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Special Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board August 24th, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Present-

Select Board: Steve Isham, Frank Empsall, Dennis Smith, Ellen Burt, Brendan Hughes

Staff: Chad Whitehead, Joe Kasprak, Stacy Jewell, Matt Walsh

Public: KATV, Isaiah Willson, Jim Brown, Chase Empsall, Dana Gray, Bob Holmes, Jim Impey, Henry Bavard III

Planning Commission- Short Term Rentals:

This report is in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4441(c) which states:

“When considering an amendment to a bylaw, the planning commission shall prepare and approve a written report on the proposal. A single report may be prepared so as to satisfy the requirements of this subsection concerning bylaw amendments and subsection 4384(c) of this title concerning plan amendments..... The report shall provide (:)

A. *brief explanation of the proposed bylaw, amendment, or repeal and include a statement of purpose as required for notice under §4444 of this title,*

The definition reads as follows: A furnished house, condominium, or other dwelling room or self-contained dwelling unit rented to the public for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days and for more than 14 days per calendar year. This definition excludes licensed B&B's, hotels and motels. This will be added to section 404, “One parking space per bedroom.”, concerning short term rentals.

This definition concerning short-term rentals will apply to the following zones: Downtown, Mixed use, R15, R10, R5, R1, Rural lands, Health services, and commercial. This will be permitted use, and wording will be placed in the permitted use column in the zones previously mentioned.

The proposed amendments and definitions are consistent with the goals and policies of the St. Johnsbury Town Plan.

On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan the hearing was adjourned.

Meeting Link for August 24th Special Meeting:

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