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Short Term Rental Committee

Our Short Term Rental (STR) Committee has met five times over the past three months. Indian Lake and the Adirondack Park have benefited economically from STR's for decades. Recently, modern technology has transformed traditional STR's away from just cottage colonies and cabin rentals, and brought a huge increase in single family home rentals. Although part time residents have rented out their second homes here for decades, this change and recent increase in popularity is largely due to websites such as Airbnb and VRBO. Our goal is not to eliminate STR's.

We have looked into the historical prevalence of STR's as well as regulations imposed by other communities. There are many economic benefits due to the increased number of visitors. However, some rental properties have created situations that could degrade the way of life we are accustomed to here in the Town of Indian Lake. Most of these situations could be avoided with a designated local contact person for each rental property, and other simple regulations to ensure STR guests, their neighbors, and our community can all enjoy what Indian Lake has to offer.

Our Short Term Rental Committee will be providing the Town Board with a recommendation for regulations that should be enacted with any potential legislation on STR's. We plan to have this recommendation ready for the Board Meeting on September 12, 2022.

Thank you,



Jake Mahoney