

Shandaken Housing Smart Task Force
Monday, September 23, 2024

1. Call to Order - meeting start time - 6:54pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call - Names of members (*Write Absent or Present*)
 - a. Sara Bayer - absent
 - b. Philip Mones - present
 - c. Sophie Grant - present
 - d. Vickie Starr - present
 - e. Jeff Bailey - absent
4. Greetings to any audience members. Make introductions.
5. Can we meet at 6pm going forward?
 - a. Agreed! Starting next month October 28.
6. STR law updates:
 - a. Language, preferential vs legality
 - b. With exceptions, rather than written into law as two separate conditions
 - c. Will continue discussing the language as time goes on
7. Confirm October 28 Wellington event, discuss marketing
 - a. Say it starts at 6:30pm, start our regular meeting at 6pm
 - b. Jan Jaffe is confirmed
 - c. Vickie will make a flier, due September 30
 - i. Send to Joyce and Jan
 - d. Announce at October town board meeting
 - e. Email to people in our email lists?
8. Circulate [vacant property fix up survey](#)
 - a. Facebook page - @shandakenhousing
 - b. Email list in the contact folder of google drive
9. Patterns for Progress - give them 3 options for dates/times for a Zoom meeting
 - a. Vickie will schedule a zoom with Elka/Kate
 - i. Sophie, Vickie, Phil
10. RUPCO lunch Oct 16 in New Paltz - can anyone go?
 - a. <https://rupco.org/event/community-lunch-2024/>
 - b. Vickie will attend

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11. Review website language Vickie drafted:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NcayOWzuKgznU-wS1smlthP6u7_JDatIS5P5O8FqXg/edit

- a. Vickie sends text to Joyce
 - b. Add resources and links, maybe a future folder
 - c. Vickie creating a new ADU document for us to recap the info session we hosted on March 25 at Town Hall
 - d. Recap Workforce Housing + Woodstock Homeshare (Vickie) meetup for another document?
 - e. Figure out resource sharing overall
12. Group email address (pushes to personal emails)? System for responses and organizing division of duties
- a. Vickie is now logged into Shandakenhousing email, will help add organization to the inbox
13. Review language for NY Forward grant section about Shandaken Housing: drafted

Shandaken is a certified Pro Housing Town. In 2023, the Town also joined Ulster County's Housing Smart Communities Initiative, a County effort to support the growth of affordable housing. This initiative is a certification and capacity-building program that supports communities in meeting their housing needs. The program provides guidance, technical support and incentives for local municipalities working to address their housing and affordability challenges. Accordingly, the Town created a Housing Smart Task Force to lead the efforts including holding a public meeting monthly and implementing an outreach effort to connect with the communities housing needs.

Shandaken lodging includes roughly 200 Airbnbs that both contribute to the tourist economy and reduce the amount of housing available to permanent residents. In 2022, the Town enacted a law licensing Short Term Rentals in an effort to manage and control the numbers of short term units that proliferated during the Pandemic. In 2024, the Task Force worked in conjunction with the Shandaken Town Board to pass updates to the law to further reduce STR licenses, and continues to evaluate the efficacy and impacts of the law for any recommended changes.

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Community engagement has been a cornerstone of the Shandaken Housing Task Force. Highlights from the last year include organizing a Housing Resource Meet Up with regional service providers, an ADU Information Session for Shandaken Municipal Officials in partnership with Ulster County Planning and RUPCO, a Workforce Housing Meet Up with local business owners and community stakeholders, and is currently exploring the viability of expanding neighboring Woodstock HomeShare into Shandaken neighborhoods. The Task Force continues to partner with the Town of Shandaken's Comprehensive Plan Committee in consultation with Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress to elevate the housing crisis in the forthcoming updated plan.

MOTION TO END THE MEETING made by: Phil, seconded by Vickie
Closed the meeting at 7:58pm.