and breakfast owners and neighbors thanking us for restoring it.

Now, this is a labor of love, this is not a financial investment because the amount of labor and time that's gone into this property, there is no way I can recoup it. I've tried to rent it through Sotheby's in Greenport. I was unable to rent it on a month-to-month or yearly basis because it is a five-plus-bedroom home. So who is going to rent a five-bedroom home? Well, just someone who is gonna make it a share house.

That's exactly what I think you're trying to prevent. We don't take boarders. We don't take share houses.

And we do not sell hotel occupancy.

It's a one-family residence in a one-family, in a residential zone; and Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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I think that's what it means in the code. Residential zone is one- and two-family. I have the right to rent it to tenants, and I do provide lease agreements with them. And what's interesting is that the tax law allows me to rent that home from one day to thirty days to a year, both the IRS, and I have documents, allow you to rent your home for any period of time. State of New York has multiple dwelling laws that go into effect for three-families and above, and anything under three-family is deemed in the State law to be called a private dwelling.

And private dwelling is just that, it's not regulated. And I am totally opposed to this regulation for many reasons.

This regulation is not going to

curtail visitors because the urban

dwellers haven't just recently

discovered the North Fork, there's

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plenty of documentation from the
Southold Historical Society and the
Oyster Pond Historical Society that the
North Fork was being overrun with
summer visitors from New York, the
villagers that are committed to
temperance are overly sored, boarders
are disorderly, these are excerpts from
a book called In Her Own Name written
by Federico Wasserburg (phonetic) who
documented living in Orient in 1881.

So travelers to this area is not new, and we're just having another wave, you know, every twenty, thirty years, there's another wave, and it changes and Airbnb is really just a platform for advertising. I mean, back then it was the newspaper or word of mouth, and people were advertising and visiting here for days or weeks on end.

So I'm not really sure if the

Village is trying to curtail hotels and

motel industry because why else would

you allow another hotel on Front

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Street? If the competition is so steep for the bed and breakfast industry, perhaps you should have petitioned the hotel that's going up on Front Street.

And a bed and breakfast is a business. I have to make that distinction because when I went on a website to determine who the homeowners are of the bed and breakfasts in the Village of Greenport, the homeowners are not the name of the bed and breakfast. The bed and breakfast is a business, probably incorporated, and they have obtained a conditional permit to run a business out of a one- and two-family zone. So they're a business.

And unfortunately, I do feel, you know, if you're in pain and your business is not doing well, you just have to work on it because it is a business venture. So bed and breakfasts are a business, they're a boutique, hotel, the State sales tax

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department also has clear language about that.

Several weeks ago in another, I think, planning, a hearing that was here, a work meeting, sales tax came up. That issue is really not applicable to people who rent out real property. Sales tax is not collectible on realty property rentals, and this law is overly limiting. It is going to be very difficult for the Village to enforce, and I don't know what basis the Village has to regulate a private dwelling. If there is a dwelling that is renting out rooms in the manner of a bed and breakfast, by all means, they should obtain a conditional use permit, but I don't see why if I rent out my home, I need to go to the Planning Board and get a conditional use permit when I have a one-family, and I rent it out as a one-family.

I am within the zoning, I am compliant within the zoning
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regulations. It's a one-family being rented as a one-family.

I do love the Village. I love the size of it. I love its dedication to historic preservation, but I think this regulation is not quite the right tactic and will be overly complicated and just headed towards legal battles.

MS. SMITH: Liz Smith, 309 South Street.

Wow, I want to say thank you to
everybody that showed up and is willing
to speak their piece, this isn't an
easy one. And I didn't come here
tonight with a predetermined anything,
I really came in listening mode, and
the one thing that I've heard over and
over again is the talk of change and
how much Greenport is changing and
whether that's waves of change,
perhaps, I wasn't around in the 1800s,
I don't know, or a steady and constant
change. It's been making me think
about what's comp plan, who is
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Greenport and what do we want to be in the future. And I was just recently looking at the LWRP which is our comp plan in Greenport, and so I'd offer that perhaps it's time to, and this might be happening, so sorry if it is, but it might be time to go back and revisit and say, are we happy, do we feel like that's where it needs to be. I believe it's unfinished in some regard. So that's the big thing that strikes me.

The low hanging fruit that strikes

me -- what is the big low hanging

fruit? Incentives, we have fines, it's

been brought up a whole bunch of times.

The South Fork does it fairly well.

Clearly Orient Point does it as well,

but that does get into the enforcement

piece, and so I put that question back

to the Board, do we have the

capabilities and the staff to truly

enforce this, and if we don't, what are

we potentially getting ourselves into

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because it seems that it could be just as complicated once we put it on the books if we can't enforce it.

The rental advertisement, having a permit number in a rental advertisement seems like just a really super easy no-brainer way to help connect dots, so I just want to, that's like me bolding and underlining things.

Then the Planning Board, so somebody said that it's about seventy Airbnbs running in Greenport. I do not know if that's, maybe it's higher, but let's just say seventy, and if we followed a permit process that would have to go before the Planning Board or a different board and we're looking at a two-year permit which seems to be what a lot of the other towns are looking at, that's thirty-five, let's pretend, a year hearings that you would need to have. So now you need to have thirty-five, that's an additional three public hearings every month. Just, you Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

Page 67 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 know, simple math there to get the 3 boards to approve this and make it 4 happen. 5 That's feels really burdensome and 6 onerous and a little bit crazy to me, 7 so I just want to say that out loud. 8 I'll also say that as someone who 9 works a sort of regular job and travels 10 for work, having public hearing at 4:00 11 p.m. for something as important as this 12 might not be the right equation to 13 really allow residents to come and 14 speak their mind; although there was a 15 great point made earlier about it 16 becomes a popularity contest, so point 17 taken, but timing also matters. 18 I'm gonna stop, there's lots of 19 people that want to talk. 20 Thank you so much. 21 MS. LATHAM: I've been asked to 22 read something as well, so I'm gonna 23 read that first and then --24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Name and 25 address, please. Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

Page 68 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 MS. LATHAM: Can I make his 3 comments first and give his name? 4 MAYOR HUBBARD: We just need to 5 put your name to the comments, so just 6 say your name and address first, 7 please. 8 MS. LATHAM: My name is Sarah 9 Latham, and my address is 817 Main 10 Street. 11 So I'm reading this on behalf of 12 Mark Lumaina (phonetic), 119 Main 13 Street, owner and BID Board member. 14 I applaud the mayor for stepping in front of this bullet of 15 16 non-owner-occupied short-term rentals. 17 It takes guts to lead the effort to 18 protect the community's interests. 19 If we are interested in keeping a 20 year-round community, a bustling 21 downtown twelve months a year, a strong 22 volunteer Fire Department; if we are 23 interested in keeping our customs and 24 traditions; if we're interested in 25 remaining a tight-knit community, we Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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all will do everything in our power to regulate or eliminate our available part of someone's investment portfolio. Why do we have our own Village

government? I would like to believe that the reason lay in our belief in and ability to protect this jewel we are so fortunate to live and work in. If we continue to allow outside forces, outside money to dictate our future, we will have no future at all. tourist destinations across the country are taking hardline stances to protect locals and the culture of the area. suggest we do the same. Regulate the current short-term rentals, make sure they are in compliance with these new rules that the mayor suggests, but continue to seek a solution on this matter.

This is a Band-Aid, I hope it doesn't fall off in the water of hypocrisy and paperwork. This battle Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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2	is not over. There is still time to
3	protect the Village of Greenport from
4	losing its soul. This Board will be
5	remembered in years to come by how they
6	dealt with residential,
7	non-owner-occupied short-term rentals.
8	Are we more afraid to lose some friends
9	than to save our village?
10	I'm sure my restaurant's menu has
11	been removed from every short-term
12	rental refrigerator, and I'm okay with
13	that. This is bigger than any one of
14	us.
15	Again, I applaud Doug and the
16	mayor for stepping up. I hope our
17	village follows suit.
18	Again, those remarks come in, so
19	thank you.
20	I don't need to say my name again,
21	right?
22	MAYOR HUBBARD: No.
23	MS. LATHAM: I believe that we as
24	a community are responsible for putting
25	forward our vision of what we want it
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to look like and when necessary providing regulations that uphold that vision.

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I am fully aware that our area will continue to attract second-home owners and transient visitors who want to spend weekends and summer months Greenport is only going to become more and more of a destination as the South Fork continues to become saturated and The New York Times continues to write us up. I believe that the trustees are here to help us who voted them into their current roles to represent our interest want to live in and raise our families in towards this end, I feel that doing something to regulate the short-term rental market now is of the utmost importance.

In the most recent draft of the change to our Village code, short-term rentals were defined as the rental of real property or a portion thereof for a term of less than fourteen days. I

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Mayor Hubbard, you are quoted in the Suffolk Times as saying your hope is for something short and simple. To me, the answer is simple. We have existing regulation in place for short-term rentals in neighborhoods whose homes are zoned residential. To date, this code has been applied to bed and breakfast facilities, simply extend these regulations to any rental less than fourteen days.

While I welcome them into my own home, I do not want our community to become oversaturated with transient visitors who spend only one weekend each summer or perhaps only one weekend in their life here in Greenport. While this is my business, yes, by requiring this type of business to be owner-occupied, you retain a family living here in the Village year-round.

Further, as a bed and breakfast

owner, I find that unregulated

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short-term rentals threaten my own
business. Yes, businesses must adapt
to a changing reality, but when I'm
restricted in the number of rooms that
I can rent and the number of occupants
in that room, it becomes harder to
compete with another property that can
share the cost of the home rental with
as many occupants as they feel
comfortable renting to, and has been
discussed already, many of. These
types of rentals don't pay State sales
tax or Suffolk County occupancy tax.

If this unregulated competition is allowed to continue, then I would be forced to sell my home and move to a new community, something I have had to consider.

I fear that as homes in Greenport

come on the market, they are

overwhelmingly purchased by investors

and we risk having a community of

investment homes to the detriment of

our schools, libraries and Fire

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Department, all examples of institutions that are currently being infected by a dwindling year-round population.

While it does take a balance
between year-round residents,
second-home owners and transient
visitors for Greenport to succeed, we
are dangerously tipping towards the
transient visitor and with our current
reputation, towards a party crowd.
These visitors are increasingly staying
in homes of investors, some of who have
no social investment in our community,
only financial.

The second half of the draft to

the change to the Village code simply

kicks the can down the street to the

Planning Board. This makes no

significant change to the situation,

gives no guidelines for our community

and presents the Planning Board with

the risk of litigation. The only thing

the Planning Board should be involved

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with is the site plan approval required by Section N, bed and breakfast code, which I suggested be extended to short-term rentals. At the very least, the regulations for both short-term rentals and bed and breakfast should be the same, and the code should be revised to reflect that.

I do understand that enforcement can be a challenge in a small village.

I feel strongly that if the penalties are steep enough, those violations that you are able to issue with your limited enforcement resources will serve as a warning to others.

The perception should be that the Village of Greenport welcomes second-home owners who intend to be a real part of our community and short-term renters in safe, regulated homes, guaranteeing their neighbors can enjoy living in a neighborhood, not a business district.

The inaction of the Board to date

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is an action in and of itself.

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even further out of balance.

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MR. SALADINO: John Saladino,

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Some of us have been addressing this to some of you prior to Airbnb being in existence; at that time, it was called the shared economy in 2008 with a previous mayor. Some of us raised the question about the shared

economy and it was dismissed because it

wasn't a big impact on the Village at

that time. Now it seems that it is.

I think it's undeniable, even perhaps by Airbnb owners, Airbnb clients, Airbnb participants that short-term rentals have an adverse effect on long-term housing stock. think that's empirical data. I think it's undeniable. If the goal of this

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board is to provide more year-round housing, something has to be done about short-term rentals.

Someone came up before and the phrase that struck me in her impassioned plea was, don't put a restriction on my son's business, this is his business. Carpenter Street is, I believe, the R2; I don't think there should be a business in the R2. As a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, I'm intimately familiar with this, and I have a problem with that. To open a business unrestricted in a residential zone, I don't think should be allowed.

A question of litigation came up. Riverhead Town, Southampton Town, East Hampton Town have short-term rental laws in effect. They have all been challenged. Every single one of those municipalities, the law has been challenged and has been upheld in court by a supreme court judge. Right now Shelter Island Town enacted a law and

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2	they expect is it being litigated?
3	I'm not even sure if it's being
4	litigated, but if it mirrored
5	AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Unintelligible.
6	)
7	MR. SALADINO: Am I talking?
8	If it mirrors the law that's in
9	effect in the four other townships,
10	those laws have been upheld, it's
11	unlikely that an administrative law
12	judge or a supreme court judge will,
13	perhaps, rule differently.
14	At the work session, I heard the
15	mayor say, this is a compromise. I'm
16	not quite sure who we're to be a
17	compromise there has to be more than
18	one person involved; I'm not sure who
19	we're compromising with. Is it the
20	short-term rental owners? I'm just not
21	sure.
22	My thought is, if we want to make
23	it easy, mirror the law in Southold.
24	That law has been challenged, it's been
25	unheld If it's challenged in

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Greenport, it's easy enough to defend.

To put, I think Trustee Roberts said

sixty-four, was your number, short-term

rentals?

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Yes, last summer.

MR. SALADINO: Last summer sixty-four short-term rentals, I'm not really sure if either of us know how many of those are owner-occupied, but if we -- thirty percent, forty, even fifty percent, that puts thirty or forty applications in front of the Planning Board. As someone that's familiar with a public hearing, I can tell you, it gets proposed to them at a work session, it's perhaps put on the regular meeting agenda, if not, it goes on the next month's agenda, it's got to be noticed, it's a two- or a three-month process; and it's not a five-minute process, it wasn't like this wetlands permit that we heard here. People are going to have an

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So you're talking about the guy that's number thirty in the queue to get his application in front of the Planning Board, perhaps being twelve, fourteen, sixteen months down the road to get his public hearing heard in front of the Planning Board. That's unrealistic, it's — I think the Board should fish or cut bait; you should do something about short-term rentals or not. You should pass a law that is definitive, that doesn't leave a lot to interpretation.

I think the Planning Board is all here tonight and, they will tell you, you know, sometimes it's hard — sometimes to them, the path is clear.

I go to Planning Board meetings, I see the path is clear, this house deserves consideration, a house perhaps a block away doesn't deserve consideration. In their mind, it's clear and they can make an argument for that, but then the Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service.

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person that feels they're being discriminated against, now progresses an Article 78 and they claim it's arbitrary and capricious, we have to pay. They have to pay \$20,000, we have to pay our attorney a couple hundred dollars to defend that, but it's a laborious process.

> You should take that process out of the equation. You should codify something that's been upheld.

I'm not here to defend Airbnb, the bed and breakfast; there's enough of them here to defend themselves. have to do certain things to be in business, the parking, room size, egress, hours, even the food they're allowed to serve, you know, they're -so to let somebody come in and open a business without regulation, in zoning there's a tenet that you weigh the benefit to the applicant as opposed to the detriment to the Village. I mean it sounds easy, and if you look at some

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Page 82 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 of these things and you add up what the detriment to the Village is, it becomes really easy that the applicant, the benefit, the applicant is not entitled I would urge you to -- I understand it took a while to get to this point. I would urge you to not discard what you are doing, but rethink it and make it more definitive, take the statutory board out of the process, codify it where either you're allowed to do it or you're not allowed to do it. I think that would be easier on Thanks for listening. MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else want MS. ELKIN: Hi. Brigitte Elkin, I am an active real estate agent in the Village, and I'm on the North I am a bed and breakfast owner in Greenport, and I live next to two Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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non-owner-occupied short-term rentals, so I'm definitely gonna put that five-minute timer on my phone here.

From a real estate perspective, I think it's really important to think about how Airbnb and short-term rentals in general are going to affect our real estate, our little real estate bubble which is quite healthy right now in Greenport.

Short-term rentals, traditionally someone who had a home was renting to a long-term tenant if they weren't living in it. Those rentals have now been transferred to short-term rentals, or many of them. By my count, for every thirteen homes available in the Village that could be rented long-term, only one of them is being rented long-term. So the other twelve are being rented to short-term tenants. This drives up the prices of rent in the Village and it also drives up prices of homes.

So even if you're buying a home

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right now in Greenport Village and aren't planning to rent it, you might be overpaying for that home because if tourism, these tourists that are staying in these Airbnbs, we're linked to the tourist industry, right, so a hurricane happens or a flood happens or a financial crisis happens and so on, these homeowners are going to be the first one to put their homes on the market because the way that they're making money is now no longer, and then that is all gonna affect all the prices of our homes in this room.

So from a real estate perspective, Airbnb does have a big effect.

And then I think, you know, I'm
going to repeat myself a little bit
from the work session a couple weeks
ago, but myself and my husband were
shopping for a home last year, we were
looking at a certain price range and
couldn't make it work with low
inventory here, so we increased our
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budget and ended up buying a bed and breakfast and we offset our mortgage with short-term rentals.

So I'm very sympathetic to those in this room that do the same with -- or like Ian, you started out with your home and did the same thing. I understand that. But as Sarah pointed out, there are a number of regulations we have to follow, and I think the most important one is that we do live there. And business is good.

For us, it's not about protecting our business, it's about protecting our community. The neighbors next to us that don't live there and rent out their home, they don't live there. We have no neighbors, the mailman doesn't go to their door. So bed and breakfast owners, they live there, they petition things like the speed limit, they show up for these meetings, they're gonna send their kids to the school, they're not just renting a home to make money, Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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we're renting a home to live here; and
I think that's a really important
difference to note.

I also want to make one note about the guests' behavior. I do think the quest behavior is different in my observation being a bed and breakfast and being next to two that are not bed and breakfasts and are rented out without owners. Our guests don't have kitchens, so they're going out to eat, and we know that because we're making the reservations in advance for them to go out to eat. They are exploring the area, they've done a lot of research, from my observation, the people that are renting these Airbnbs are cooking, sometimes they're not even buying groceries or alcohol here. watched them unpack the car and go straight in the house and they're barbecuing and they're cooking, so I'm kind of on Devin's side of the coin when we talk about our economy, we Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 don't see much of a hit there. 3 And I think I just, to be honest, 4 to be really honest, Eric and I have 5 discussed this legislation, again it's 6 a good business for Airbnb and 7 ourselves. If you pass this, I don't 8 know that I'll live in my home. I mean 9 honestly, if that's the regulation 10 that's dropped and as bed and 11 breakfasts, we don't have to live in 12 our home, I think a few of us won't. 13 That fourth room that I can now --14 apparently, that's not regulated, would 15 make a lot of money. Eric and I could 16 buy a home in a different community or 17 the same community but a quieter 18 section of it and not have to deal with 19 our neighbors that are renting out to 20 Airbnb. So I'd hate to see that 21 happen, but it's something I seriously 22 have to consider and I'm sure it's 23 something that other people are 24 seriously going to consider. 25 I think, again, it's my message Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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here, it's not about business, it's

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about community, and we only are one square mile, I think we really need to

fight hard to protect that.

MS. GORDON: Linda Gordon, 218 Fifth Street.

The focus is on Airbnbs on these short-term rentals. What happens to people who go away for the winter, retired people? There used to be a whole segment of winter rentals, so they would rent out their home for a couple months while they were gone to Florida or warmer climate and then come back for the other period of time.

I think the focus being on Airbnb excludes a lot of people who want short-term rentals, and if you wanted to do something that would be simple, maybe you would say something like, let's do it for a year, let's give out, issue permits for thirty days with a limit of, someone could get maybe up to six months because I think if you go to

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Florida, you'd have to be, it's under six months where you're a resident there, something like that, but that is a whole other group of people that are not being regarded because everybody is so focused on Airbnb.

And so I think that a short-term rental for people like that. We have a lot of snowbirds, and they would be a short-term rental for the few months that they go away and then they come back to their home.

Thank you.

MAYOR HUBBARD: At this point, the Clerk has several letters that we had received. I'm gonna have her read them into the record, and then we'll see if there is any additional comments.

MS. PIRILLO: The first is from Ralph Caoutte, dated today, Thursday, 26th of July.

In regards to both the public
hearing on rentals, and in regards to
seeing a circulating petition/list of
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concerns and recommendations from some of the more zealous residents of Greenport, we have several notes and recommendations ourselves that we would like read or entered into records in a public fashion just as these other zealous recommendations are.

They are as follows: Amongst overreaches and/or unreasonable rec's rent of two months or less within a year, use of guest logs, a two-week minimum, \$500 fine for a first offense. Come on now. Not needed are visual displays of permitting and having to seek a very qualified building inspector is rather an overreach.

Our notations are based on forays
with, quote, other communities,
unquote, at least some as detected with
these other recommendations
circulating, and not out of an
alarmist, NIMBY reaction or reaction to
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around as the know-all. In fact, this is the first we've spoken in six years citizens and neighbors truly open and reasonable.

I do have as well considerable experience civically with policy having much past experience in educational administration and civic community work in New England. After tomorrow I am back in Greenport and off my teaching responsibility and can answer and respond in person as needed.

Regards, Dr. Ralph Caouette and Maureen Golisz Caouette.

Letter from David Corwin, dated today, 26th of July.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am opposed to making Airbnb-type rentals or short-term rentals, quote/unquote, a conditional use requiring Planning Board approval.

These types of rentals are in effect hotel rooms operated in the R1 Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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and R2 Districts. These rentals are depleting the housing stock of the Village for year-round rentals and

driving rent rates up.

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Nothing can be gained by legitimizing Airbnb-type rentals but more of the existing unsatisfactory situation. I am not living in a residential zoned area to have the house down the street or next door rented out for the weekend. I am living in a single-family house in a residential zone to have the opportunity to know my neighbors and have the peace of mind of living in a stable community.

Adding the additional task to the Planning Board's duties of judging whether a property can be a conditional use for Airbnb-type rentals is a mistake and will only make an overburdened Planning Board's job more difficult.

This is a poorly drafted and Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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It is time the Village Board does its duty and enforces a thirty-day minimum on rentals and eliminates the use of dwellings in the residential districts as hotel rooms.

Communication from Brian Cheeseman, dated 25th of July.

Hi Sylvia. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow night. If possible I would appreciate if you could have the below read to be on record at the meeting. Please let me know if you need any information from me to do so.

Thanks again.

I am writing to express my

opposition to the proposed conditional

use rental permit law. I own a home in

Greenport Village that is my second

home. I frequent Greenport as often as

I can, but when I cannot be there I

rent it short-term to no more than four

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earn a profit, and it does not come close to earning a profit. It simply

pay for the maintenance that the house

provides a little extra money to help

requires. I have been doing this for

several years, and the homeowner before

me did this at the house for

approximately fifteen years, so the

11 home has been operating this way for

12 close to twenty years.

I am not in favor of the proposed conditional use rental permit law because it is very unclear as to the time frame, cost, and ability to get approval for the conditional use, and

does not take advantage of the demand

for short-term rentals in the Village

to generate funds for a better purpose.

I am in favor of a more permanent

22 solution that does take advantage of

the demand. I believe all short-term

24 rentals should be taxed the same as

B&Bs and hotels, if not more. I

believe part of the tax should go to
the Village to help subsidize
affordable housing, and I believe there
should be a cap on the number of days a
single-family home can be rented in a
year to short-term tenants to
discourage purely for-profit short-term

rental home ownership.

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I recommend that the proposed conditional use rental permit law not be enacted, and that efforts are focused on developing a permanent solution that allows short-term rentals in a measured manner and that uses the tax revenue from short-term rentals to generate funds for affordable housing and other beneficial purposes in the Village.

Thank you very much for your time. Brian.

Communication from Randy Wade, dated July 25, 2018.

Thank you for tackling the current housing situation brought on by online Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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rental platforms initiated to support extra income for homeowners now morphing into speculators running transient lodging businesses in our residential districts.

Proposed, number one, the code for bed & breakfast should remain for owner-occupied homes renting a room and bath.

Two, in addition to the definitions in the draft code, define residential as thirty days or more and transient as less than thirty days, as commonly understood in zoning terms.

The definition of short-term rental should be a, quote, minimum of, unquote, not as written, quote, less than fourteen days, unquote. The code provides for owner-occupied shorter stays in R1 and 2 already within the bed and breakfast regulations.

If the Village wants to have the

Planning Board review all rentals not

owner-occupied of between two and four

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weeks, or for terms between two weeks and one year as written, that would be good.

Three, as other municipalities
have done, require that it be rented
for no more than two months a year and
that the owner lives there as a primary
or secondary residence or a tenant,
have a ten-month lease for the rest of
the year.

See requirement for guest log to track this, as well as the code enforcer reviewing online calendars.

Proof can be the absence of another dwelling within a fifty-mile radius.

Number four, whether the owner rents an entire dwelling unit or a separate apartment on the property, the rental should be a two-week minimum.

Five, for more than two dwelling units on a lot, only the second unit may be rented for transient use, not the third, et cetera.

Six, make fines a minimum \$500 for Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

Page 98 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 the first offense, going up from there. 3 Seven, neighbors should be 4 notified prior to renewing a rental 5 permit application and complaints 6 considered. 7 Eight, the rental permit number 8 should be displayed on the house and 9 used in all advertisements. 10 Nine, all accessory short-term 11 rentals between two and four weeks 12 should be required to maintain a quest 13 logbook with names and home addresses of overnight guests, guests' license 14 15 plate numbers if traveling by car, 16 dates of stay, and the room or dwelling 17 unit assigned each guest. The log must 18 be available for inspection by City 19 staff upon request. 20 Ten, the Village should offer a 21 competitive professional salary to 22 secure a qualified building inspector. 23 Thank you for your consideration. 24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. 25 Anybody else wish to comment? Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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MR. SAUER: Hi. My name is Clayton Sauer, 104 Bay Avenue, Greenport, New York.

A lot has been said. I think a lot of the points have been made for both views, I guess. And one thing that has not been said and I have to kind of bring it to light is, we're not the villains, the B&Bs in Greenport are not the villains. There is no bad guy. We had to go to these meetings and these Planning Boards and all this and go multiple times over months for the size of the sign to have the color

approved and everything, and we went

through all that because we love the

town and we wanted to live here.

to have a B&B. We have to have a business, so we follow every rule. We have three rooms. We have the parking.

We've got everything that we're supposed to have and it's just bizarre to me that people are like vilifying

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The only way we can live here is

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the B&Bs tonight, and I don't get that. I think it's bizarre. I mean, we have been here, I think it was for close to twenty years back when Diane Jack and the Bartlett House, we ran with the Christmas parade and I don't know, I'm not judging, I don't know what the short-term Airbnb people are doing, but I know we did a lot. The guy had Victorian Lady ran with the jail and we were trying to get the [unintelligible], you know this is what we are.

We are not villains and it just kind of pisses me off. Sorry. But we're doing our best to try to maintain our businesses and all we really are looking for is parody and if we have to have no more than six guests — when I went tonight because I didn't write anything down obviously, and I went onto Airbnb and I saw the first one that popped up said they could have sixteen guests, and don't worry if it's Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

Page 101 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 full because if it is, you can go to 3 our other house, so there are two 4 unoccupied dwellings that are renting 5 thirty-two. 6 That pretty much knocks out every 7 B&B in Greenport as well as most of 8 Harborfront Inn, so we do have, I 9 think, a bit of a gripe when things are 10 not even, on a level playing field. 11 That's all we're looking for. If you 12 want to have your house as free, but we 13 are just trying to make a living. You 14 know, one of us is up for sale now and 15 one of us had a baby and we're just 16 trying to make a living and live in our 17 house, living here. 18 I'm on Bay Avenue in January when 19 there is me and about three other 20 people, and I'm still here. 21 So that's about all I have to say. 22 Thank you very much. 23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Anybody else want 24 to talk at the public hearing? 25 (No response.) Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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2	Okay. I'll offer do we want to
3	close the public hearing or keep it
4	open for comment?
5	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: I'll offer a
6	motion to close.
7	MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Do we have
8	a second?
9	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: What would be
10	the advantage to closing as opposed to
11	keeping it open?
12	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: We can't discuss
13	it until
14	MAYOR HUBBARD: We close this
15	chapter of it and anything else, if we
16	rewrite or change anything, we have to
17	re-do it.
18	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.
19	MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion seconded to
20	close the public hearing.
21	All in favor?
22	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
23	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.
24	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
25	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
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Page 103 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed? 3 (No response.) Motion carried. 4 5 Thank you to everybody that came. 6 Now we're gonna open for the 7 public to address the Board on any topic before we go to our regular 8 9 agenda. 10 MR. WILE: Speaking of invading 11 barbarians. 12 Most of you know I've been in 13 contact with a very large set of 14 Vikings that are currently posted off 15 the coast of Maine who would very much 16 like to visit Greenport, and I believe 17 they will probably find Airbnb houses 18 to stay in. 19 They have built this boat, it's 20 the largest Viking ship built in modern 21 times, and I don't know how many Viking 22 ships have been built in modern times. 23 The whole thing is new to me, 24 truthfully, it's not my circus. 25 happen to think it's very cool. Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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They came into Greenport two weeks ago and anchored out in Pipes Cove and it was some kind of outrageous sight to come upon in the middle of Boston
Whalers to see hordes of Vikings coming to shore.

When I sent some pictures around, a lot of people came to me and said, I didn't even know they were going to be here and, frankly, I'm not so sure the Vikings knew they were going to be here.

They've sailed up the coast and would like to come back and stay officially. To try and streamline some of that visit, I've offered to cover the dockage, so we don't have to talk about free handouts, but one of the things they do travel with is the picture they sent me and I think Paul has spent some time looking at it.

They have a variety of land-based exhibits ranging from heavy retail to heavy educational. I've expressed the Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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open boat with fifty oars on each side.

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reached out to the theater about maybe

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screening and doing a talk in there or

BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 a talk in the schoolhouse if that's 3 available. 4 It's sort of an opportunity I 5 thought I would present to the Board. 6 Again, it's not my organization or 7 operation, we just have a couple of 8 Greenport residents on board who are 9 sailing at the moment and that would 10 love to bring it home. 11 I'm happy to send further 12 information. I do have an application 13 that I'm happy to hand in and I'm also 14 happy to be sent packing, I told 15 everybody I would show up. 16 MAYOR HUBBARD: We did talk about 17 that. I mean I'm sure will talk about 18 or the guidelines of what is and isn't 19 allowed with the stuff that they 20 normally do. It has to fit the model 21 of what everybody else has to do in 22 Mitchell Park, you know. 23 MR. WILE: We talked a bit about 24 that, a restriction on commerce 25 essentially.

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MR. PALLAS: Yeah, just a couple things from their website, the official merchandise sales, can't do that; deck tour ticket sales, again, can't do that; local food and beverage vendors, no vendors allowed. That seems to be a big piece of what they are looking to do.

MR. WILE: They have landed in some places with a full-on circus where they're meant to stay for a week and it's kind of a big thing and then I think they've gone some places and just docked, so.

MR. PALLAS: Again, all the detail here, other than that, I just wanted to make sure the Board was aware of what they normally do.

MR. WILE: What they usually do.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Are these

friendly Vikings?

MR. WILE: The captain is -they're all characters, right, you've
signed up from wherever you are in your
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walk of life to go wander around the globe on this boat. They have come ashore some places apparently and put tents up, you know, in an island or residence or, you know, they're sort of a funky group of people.

Most of them are young, the first mate is, I would say, probably twenty-five, he's from Portugal and had moved up to Norway and jumped on this boat and has been teaching selectorial navigation on board and, you know, it's really just kind of a fascinating thing.

They're, I believe, mostly supported by Norway as a cultural exchange and it's a, you know, it's an operation that does that.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: We don't have any information to act on tonight, right?

MR. PALLAS: Just one other item

that was pointed out to me, one of the

other items they have are corporate

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Page 110 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 hospitality activities. Typically, 3 what that means is they host a group of 4 people and they get to put up a sign, 5 an advertising of some kind which would 6 also be prohibited, just again, as 7 another item. 8 MR. WILE: And I question only 9 because I'm kind of gathering 10 information and having to feed it back 11 to them. If they had any organization, 12 an event on board, but there was no 13 signage, is that qualified? 14 I don't really care either way, 15 I'm just collecting data really. 16 MR. PALLAS: I think we have to 17 know more detail obviously, but I think 18 if they just had people on the boat --19 I mean I'd have to know -- I think we'd 20 have to know a lot more. 21 MR. WILE: I can take that 22 offline. Really, the whole point --23 they were sailing today, they were 24 supposed to be docked in Portland, 25 Maine and then tonight I can speak to Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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them with any other feedback and then we can -- I'm happy to meet with you if there's an interest.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So, Ian, let me just ask a question. I think what you're clearly getting to is you're looking perhaps for us to either pass a resolution just saying go ahead and look into the information of having this particular activity, depending upon the information gathering and what can be done, what can't be done.

MR. WILE: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You're technically trying to save the dates of the dock; is that what you're trying to say?

MR. WILE: The dock, I think I'm
willing to handle on a straight
commerce to facilitate this
conversation that I'll make as easy as
renting some dock space and I'll
collect it from my fellow, you know,
somebody rather, but simplifying it,
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Page 112 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 I'll commit to that. 3 My question only because they will 4 ask is, can we come ashore with a tent 5 full of educational, and if that was 6 approved in front of Mitchell Park then 7 I can say yes, if it's not, so be it, it's fine. 8 9 Obviously, they would normally do 10 deck tours and that kind of thing. 11 Maybe I convince them to do a free day 12 since they're not paying anything. 13 know, we haven't been able to have that 14 conversation. 15 I just know from some of that chat 16 that there were a lot of people who 17 were disappointed they couldn't see the 18 boat. If I can bring the boat to be 19 here to see it, that's kind of the 20 extent of my interest. Past that, it 21 really is somebody else's business and 22 I'm just trying to facilitate. 23 TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Can I say 24 something, Ian? 25 MR. WILE: Yes.

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TRUSTEE ROBBINS: This isn't the first time they have approached, they

never approached the Village, but they

did approach the BID back in the fall

and they came and made quite a

presentation to the BID at that time,

8 and then they were talking about a

9 \$35,000 appearance fee. I think I told

10 the BID, if they were interested in

11 doing anything in the Village, they had

12 to contact the Village, and that was

kind of the end of it. They came back 13

14 again, maybe two months ago and said

15 we're willing to come for a much

16 reduced, you know, fee of \$5,000, but

they were looking for mid August

sometime.

19 We actually did have some

20 meetings, you know, we discussed it at

one point at one of our meetings, you

know, the BID basically, you know, we

consulted with Paul Pallas to talk

about the fact that this was kind of,

it was a short-notice thing at that

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MR. WILE: Sure.

TRUSTEE ROBBINS: And this is even shorter notice and, you know, my thing is I would support a public assembly permit, but we're kind of backing into it; in other words, you know, well, okay, these are all the things you can't do, but, you know, if by chance you happen to fit in, you know, we're good with that. Especially since even though this is just one ship, you know, I'm thinking back to the Tall Ship thing where it took us a year-and-a-half of planning to pull that off and even though it's a much bigger event, this is still a ship that's gonna come to our dock, and wants to use our park and everything like that, and I personally am not comfortable acting this quickly on it.

MR. WILE: That's fine. So as I've said, it's not my operation. would, without being overly forceful, I Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service (631) 727-1107

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would say that a ship can come into the dock if there is space, right; so if I'm willing to pay for the ship to come into the dock, that doesn't seem to be a question. I'm not trying to be overly dramatic here, but a dock, if the boat is able to arrive, if I can get the boat here, that's fine. I came to, essentially, only ask permission to use any other spaces. I'm totally fine to tell them no because, again, not my circus, and if they decide that it's not worth it to come visit then that's their choice; it's fine.

TRUSTEE ROBBINS: I just wanted to back up and say, myself, as well as the BID was certainly impressed and I'd love to see the boat come here. We kind of suggested to them, why don't we plan something for next year, you know, we would love it to happen in the shoulder season. We thought it would be much better than right in the middle of the summer.

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MR. WILE: I think it's the nature of --

TRUSTEE ROBBINS: -- and I believe they're staying on this side of the Atlantic from what I understood from them. They're not heading back to Norway.

MR. WILE: I'm quite sure that they're building in a North American tour that links together someplace where they're welcome to do a large event and pay for the rest of their trip, and the places where they're coming and can't make anything probably don't get to tell them quite as much about what they can do and what they can't do. If it's on the way to someplace where they can make some money, they might stay for free.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Has anybody reached out to the Maritime Museum which is a fully equipped maritime education center?

MR. WILE: Be happy to. I have
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not heard much from them. I would say that financially it's not gonna be a solution and they don't have any space there for this, so they're not gonna solve any of that.

Again, I'm hesitant to even

describe it as a problem; it's not a

problem, it was a question and I

offered on behalf of a group of

citizens to present to the Board, so

past that, I know that it's last

minute, some of these things if we had

ninety days' notice, I'd love to bring

it, the nature of my existence seems to

be ten days out.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

Let me just clarify. We have a marina, we have open space and we rent out the space. You're willing to pay for somebody to come in a spot that's empty, and that's why we have a marina and that's what we're trying to do.

Not saying, this isn't a lot of planning, but we have room for the Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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boat, you're gonna pay for the boat to be here and we're making revenue off of that, I think that's a good idea. It's a small -- I spoke about this with Paul Pallas, if it's a small tent, ten by ten, something they're gonna put up and do some educational things, you really don't need a mass public assembly permit because when you rent a boat down there, you want to put something on land, you're allowed, you know, within reason. If it's gonna be something bigger than that -- clarify with Paul what's gonna go on.

If we need to, I'd rather not vote on it this evening, I'd rather have a special meeting next week, get some clarification on this, so we all know what we're voting on, then they go out of the guidelines of Mitchell Park, we definitely can't do that, then we're voting on something that we don't even know what's gonna happen.

MR. WILE: Fully understood and I

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BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 think the biggest reason that I would 3 say the mass assembly, even if I told 4 them you couldn't put a tent up is 5 because -- know for sure, this boat 6 lands at this dock one way or another, 7 there is a mass assembly. 8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, people come 9 see the boat, it will be, I understand 10 that. 11 MR. WILE: Whether you do the 12 permit or not, truthfully there's 13 people, so if there is an opportunity 14 for the Village, we'd like to make it. 15 Past that, I'm really not trying to 16 cause a thing. It was just Vikings. 17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Work with 18 Paul, get the information and 19 everything else, it gets circulated 20 around the Board and then we can 21 discuss that. 22 Anybody else want to discuss any 23 topic? 24 MS. RUDER: I just have one quick 25 comment. My name is Penelope Ruder, I Flynn Stenography & Transcription Service

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2 live on Second Street.

I just heard, and this is probably a good night to say this, I've met a lot of new people because of the volunteer work I've been doing with the pantry and the community potlucks. I want to tell you that people see through the tourism to the bones of our Village; and they love it, so I just want to pass that on that, you know, with all that's going on, all the summer activities, the bones are there, they're great, and whatever I can help do to preserve that, please let me know.

MS. BOSWORTH: Rachel Bosworth,
417 Main Street.

So this is another controversial topic, but I will keep it very brief.

I just want to know if there has

been any further discussion on parking

solutions for all residents. I just

want to reiterate that I personally, I

know I talked about this a few times,

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no desire personally to park on Front or Main Street, just be in some other areas, but I've seen traffic discussed in different local forums, in the papers, and so I wanted to know if the Village was considering anytime soon thinking about something that could work for all residents.

MAYOR HUBBARD: At this point right now, no. We have not had any further discussion about that. We talked about it briefly at a couple work sessions about trying to do something with the MTA property and other stuff like that, we really have not had a serious discussion on that yet.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: In fairness, we talked about looking into Adams Street last, the work session we talked about potentially revisiting --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Doing that behind

the laundromat, that's not -- I think

she's asking about a resident permit to

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Page 122 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018 1 2 be able to park in certain areas which 3 is a bigger-scale picture which we have 4 not gotten into that part of it. 5 MS. BOSWORTH: Okay. 6 MAYOR HUBBARD: There was a 7 discussion behind the laundromat, those 8 six spots, making those one-hour 9 parking spots so workers don't park 10 there all day and people can get in and 11 out of the laundromat and the 12 drugstore. 13 MS. BOSWORTH: Okay. MAYOR HUBBARD: But that's the 14 15 only part of the discussion besides 16 talking about the property on Fourth 17 Street to see if we can push the MTA to 18 be able to do something with that, but 19 they've been reluctant on that to add 20 more parking spots. 21 MS. BOSWORTH: So perhaps in the 22 future in the next --23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. Once we get 24 through these other couple big topics 25 right now, we get these taken care of,

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2	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.		
3	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.		
4	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?		
5	(No response.)		
6	Motion carried.		
7	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Resolution		
8	07-2018-8.		
9	Resolution approving an increase		
LO	in the hourly wage rate for Adam		
L1	Brautigam, from \$15.60 to \$17 per hour,		
L2	effective August 1, 2018 owing to the		
L3	assumption of additional duties, per		
L 4	Article VII, Salaries and Compensation,		
L5	Section 9 (a) Merit Clause of the		
L 6	collective bargaining agreement		
L7	currently in force between the Village		
L 8	of Greenport and CSEA Local 1000.		
L 9	So moved.		
20	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.		
21	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?		
22	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.		
23	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.		
24	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.		
25	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.		
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1	Page 131 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018
2	07-2018-11.
3	Resolution approving the Public
4	Assembly permit application submitted
5	by Charles Ritchie on behalf of the
6	Fireboat Firefighter Museum for the use
7	of a portion of Mitchell Park from 5:00
8	p.m. through 7:00 p.m. on August 24,
9	2018, from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.
10	on August 25, 2018, and from 9:00 a.m.
11	through 2:00 p.m. on August 26, 2018
12	for the 80th anniversary celebration of
13	the Fireboat Firefighter with the
14	application fee for this Village
15	co-sponsored event to be waived, and
16	with approval contingent upon the
17	receipt by the Village of the
18	additional event insurance obtained by
19	the Fireboat Firefighter Museum.
20	So moved.
21	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second.
22	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?
23	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
24	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.
25	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
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2	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
3	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?
4	(No response.)
5	Motion carried.
6	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Resolution
7	07-2018-12.
8	Resolution approving the Public
9	Assembly permit application submitted
10	by Doug Roberts on behalf of
11	Educational Solutions Consulting to use
12	a portion of the Fifth Street
13	Beach/Park from 5:00 p.m. through 9:00
14	p.m. on August 20, 2018 for Sam's
15	Celebration, a fundraiser.
16	So moved.
17	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.
18	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?
19	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
20	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.
21	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
22	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
23	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?
24	(No response.)
25	Motion carried.
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1	Page 133 BOT REGULAR - 7-26-2018
2	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Resolution
3	07-2018-13.
4	Resolution approving the use of
5	the softball field on Moore's Lane by
6	the Eastern Long Island Hospital from
7	5:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. on
8	September 20, 2018 for the annual
9	Hospital Fundraiser.
10	So moved.
11	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Second.
12	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?
13	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
14	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.
15	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
16	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
17	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?
18	(No response.)
19	Motion carried.
20	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Resolution
21	07-2018-14.
22	Resolution approving the attached
23	Quote and Authorizations from Paperless
24	Solutions, Inc. for providing scanning,
25	categorization and other related
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2	services, and authorizing Mayor Hubbard
3	to sign the contract between the
4	Village of Greenport and Paperless
5	Solutions, Inc.
6	So moved.
7	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Second.
8	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?
9	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
10	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.
11	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
12	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
13	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?
14	(No response.)
15	Motion carried.
16	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Resolution
17	07-2018-15.
18	Resolution ratifying the
19	attendance of Deputy Clerk Jeanmarie
20	Oddon at the NYMIR sponsored Records
21	Management Essentials workshop at the
22	Suffolk State Office Building in
23	Hauppauge, New York on July 10, 2018,
24	with the standard mileage reimbursement
25	to apply.
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2	So moved.	
3	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second.	
4	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?	
5	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.	
6	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.	
7	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.	
8	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.	
9	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?	
10	(No response.)	
11	Motion carried.	
12	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Resolution	
13	07-2018-16.	
14	Resolution hiring Karen Rotan as	
15	an account clerk typist at a pay rate	
16	of \$15 per hour, effective August 1,	
17	2018. All health insurance and other	
18	full-time employment benefit provisions	
19	specified in the current contract	
20	between the Village of Greenport and	
21	CSEA Local 1000 apply to this hiring,	
22	as does the standard twenty-six-week	
23	Suffolk County Civil Service	
24	probationary period.	
25	So moved.	
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2	inner scenic panels.	
3	So moved.	
4	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Second.	
5	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?	
6	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.	
7	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.	
8	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.	
9	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.	
10	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?	
11	(No response.)	
12	Motion carried.	
13	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Resolution	
14	07-2018-20.	
15	Resolution authorizing the	
16	solicitation of bids for the	
17	replacement of the roof and gutters on	
18	the Station One Firehouse at Third and	
19	South Streets, and directing Clerk	
20	Pirillo to notice the solicitation of	
21	bids accordingly.	
22	So moved.	
23	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.	
24	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?	
25	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.	
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2	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.
3	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
4	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
5	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?
6	(No response.)
7	Motion carried.
8	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Resolution
9	07-2018-21.
10	Resolution authorizing the
11	solicitation of bids, if required, for
12	the replacement of the gutters on the
13	ancillary, a/k/a back building on the
14	grounds of the Station One Firehouse at
15	Third and South Streets, and directing
16	Clerk Pirillo to notice the
17	solicitation of bids accordingly.
18	So moved.
19	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Second.
20	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?
21	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
22	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.
23	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
24	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
25	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?
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2	\$618,664.54 consisting of all regular	
3	checks in the amount of \$408,778.90 and	
4	all prepaid checks including wire	
5	transfers in the amount of \$209,885.64.	
6	So moved.	
7	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.	
8	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?	
9	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.	
10	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.	
11	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.	
12	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.	
13	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?	
14	(No response.)	
15	Motion carried.	
16	Okay. I just want to thank	
17	everybody, I know they're not here now,	
18	but thank everyone that came here. We	
19	got a lot of good input on the	
20	short-term rental law. We're gonna	
21	have the discussions and everything	
22	else and we'll come back and see where	
23	we go with that.	
24	I'll offer a motion to adjourn at	
25	9:03.	
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2	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.	
3	So moved.	
4	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Second.	
5	MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?	
6	TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.	
7	TRUSTEE ROBBINS: Aye.	
8	TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.	
9	TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.	
10	MAYOR HUBBARD: Opposed?	
11	(No response.)	
12	Motion carried.	
13	Thank you.	
14	(Time noted: 9:03 p.m.)	
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2	CERTIFICATE
3	STATE OF NEW YORK ) ) ss: COUNTY OF SUFFOLK )
5	COUNTY OF SUFFOLK )
6	I, STEPHANIE O'KEEFFE, a Reporter
7	and Notary Public within and for the
8	State of New York, do hereby certify
9	that the within is a true and accurate
10	transcript of the proceedings taken on
11	July 26, 2018.
12	I further certify that I am not
13	related to any of the parties to this
14	action by blood or marriage, and that I
15	am in no way interested in the outcome
16	of this matter. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
17	have hereunto set my hand this 26th day
18	of July, 2018.
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20	Stephanie O'Keeffe
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22	STEPHANIE O'KEEFFE
23	
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## Sylvia Pirillo

From:

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Thursday, July 26, 2018 2:47 PM

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Subject:

a couple items

From: Ralph Caouette < caouetteralph@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 1:26 PM

To: George Hubbard

Subject: Re: a couple items

## George--

Hello. Wrote to you last week. In regards to both the public hearing on rentals, and in regards to seeing a circulating petition/list of concerns and recommendations from some of the more zealous residences of Greenport, we have several notes and recommendations ourselves that we would like read or entered into records in a public fashion just as these other zealous recommendations are..

They are as follows:

Amongst overreaches and/or unreasonable rec's--

- \* rent of two months or less within a year
- \* use of guest logs
- \* a two week minimum
- \* \$500 fine for a first offense, come on now

Not needed are visual displays of permitting and having to seek a very qualified building inspector is rather an overreach.

Our notations are based on forays with 'other communities', at least some as detected with these other recommendations circulating, and not out of an alarminst, NIMBY reaction or reaction to change in and of itself, nor a need to control or have a voice on every issue around as the know all. In fact, this is the first we've spoken in six years perceiving ourselves as moderative type citizens and neighbors truly open and reasonable. I do have as well considerable experience civically with policy having much past experience in educational administration and civic community work in New England. After tomorrow I am back in Greenport and off my teaching responsibility and can answer and respond in person as needed. Regards,

Dr. Ralph Caouette & Maureen Golisz Caouette

Please enter into record Thanks George

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July 26, 2018

Village Clerk Sylvia Pirillo, RMC Village of Greenport 236 Third Street Greenport, NY 11944

Dear Clerk Pirillo:

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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

Please read the enclosed letter addressed to the Village Board into the Public Hearing on "Short Term Rentals" scheduled for July 26, 2018.

If I remember correctly the last time I requested a letter be read into the Public Hearing it was not read.

The Village Board demonstrated at the July Work Session that they do not take written or emailed correspondence seriously; therefore I ask that the enclosed letter be read into the record.

Respectfully yours,

David S. Corwin

# DAVID S. CORWIN, 639 MAIN STREET, GREENPORT, NY 11944–1431 631–477–0184 corwin@optonline.net

July 26, 2018

Village Board Village of Greenport 236 Third Street Greenport, NY 11944 JUL 2 6 2018

VILLAGE OF GREENPORT CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Subject: Amendments to Chapter 103 and 150 of the Village Code – AirBnB Type Rentals

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am opposed to making AirBnB type rentals or "Short Term Rentals" a conditional use requiring Planning Board approval.

These types of rentals are in effect hotel rooms operated in the R1 and R2 districts. These rentals are depleting the housing stock of the Village for year round rentals and driving rent rates up.

Nothing can be gained by legitimizing AirBnB type rentals but more of the existing unsatisfactory situation. I am not living in a residential zoned area to have the house down the street or next door rented out for the weekend. I am living in a single family house in a residential zone to have the opportunity to know my neighbors and have the peace of mind of living in a stable community.

Adding the additional task to the Planning Board's duties of judging whether a property can be a conditional use for AirBnB type rentals is a mistake and will only make an overburdened Planning Board's job more difficult.

This is a poorly drafted and poorly thought out addition to the Village Code.

It is time the Village Board does its duty and enforces a 30 day minimum on rentals and eliminates the use of dwellings in the residential districts as hotel rooms.

Respectfully yours,

David S. Corwin

## Sylvia Pirillo

From:

Brian Cheeseman < bkcheeseman@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 9:25 PM

To:

Sylvia Pirillo

Subject:

Board of Trustees Meeting - Email to be read on record

Hi Sylvia. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow night. If possible I would appreciate if you could have the below read to be on record at the meeting. Please let me know if you need any information from me to do so. Thanks again.

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed conditional use rental permit law. I own a home in Greenport village that is my second home. I frequent Greenport as often as I can but when I cannot be there I rent it short term to no more than 4 people at a time. I do not do it to earn a profit, and it does not come close to earning a profit. It simply provides a little extra money to help pay for the maintenance that the house requires. I have been doing this for several years, and the homeowner before me did this at the house for approximately 15 years, so the home has been operating this way for close to 20 years.

I am not in favor of the proposed conditional use rental permit law because it is very unclear as to the timeframe, cost, and ability to get approval for the conditional use, and does not take advantage of the demand for short term rentals in the village to generate funds for a better purpose. I am in favor of a more permanent solution that does take advantage of the demand - I believe all short term rentals should be taxed the same as B&Bs and hotels, if not more. I believe part of the tax should go to the village to help subsidize affordable housing, and I believe there should be a cap on the number of days a single family home can be rented in a year to short term tenants to discourage purely for-profit short-term rental home ownership. I recommend that the proposed conditional use rental permit law not be enacted, and that efforts are focused on developing a permanent solution that allows short term rentals in a measured manner and that uses the tax revenue from short term rentals to generate funds for affordable housing and other beneficial purposes in the village.

Thank you very much for your time.

Brian 607 760 3108 TO: Mayor George Hubbard and Village Board

FROM: Randy Wade, 6th Street

**DATE:** July 25, 2018

RE: Short Term Rental Regulations to Preserve Greenport's

**Working Housing & Residential Character** 

Thank you for tackling the current housing situation brought on by online-rental platforms initiated to support extra income for home owners now morphing into speculators running transient lodging businesses in our residential districts.

## Proposed:

- 1. The code for bed & breakfast should remain for owner-occupied homes renting a room and bath.
- 2. In addition to the definitions in the draft code, define Residential as 30 days or more and Transient as less than 30 days, as commonly understood in zoning terms. The definition of Short Term Rental should be a "minimum of" **NOT** as written "**less than 14** days". The code provides for owner occupied shorter stays in R-1 & 2 already within the Bed and Breakfast regulations. If the Village wants to have the Planning Board review all rentals not owner occupied of between 2 and 4 weeks, or for terms between 2 weeks and one year as written, that would be good.
- 3. As other municipalities have done, require that it be rented for no more than 2 months a years and that the owner lives there as a primary or secondary residence or a tenant have a 10 month lease for the rest of the year. See requirement for guest log to track this, as well as the code enforcer reviewing online calendars. Proof can be the absence of another dwelling within a 50 mile radius.
- 4. Whether the owner rents an entire dwelling unit or a separate apartment on the property, the rental should be a two week minimum.
- 5. For more than two dwelling units on a lot, only the second unit my be rented for Transient use, not the third, etc.
- 6. Make fines a minimum \$500 for the first offense, going up from there.
- 7. Neighbors should be notified prior to renewing a rental permit application and complaints considered.
- 8. The rental permit number should be displayed on the house and used in all advertisements.
- 9. All accessory short-term rentals between 2 and 4 weeks should be required to maintain a guest log book with names and home addresses of overnight guests, guest's license plate numbers if traveling by car, dates of stay, and the room or dwelling unit assigned each guest. The log must be available for inspection by City staff upon request.
- 10. The Village should offer a competitive professional salary to secure a qualified Building Inspector.

Thank you for your consideration.

## Sylvia Pirillo

From: Sent: Sofia <acetweety@aol.com> Friday, July 20, 2018 8:31 AM

To:

Sylvia Pirillo

Subject:

Short Term Rentals - Opposition to any law

Greetings Ms. Pirillo,

Please accept this letter in Opposition of instilling a Short Term Rental Law in the Village of Greenport, as I understand the Village is re-visiting this issue.

As the property owners in the Village of Greenport, we have a vested interest and are concerned that our Constitutional Rights will be taken away with any new law. The Constitution of the United States of America protects our private property rights especially the right to acquire, use, enjoy, sell, lease, mortgage and dispose of real property as we see fit.

Perhaps you are familiar with our home on Main Street, it is a magnificent Queen Anne Victorian built in 1903 located in the Historic District. This is an amazing structure with more than 5 bedrooms, multiple living rooms, library, kitchen, double dining rooms and grand halls. Not long ago, this house was in tremendous disrepair and we have invested hundreds of hours of loving labor to restore it to today's grandeur. This house is by no means rented as a "share house" nor take in "boarders" nor sell hotel like occupancy. It is a one family residence, located in the residential zone of the village. As property owners, we have the right to rent it to "tenants", provide a lease agreement and neither New York State nor New York State Sales Tax Department prohibits us to rent it for any length of time, not one year, not one month, not one day...that that is because it is a Private One Family Residence, and can, if we wish, rent as real property.

# What is the purpose of the Short Term Rental Law?

# Do you want to discourage weekend visitors?

If that is the case then perhaps you can put a stop on all the favorable newspaper articles constantly written about the North Fork and Greenport, in particular take for example the recent New York Times article printed on July 12, 2018, "36 Hours in Greenport". Can the Village curtail the media?

Do you think Greenport and the North Fork have been recently discovered by urban dwellers and wish to curtail their visits?

If that is the case, perhaps you should read In Her Own Name, written by Fredrica Wachsberger that details and exhibits articles about Orient and the North Fork being "overrun with summer visitors from New York, and the village's famous commitment to temperance was being sorely tried.....boarders were so disorderly they were thrown out...." "As usual, what was seen as a potential windfall by some members of the community was experienced with horror by others." "The new influx of home-buyers and builders created its own momentum." "The year 1881 would be eventful." Travelers to this area is not new but just a new wave to the prior waves occurring for close to two centuries.

# Is the village under pressure by the hotel and motel industry to curtail or eliminate rentals of private homes to families interested in renting during the seasons?

The hotels and motels are full and in such demand that a brand new, under construction, is scheduled to open soon on Front Street. The Soundview was recently purchased by a hotel chain. It appears that the hotel industry is "booming" or has a bright future to attract new investors. They are counting on making money on their investments.

The hotels and motels are located in commercial districts and therefore have to operate and compete for their business.

They are businesses that are open to free market of unrestricted competition. They sell hotel occupancy and related hospitality services.

# Is the village under pressure by the Bed and Breakfast business owners?

The Bed and Breakfast managers recently voiced their opposition to one and two family rentals at a village work session.

Why are they targeting the rental of real property? Who coined the term "Short term rental"?

Real estate can be rented for any rental period. The rental of real property is not the same as a hotel rental and hospitality services. Real estate is rented by the complete dwelling unit that is private and includes a kitchen. The New York State Sales Tax Department is in agreement with this statement.

Please keep in mind that a Bed and Breakfast is a business, it is a boutique hotel where the guests spend time with the innkeeper and rent the use of a room. In many of the cases in Greenport Village, the Bed and Breakfast business is **not the** 

deeded owner of the property being used as a Bed and Breakfast.

The property title and deeds are not in the names of the Bed and Breakfast established entities but mostly owned/titled by individual people. The business had to obtain a zoning variance to operate as a "business" in **our** residential zoned area. They are granted a conditional permit. The Bed and Breakfast variance is limited and not a continuing use on the property, it is granted to the person operating the Bed and Breakfast which sells hotel services and not the rental of real property. It is subordinate, meaning low ranking, it is solely, may I say, special permission to operate a hospitality hotel business in a residential zone.

The business owners have **no right** to request any law as their business do not have a vested interest in the real estate of this community. The business does not pay real estate taxes because they are not the titled owners.

Technically, many of the Bed and Breakfast establishments are "tenants" of the real property they operate from even if no formal rent is collected.

They are a BUSINESS and for what ever the reason they were established, operate a hotel like environment, hospitality.

With this conditional permit, they have permission to run a boarding house, to house travelers that are unrelated strangers and as many as in 4 different occupied rooms, they cook and serve meals, perform daily housekeeping maid service, host happy hours and other entertaining events and the innkeepers interact with the guests during their stay.

The Bed and Breakfast industry is a NYS Sales Taxable **service**. It **must** collect sales and hospitality tax as they are selling hotel occupancy.

They are a boutique hotel and offer an alternative to the hotel or motel industry and if their business is "down 18 percent" perhaps it is because of the competition of new hotels in the area or the deterioration and lack of upkeep of the bed and breakfast establishment itself.

Regardless of the increase or decrease in business, it is an enterprise that must compete with other hospitality establishments and completely different from a one and two family home rental. In fact, the Bed and Breakfast operators should be GRATEFUL to have the special variance to operate a BUSINESS in a residential zone.

They host guests and do not rent to tenants. They do not have a landlord/ tenant relationship but have an innkeeper/guest relationship.

Renting a one or two family house does not need any special zoning. Residential zones already exist.

New York State Sales Tax Department does not require property owners to collect sales tax on the rental of real property but they do tax the services provided by the hotel establishments.

In fact NYS Sales Tax Department clearly states that no sales tax is to be collected from a rental of real property even if furnished and provided with linens.

As long as the rental is for the real property and there is no housekeeping, food, serving of meals or hotel services provided, the rental is deemed as rental of real property and not a hospitality or selling of hotel

occupancy. <a href="https://www.tax.ny.gov/pubs">https://www.tax.ny.gov/pubs</a> and bulls/tg bulletins/st/hotel and motel occupancy.htm

Additionally, at one time, NYS Sales Tax had a one week minimum but this has been eliminated and thus there is no minimum stay required what so ever. https://www.tax.ny.gov/pubs and bulls/tg bulletins/st/hotel and motel occupancy.htm

The Division of Tax Appeals has issued this no minimum stay requirement for any rental of real property because it is not the same as a hotel services thus not subject to sales tax. <a href="https://www.ttrus.com/article.php?id=149">https://www.ttrus.com/article.php?id=149</a>

The Village of Greenport should not create a new law.

If a property owner is operating a Bed and Breakfast type establishment without the proper zoning variance, perhaps the Village should address each case independently. If a property owner makes illegal apartments, that is for the Village to address each case independently.

If there is excessive noise from a property, that too should be addressed on a case by case basis.

A new law limiting the existing rights of private property owners of one and two family homes will violate our Constitutional Right, is subject to an expensive lawsuit, is contridictory to the NYS Sales Tax Ruling and is a manipulation by the Bed and Breakfast, hotel and motel industry that is completely confusing the fact that **they are the exception** to the residential zoning, the hospitality industry is putting a "spin" on the reason for the request of the new law and are patting themselves on the back as promotors of business in Greenport, well perhaps the Bed and Breakfast establishments should relocate from their current residentially zoned areas to a commercially zoned location. They have unreasonable expectations of what they are entitled to.

Residentially zoned one and two family homes have their right to be rented or used as deemed by their owner with no minimum nor maximum stay and the NYS Sales Tax Department memorandum confirms this.

Respectfully,

Sofia Antoniadis

This post was authored by Amy Lavine, Esq.

A California case decided in January rejected the plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction in their lawsuit challenging the City of Hermosa Beach and its ban on short term vacation rentals. The court found that the plaintiffs were unlikely to succeed on their claim that the short term rental ban violated the California Coastal Act. Johnston v. City of Hermosa Beach, 2018 WL 458920 (1/17/18).

Following years of debate among local officials and residents, the City of Hermosa Beach enacted an ordinance in 2016 that prohibited short term vacation rentals (STVRs) in residential zones. STVRs were technically prohibited even before the ordinance was enacted, as they were not specifically allowed under the residential zoning regulations and thus were deemed prohibited uses. Despite the fact that they were not actually permitted uses, the number of STVRs in the city had ballooned in recent years, along with increased complaints from other residents, and these growing concerns prompted the city to officially prohibit STVRs. As enacted, the ordinance provided that residential rentals for less than 30 days were unlawful in all residential zoning districts within the city and for all types of dwellings, including single family, multiple family, mobilehome, and professional housing units. The ordinance also prohibited advertising for STVRs in the city, whether such advertisements were made in print or through online websites like Airbnb.

The plaintiffs were city residents who rented their homes as STVRs and relied on short term rentals for a substantial part of their income. They sought a preliminary injunction to prevent loss of income and other financial and non-financial irreparable harm, but the trial court denied their request for injunctive relief because it found that they were unlikely to succeed on the merits. The trial court's decision more specifically explained that the plaintiffs' claim under the Coastal Act was unlikely to succeed because the ordinance did not qualify as a "development" subject to review and approval from the Coastal Commission; the prohibition on advertising for STVRs was not an unconstitutional restriction on commercial speech because the First Amendment does not protect commercial speech advertising illegal activities; and they were unlikely to establish any vested nonconforming use rights because STVRs had never been a permitted use and a valid nonconforming use could not arise from the prior illegal use of their properties. The trial court also engaged in a balancing process and considered the financial harm the plaintiffs would suffer as a result of the ordinance, but it ultimately determined that the plaintiffs' financial interests were outweighed by the city's interests in regulating STVRs.

The plaintiffs did not pursue their First Amendment and vested rights claims on appeal, and they recast their claim that the ordinance violated the Coastal Act, arguing instead that the ordinance was preempted by the Coastal Act. But regardless of how they phrased their Coastal Act claim, the court agreed with the decision below that the plaintiffs were unlikely to succeed on the merits.\*\*\* There was no basis for preemption in this case, the court explained, because the city had the authority to enact the ordinance as a police power regulation and nothing in the Coastal Act gave the Commission any role in that process. The Coastal Commission's authority to review and/or preempt city ordinances was in fact rather narrow, the court explained, as it extended only to the review of coastal development permits and the approval or disapproval of local coastal plans. Neither type of review was at issue before the court, as the city did not have a

local coastal plan at the time the ordinance was enacted, and the plaintiffs had conceded at trial that the ordinance was not a "development" under the Coastal Act. Additionally, the sections of the statute relating to lower cost visitors and visitor-serving commercial facilities only applied to the review of local coastal plans, and thus the plaintiffs reliance on these sections was also misplaced.

\*\*\*Although the decision in this case was favorable to Hermosa Beach, a case decided in March found that a similar short term rental ban was in fact a "development" subject to the permit and approval requirements in the Coastal Act. The ban in that case, Greenfield v. Mandalay Shores, was imposed by a homeowners association, not the local government, however, and unlike this case it impacted an extensive area of coastal land.

Johnston v. City of Hermosa Beach, 2018 WL 458920 (1/17/18).

## Sylvia Pirillo

From:

Mary Wade <vision4me@icloud.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 12, 2018 2:29 PM

To:

George Hubbard; Jack Martilotta; Mary Bess Phillips; Douglas Roberts; Julia Robins

Cc:

Paul Pallas; Sylvia Pirillo

Subject:

**Short Term Rental Regulations** 

**Attachments:** 

Notes 7-2-18.pdf

## Dear Mayor and Board,

I was very disappointed to see the draft short-term rental law that abdicates all responsibility for providing reasonable regulations to protect the Village's housing stock and opens up the village to investors. It is confusing in its strange definitions of one year and 2 weeks. Residential as a zoning term, as my comments below state, is considered to be one month or more and shorter than that is now NOT permitted in R-1 and R-2. What are you considering 2 - 4 wreaks? Why are homes with a second apartment excluded? How can you throw all responsibility onto the Planning Board whose authority is limited to applying regulations to each application?

I would hope you would create an alternative regulation now for Public Comment that includes the recommendations below. I have talked to too many people driven from their rental by investors looking to profit from short-term rentals—NOT, as AirBnB claims to support, the homeowner looking to rent to get a little help with their expenses. I am happy to discuss further with any of you.

Please reconsider. Randy Wade 917-655-6939

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Wade <vision4me@me.com>

Subject: Short Term Rental Proposed Regulations and Research

Date: July 2, 2018 at 12:27:22 PM EDT

To: Sylvia Pirillo <spirillo@greenportvillage.org>, George Hubbard <ghubbard@greenportvillage.org>

Cc: Paul Pallas <pipallas@greenportvillage.org>

Hi Sylvia,

Can you please forward to the Village attorney and perhaps print as well? The Mayor is meeting with him today and tomorrow to go over regulation changes. The text bullets came unnumbered so I am also attaching a pdf.

Hi George,

Let me know if I can help or explain anything further.

Thanks, Randy

## Air BnB Regulations for Greenport Submitted by Randy Wade

Transient or Short-term Housing is currently not allowed in the zoning code in R-1 and R-2 districts except as a Bed & Breakfast with the owner present. A residential district has been established to create calm, healthy and quiet environments apart from commercial districts. The zoning term Residential means either an owner-occupied domicile or a dwelling unit rented for a

minimum of 30 days for the same purpose. 'A shorter rental period would be "transient." Other ancillary home occupations are permitted with the owner present and are also specified in the code as well as conditional uses requiring Planning Board approval.

Any code revision should define Residential Use and Transient Use to clarify.

The real estate brokers used to, and may still, represent summer rentals of a minimum one month or it would not be worth the small fee. Now computerization and AirBnB have made it easy for shorter term rentals to find customers. The one month minimum did not seem to impact the number of rentals available to workers. The new short-term rentals have had a serious impact on year-round rental availability and opened a new market for commercial tourism landlords.

Operating housing for tourists is a business that previously had required an investment in commercial property, payment of commercial property taxes, commercial utility bills and received much more scrutiny than a typical residential home receives from the County and Village.

AirBnB claims to support the sharing economy where owners can get a little extra money to help pay their mortgage. They have been supportive of homes rented by owners as an ancillary use of their property. The following proposed changes would be consistent with this and each proposal has been instituted elsewhere:

- 1. Institute the "one home-one listing" law for residential properties in Greenport and since the hamlet is so small add "or within a 50 mile radius."
- 1. The code for bed & breakfast can remain for owner occupied homes renting a room and bath. The code enforcer can look at online platforms to ensure that it is clear the entire home has not been advertised for rent short-term.
- 1. If the owner is not on-site in a second unit, the rental should be a two weeks minimum. Greenport should be consistent with Southold and other east end towns. The code enforcer can easily see online if owners are advertising for shorter and fine them. [Perhaps the proposed regulation should offer up one week as an alternative for the public hearing and this could be determined after public input.]
- 1. For more than two dwelling units on a lot, only the second unit my be rented for Transient use, not the third, etc.
- As other municipalities have done, require that it be rented for no more than 3 months a
  years. Some municipalities require it be a primary residence of the renter for 9 months of
  the year but Greenport has a tradition NYC workers keeping a second home here that
  they may or may not consider their primary residence but that they come out to yearround.
- 1. Make fines a minimum \$500 for the first offense, going up from there.
- 1. Neighbors should be notified prior to a permit application and complaints considered prior to renewal.
- 1. A Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) of 9% should be paid to the village, the code should identify other taxes that need to be paid such as the County's tourism tax. [Pasadena has a quarterly online reporting system for this.]

- 1. The rental permit number should be displayed on the house and used in all advertisements.
- All accessory short-term rentals are required to maintain a guest log book with names and home addresses of overnight guests, guest's license plate numbers if traveling by car, dates of stay, and the room assigned each guest. The log must be available for inspection by City staff upon request.

As much as possible, regulation should avoid a windfall going to a few or a situation that encourages hostility between neighbors. Fair and reasonable regulations applied to all will benefit the village.

#### RANDOM SNIPPETS COPIED FROM THE INTERNET OR SYNTHESIZED

NYC and San Francisco have "one home one listing" laws. Air BnB enforces this. <a href="https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/1333/why-can-t-i-have-listings-at-more-than-one-address-in-select-locations">https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/1333/why-can-t-i-have-listings-at-more-than-one-address-in-select-locations</a>

Type 1 rentals—long term
Type 2—short-term or transient

Wachsmuth found reason to believe that Airbnb has indeed raised rents, removed housing from the rental market, and fueled gentrification—at least in New York City <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/urbanplanning/people-0/wachsmuth">https://www.mcgill.ca/urbanplanning/people-0/wachsmuth</a>

It is true that in NYC Professional hosts in NYC make up 12% of short-term rentals but earn 28% of overall income.

NYC fines from \$1,000 to \$5,000

...New York State's <u>Multiple Dwelling Law</u> (MDL), which forbids short-term rentals of fewer than 30 days in buildings with three or more units, unless the owner is present.

https://www.citylab.com/equity/2018/03/what-airbnb-did-to-new-york-city/552749/

San Francisco - Renter must live at location 275 days per year with a maximum of 90 rented days annually

New Orleans - 60 day minimum days rented in French Quarter and 30 days elsewhere

Pasadena - owner must live 9 months out of year on property with limit of 90 days rented per year. Business license not required but permit is. Three violations can pull permit. For duplex second unit can be unlimited hosted if owner in primary house. For triplex only the second can be a short term rental. Must pay quarterly 12.11% TOT, Transient Occupancy Tax, on rent & other paid expenses such as cleaning, pet fee, late check-out. Must report each quarter even if not rented on-line. <a href="https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/planning/short-term-rental-regulations/">https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/planning/short-term-rental-regulations/</a>

San Luis Obispo - cannot be within 200' of similar rental on block

Boulder, CO. Must be primary residence to rent short term.

Jacksonville, FL - only in commercial district

Breckenridge college 5.9% tax + 2.9% to state.

Arizona state tax at 6.5% plus local

Palm Desert, Arizona transient occupancy tax 9% tax

**Seattle** - \$14 a night, two rentals only (primary & one short term) after a year a 3rd if their primary residence, the small downtown area would be grandfathered in

**Eugene, OR** - 4.5% tax, no more than 5 unrelated persons or family, no money charged for housing on wheels—only one per property, property owner must occupy one if two dwellings on property.

Austin will phase out all short-term rentals by 2022.

**Portland, Oregon** - Type A Accessory Short-Term Rental is one where the resident rents no more than 2 bedrooms to overnight guests. A Type A Accessory Short-Term Rental Permit is required, which includes a safety inspection as part of the permit approval and neighborhood notification.

Type B Accessory Short-Term Rental is one where the resident rents between 3 and 5 bedrooms to overnight guests. A Land Use Conditional Use Review application is required along with a site inspection or self-certification for the same safety features as the Type A rental. Please visit a BDS planner in the Development Services Center or phone them at (503) 823-7526 to discuss a Type B accessory short-term rental and the Land Use Conditional Use Review process.

City of Portland: 6% (5% to City general fund; 1% to Travel Portland), and Multnomah County: 5.5% (2.5% Convention Center Phase II, .275% hotel operators, 2.725% Convention Center Phase I)

For both A & B: Must reside in home 9 months, so non-hosted max 3 months.

City requires the accessory short-term rental permit number to be included in all advertising or other listing services and be prominently displayed in the dwelling unit. The Revenue Bureau will also request your permit number when you register for the Transient Lodging Tax.

...you must provide a Neighborhood Notice to property owners abutting or directly across from your property as a courtesy. As long as you meet the requirements for accessory short-term rentals and renew your permit every two years you are allowed to rent up to two of your bedrooms to overnight guests.

\$1,000 to \$5,000 fine for not posting and other violations.

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The ten cities where Airbnb is effectively illegal are: Fort Worth, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Atlanta, Denver, and Oklahoma City.

Santa Fe - All rentals of less than 30 days must now register for either a short term rental permit (residential zoning) or registration permit (commercial, BCD, industrial, resort or other). Increased cap of residential permits from 350 to 1,000. This cap level will be evaluated by City Council in 18 months. It can be adjusted through action of a resolution and public hearing. Eliminated the restriction of 17 rentals per year but kept the limitation of one rental every 7 days.

Short-term rental permits will not be issued for more than two short-term rentals units directly adjoining each other on a residentially-zoned street.

Clarified that a short-term rental permit is non-transferable. If a person who has a short term rental permit sells their property then the permit reverts back to the City of Santa Fe. The buyer would need to apply for a new permit after taking ownership of the property.

For renewals, applicants can submit self-compliance statement and other documents. In addition to notifying neighbors applicants shall notify homeowners or neighborhood associations.

The one-time application processing and inspection fee was reduced from \$150 to \$100. Annual permit fees for residentially-zoned units and accessory units decreased from \$350 to \$325. Registration permits for non-residential and resort units are now \$100 where there was no cost previously. Any short-term rental permits or registrations that are issued will automatically include a business license.

Added a 30-day extension for permit renewal for a fee of an additional \$50.

The fees for enforcement have increased. If caught with non-permitted or registered rental you are given a fine of \$500 for the first 14 days of the violation then \$250 fine for each additional day of violation. If realtor is advertising illegal STR then they could lose their business license in the City. Liens can also be put on property if fines are not resolved.

The applicants must now list where they advertise (i.e. VRBO, Airbnb) on their application. Additionally, the permit or registration numbers must be listed in the advertisement. Short-term rental permits will not be issued when there are HOA or covenants prohibiting short-term rentals.

Short-term rental uses must be for residential purposes only and do NOT include vents and large celebrations.

Added short-term rental specific online application at <a href="www.mysantaferental.com">www.mysantaferental.com</a>, email of shorttermrental@santafenm.gov, and phone number of (505) 955-HOME.

The City is in the process of purchasing compliance software and hiring additional staff to enforce and run program.

Details and efforts from this program will be reported back to Council in 18 months to show information and data on how changes have affected community and operations.

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AirBnB claims to support the sharing economy where owners can get a little extra money to help pay their mortgage. They have been supportive of homes rented by owners as an ancillary use of their property. The following proposed changes would be consistent with this and each proposal has been instituted elsewhere:

- 1. Institute the "one home-one listing" law for residential properties in Greenport and since the hamlet is so small add "or within a 50 mile radius."
- 2. The code for bed & breakfast can remain for owner occupied homes renting a room and bath. The code enforcer can look at online platforms to ensure that it is clear the entire home has not been advertised for rent short-term.
- 3. If the owner is not on-site in a second unit, the rental should be a two weeks minimum. Greenport should be consistent with Southold and other east end towns. The code enforcer can easily see online if owners are advertising for shorter and fine them. [Perhaps the proposed regulation should offer up one week as an alternative for the public hearing and this could be determined after public input.]
- 4. For more than two dwelling units on a lot, only the second unit my be rented for Transient use, not the third, etc.

- 5. As other municipalities have done, require that it be rented for no more than 3 months a years. Some municipalities require it be a primary residence of the renter for 9 months of the year but Greenport has a tradition NYC workers keeping a second home here that they may or may not consider their primary residence but that they come out to year-round.
- 6. Make fines a minimum \$500 for the first offense, going up from there.
- 7. Neighbors should be notified prior to a permit application and complaints considered prior to renewal.
- 8. A Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) of 9% should be paid to the village, the code should identify other taxes that need to be paid such as the County's tourism tax. [Pasadena has a quarterly online reporting system for this.]
- The rental permit number should be displayed on the house and used in all advertisements.
- 10. All accessory short-term rentals are required to maintain a guest log book with names and home addresses of overnight guests, guest's license plate numbers if traveling by car, dates of stay, and the room assigned each guest. The log must be available for inspection by City staff upon request.

As much as possible, regulation should avoid a windfall going to a few or a situation that encourages hostility between neighbors. Fair and reasonable regulations applied to all will benefit the village.

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NYC and San Francisco have "one home one listing" laws. Air BnB enforces this. <a href="https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/1333/why-can-t-i-have-listings-at-more-than-one-address-in-select-locations">https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/1333/why-can-t-i-have-listings-at-more-than-one-address-in-select-locations</a>

Type 1 rentals—long term
Type 2—short-term or transient

Wachsmuth found reason to believe that Airbnb has indeed raised rents, removed housing from the rental market, and fueled gentrification—at least in New York City https://www.mcgill.ca/urbanplanning/people-0/wachsmuth

It is true that in NYC Professional hosts in NYC make up 12% of short-term rentals but earn 28% of overall income.

Notes from Web Research on Air BnBs

NYC fines from \$1,000 to \$5,000

...New York State's <u>Multiple Dwelling Law</u> (MDL), which forbids short-term rentals of fewer than 30 days in buildings with three or more units, unless the owner is present.

https://www.citylab.com/equity/2018/03/what-airbnb-did-to-new-york-city/552749/

San Francisco - Renter must live at location 275 days per year with a maximum of 90 rented days annually

New Orleans - 60 day minimum days rented in French Quarter and 30 days elsewhere

Pasadena - owner must live 9 months out of year on property with limit of 90 days rented per year. Business license not required but permit is. Three violations can pull permit. For duplex second unit can be unlimited hosted if owner in primary house. For triplex only the second can be a short term rental. Must pay quarterly 12.11% TOT, Transient Occupancy Tax, on rent & other paid expenses such as cleaning, pet fee, late check-out. Must report each quarter even if not rented on-line. <a href="https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/planning/short-term-rental-regulations/">https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/planning/short-term-rental-regulations/</a>

San Luis Obispo - cannot be within 200' of similar rental on block

Boulder, CO. Must be primary residence to rent short term.

Jacksonville, FL - only in commercial district

Breckenridge college 5.9% tax + 2.9% to state.

Arizona state tax at 6.5% plus local

Palm Desert, Arizona transient occupancy tax 9% tax

Seattle - \$14 a night, two rentals only (primary & one short term) after a year a 3rd if their primary residence, the small downtown area would be grandfathered in

**Eugene, OR** - 4.5% tax, no more than 5 unrelated persons or family, no money charged for housing on wheels—only one per property, property owner must occupy one if two dwellings on property.

Austin will phase out all short-term rentals by 2022.

**Portland, Oregon** - Type A Accessory Short-Term Rental is one where the resident rents no more than 2 bedrooms to overnight guests. A Type A Accessory Short-Term Rental Permit is required, which includes a safety inspection as part of the permit approval and neighborhood notification.

#### Notes from Web Research on Air BnBs

Type B Accessory Short-Term Rental is one where the resident rents between 3 and 5 bedrooms to overnight guests. A Land Use Conditional Use Review application is required along with a site inspection or self-certification for the same safety features as the Type A rental. Please visit a BDS planner in the Development Services Center or phone them at (503) 823-7526 to discuss a Type B accessory short-term rental and the Land Use Conditional Use Review process.

City of Portland: 6% (5% to City general fund; 1% to Travel Portland), and Multnomah County: 5.5% (2.5% Convention Center Phase II, .275% hotel operators, 2.725% Convention Center Phase I)

For both A & B: Must reside in home 9 months, so non-hosted max 3 months.

City requires the accessory short-term rental permit number to be included in all advertising or other listing services and be prominently displayed in the dwelling unit. The Revenue Bureau will also request your permit number when you register for the Transient Lodging Tax.

...you must provide a Neighborhood Notice to property owners abutting or directly across from your property as a courtesy. As long as you meet the requirements for accessory short-term rentals and renew your permit every two years you are allowed to rent up to two of your bedrooms to overnight guests.

\$1,000 to \$5,000 fine for not posting and other violations.

All accessory short-term rentals are required to maintain a guest log book with names and home addresses of overnight guests, guest's license plate numbers if traveling by car, dates of stay, and the room assigned each guest. The log must be available for inspection by City staff upon request.

The ten cities where Airbnb is effectively illegal are: Fort Worth, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Atlanta, Denver, and Oklahoma City.

Santa Fe - All rentals of less than 30 days must now register for either a short term rental permit (residential zoning) or registration permit (commercial, BCD, industrial, resort or other).

Increased cap of residential permits from 350 to 1,000. This cap level will be evaluated by City Council in 18 months. It can be adjusted through action of a resolution and public hearing.

Eliminated the restriction of 17 rentals per year but kept the limitation of one rental every 7 days.

Short-term rental permits will not be issued for more than two short-term rentals units directly adjoining each other on a residentially-zoned street.

### Notes from Web Research on Air BnBs

Clarified that a short-term rental permit is non-transferable. If a person who has a short term rental permit sells their property then the permit reverts back to the City of Santa Fe. The buyer would need to apply for a new permit after taking ownership of the property.

For renewals, applicants can submit self-compliance statement and other documents. In addition to notifying neighbors applicants shall notify homeowners or neighborhood associations.

The one-time application processing and inspection fee was reduced from \$150 to \$100. Annual permit fees for residentially-zoned units and accessory units decreased from \$350 to \$325. Registration permits for non-residential and resort units are now \$100 where there was no cost previously. Any short-term rental permits or registrations that are issued will automatically include a business license.

Added a 30-day extension for permit renewal for a fee of an additional \$50.

The fees for enforcement have increased. If caught with non-permitted or registered rental you are given a fine of \$500 for the first 14 days of the violation then \$250 fine for each additional day of violation. If realtor is advertising illegal STR then they could lose their business license in the City. Liens can also be put on property if fines are not resolved.

The applicants must now list where they advertise (i.e. VRBO, Airbnb) on their application. Additionally, the permit or registration numbers must be listed in the advertisement.

Short-term rental permits will not be issued when there are HOA or covenants prohibiting short-term rentals.

Short-term rental uses must be for residential purposes only and do NOT include vents and large celebrations.

Added short-term rental specific online application at www.mysantaferental.com, email of shorttermrental@santafenm.gov, and phone number of (505) 955-HOME.

The City is in the process of purchasing compliance software and hiring additional staff to enforce and run program.

Details and efforts from this program will be reported back to Council in 18 months to show information and data on how changes have affected community and operations.

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July 8th, 2018

Mayor George Hubbard Jr Village of Greenport 236 Third Street Greenport, NY 19944

Dear Mayor George Hubbard Jr,

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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

I wanted to write to you to tell my side to the proposal to change "short term" rental laws. I still do not fully understand what is being proposed so I will be attending the meetings on Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> and doing my due diligence but thought it would be important to put below in front of you prior to any more developments.

I recently purchased a house in Greenport and I rent it on Airbnb. I am 28 years old and have saved my butt off for the last five years to do so. I live in NYC but have been coming to the North Fork and Greenport my entire life. I spend as much time out here as possible. My Grandparents planted the original Pellegrini Vineyards site in 1988 (Island Vineyards). I've spent Summers fruit thinning, Falls picking pumpkins at Krupski's, Winters ice skating at Town Green, and this Spring I was lucky enough to spend fixing up an 1820's house on Carpenter street with my family that desperately needed work. My search for a home started a few years back when my grandparents sold their farm in Cutchogue and moved to Peconic Landing. Our family for the first time in my life no longer had a home base on the North Fork. It felt strange not spending holidays out here together, more so when my Grandmother passed last year. This motivated me to work harder and save more to make my dream of owning a home and having a home base for my family out here a reality.

The fact is that renting out my house periodically for around 3 months total a year will allow me financially to keep the property and enjoy it with my family for the other 9 months of the year.

My average renter stays 6 days. Why do my renters rent my house? It could be that I've spent countless hours fixing my property up to be attractive and I market it well. Renters love the look and style of my now updated home (thanks to my Grandfather who comes from Peconic Landing to water the window boxes and keep the house looking great three times a week)—but no—the number one reason people rent my house (80% of renters so far) is so that they can bring their children and dog with them on vacation.

To the B&B owners that complain about short term renters what I would say to them is that your renters on average stay less time than mine. I would also say that it is not my fault you have not adapted to what consumers want—there is no lack of demand and certainly that demand will only continue to grow in Greenport. List your B&B on Airbnb if you have not done so already (I see some on there) and make your business friendlier to families and dogs. Many hotel owners in town I have spoken with have no issue with short term rentals and Airbnb—they market themselves well and are booked well out in advance.

What I will say to the village is that you cannot underestimate the impact that the 70 or so odd properties that rent on Airbnb in Greenport have in bringing economic benefit. I will also say that platforms like Airbnb and Uber are not going away and you can study countless cases of cities or towns that have tried to over regulate them and failed. This is the 21st century.

As I am sure you are aware Shelter Island is currently involved in a horrible legal battle between the town/board members and those that want to rent short term after trying to regulate them. This case looks like it may end up at The New York Supreme Court. Banning short term rentals may be deemed unconstitutional under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Lastly, I'll repeat that because I can rent my house periodically throughout the year (it would sit empty if I did not) that I can afford to keep the property and enjoy it and all the town has to offer with my family. The flexibility of shorter term rentals is vital as I want to be able to use my house too (especially in the summer)! I am not getting rich off this "business" simply just getting by so I can enjoy Greenport with my family as much as I can.

This property is so special to my family and me. To threaten our ability to maintain it and use it, to regulate to protect the very few who have not adapted their businesses to what consumers want is not what this country is about. This house is my American Dream please do not take it away with regulation!

Sincerely,

Charles Milot

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