October 12, 2022

To Whom it May Concern -

To the Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commission,

I live directly across the street from a short-term rental on Long Pond. Previous to the Barnett's purchasing this property there was a very nice elderly woman who lived at the house for a long time. She sometimes needed assistance taking care of her property. Now that the property is a short term rental it is very well taken care of and the owners have invested a lot in the property. It is now one of the better looking properties in the neighborhood although Ackley and Jeanne Hollister's property is top-notch.

I support the town of Ledyard allowing short-term rentals and I believe that it can fit well into any neighborhood.

I understand that some residents are concerned about parties at short term rental properties especially when the owners allow overcrowding into their properties. There has been zero Party House problems at this property directly across the street from me for many years. I remember one problem party 7 years ago when the owner first started. Since that time they have installed security cameras on the outside of the property and there has been a zero problems for the last hundreds of families and couples who have come to the property.

I see letters to the town from Mr Hollister and Ms Bartlett, but myself along with other neighbors respectfully disagree. I'm guessing any noise they hear is coming from locals, but I do know there is no excessive noise disturbance coming from the short-term rentals at this property.

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Town of Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commission

I'm hopeful that short-term rentals will be allowed in the town of Ledyard. I've seen in my neighborhood that it works well without any problems and I've also seen that the owners of short-term rental properties have incentives and funds to invest in their properties compared to many long-term renters. I think it is good to have a nice mix in our neighborhood and it's nice to see our town as a destination for people to come on their vacation. It helps me to be grateful for all that we have here in Ledyard.

Thank you for your time,

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Marie Caude Moriarty

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I believe that:

From Eric Treaster 10/13/22

- * Non-hosted short-term rentals provide a financial benefit for only a very small section of the population, but create undue risks to their neighbors.
- * Non-hosted STRs have a negative impact on the community, because they take away what would otherwise be available housing for new families.
- * Enforcement of the regulations for non-hosted STRs is difficult and often requires the neighbors to record and photograph the violations, which is an unfair burden on the neighbors.
- * Non-hosted STRs are commercial businesses that are not compatible with residential neighborhoods.
- * Knowledgeable home buyers are currently asking, and it is only a matter of time before the law will require home sellers to disclose, if any house adjacent to their home is a short-term rental, and if the answer is yes, it will unfairly reduce their home's value.
- * Zoning regulations should preserve and protect the residential character and quality of life in our residential neighborhoods. The proposed amendment does not.
- * Most businesses must operate in commercial districts, and non-hosted STRs should be subject to the same requirements.
- * And last, in the April 18 edition of the New London Day, it was reported that hundreds of people had gathered at a short-term rental property, most of who were underage. Gunshots were fired at around 12:30 AM both inside and outside. Police believe there were multiple shooters. The shots left two minors dead and eight more wounded. The question is, do we want this type of risk in our neighborhoods? I believe it would be best to avoid these types of risk, and I urge you to deny this application to allow non-hosted STRs in our residential neighborhoods.

2 DEAD, 8 WOUNDED
IN SHOOTING AT PARTY

Pittsburgh — Shots fired at a house party in Pittsburgh early Sunday left two minors dead and at least eight more people wounded, police said. Hundreds of people had gathered at a short-term rental property, the "vast majority" of them underage, Chief Scott Schubert of the Pittsburgh police department told reporters at a midday news conference. Shortly after some kind of altercation occurred, gunshots were fired at around 12:30 a.m. both inside and outside, "and potentially back and forth," Schubert said. Casings found at the scene indicate handguns and one rifle were used, and police believe there were multiple shooters, Schubert said. Two male victims died at the hospital, police said, and eight more people were being treated for gunshot wounds. The names of the dead weren't immediately released. Others were injured trying to escape, Schubert said. Two who jumped from windows had broken bones, authorities said. One victim was injured after a car was "shot up," Schubert said.