

SHORT TERM RENTAL UPDATE 10-11-2023

The Zoning Administrator has received a number of inquiries about the status of STR in Winhall. This post is meant as an overview and provides general information about the work that the Winhall Planning Commission has and is undertaking with regard to STR in Winhall.

There has been no binding action taken by the Town with regard to an STR Ordinance.

Winhall is compiling info from research about what other resort communities have done to regulate STR and using that to create an Ordinance. Once completed, a draft will be posted on the town website. Not long thereafter, there will be a public informational meeting to get input. This will likely result in edits to the draft before it is sent out for legal review before any action is taken to approve it so it can become operational.

Winhall has also received proposals through the "Request for Proposal" process from qualified companies to help identify, license, administrate, and enforce a future STR Ordinance once it's approved. The proposals will be revised and evaluated in the coming weeks.

The Ordinance, when completed, will have Sections on required licensing & approval, license types & fees, how to apply, applicable yearly fees, submission requirements, occupancy limits, Vermont Fire & Safety, review procedure, limitations on licensing, violations & fines, enforcement, definitions plus statutorily required sections applicable to a Civil Ordinance.

The Winhall.org website has a new tab , "Short Term Rentals" , on which information about the progress of a draft will be posted as it becomes available. Winhall.org also has a tabs , "Planning Commission" & "Select Board" on which meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted.

There will also be a new point of contact (e-mail address) for STR inquiries. The details of that are being worked on. The purpose of this approach is to create a central point for inquiry and comment so that nothing gets missed.

