

Name	Comments
Vince Ebersoldt	What is the purpose of the meeting
Don Bailey	A lot of the issues are related to antiquated houses that don't go through inspections when they are on the market. Ordinances are not where people want to go. In the case of properties where there have been issues, if you're going to place a property up for rent on the island, it causes long-term issues for the reputation of the island. Possibly have the home inspected if they want to rent. Use the tools online and identify if houses have an issue or not before requiring an inspection. Make sure that online platforms are reequired. What if you don't have access to those more modern resources? REduce the risk by not taking on renters that have a greater risk component. July 4th fire issues - Fire related issues are related to fireworks. More firework group displays.
Craig Scrotmore	Lake Geneserath - Do not rent their cottage. Seems a # of sales were only for STRs. Would like to see some type of management/ parameters. #1: Safe accommodations. Smoke alarms. House Numbers. #2: Hemlock Point: A renter did not honor the fire ban #3: Started the garage unit on fire. Fire department was not called. #4: Septic issue and septic systems. Two units advertise ability to rent above the capacity of the septic. Concerned for lake and water run-off due to a malfunctioning septic system and creep into the water table. Study in Michigan: 1/3 not functioning properly. Max occupancy. 4479/ 4480 statewide requirement for management systems. #5: Nuisance issues. Renters do not know who to call. #6: Environmental issues with Dunes and beach. TIS issues. Clean water. Compliance with noise, burning, fireworks. With increase in short term rentals, would like to see some boundaries and requirements for the owners to protect the safety and neighborhoods and the nature of those who do not rent out their units
Ed Wojan	Agrees there are occasionally renters who are terrible. # of people are respectful of the property and cannot point to just the extreme examples. Used to have several different rental agencies. Kept a list of people who could not a rent again and it was shared between the agencies. Believes there is need for some control. "Many attempts" to control from Mackinaw to Traverse City. Believes there should be some check on the island of well and septic. MJ: Highly unlikely if the septic and well are 50' apart. In 48 years of selling properties, only 2 where sludge got to the discharge pipe. 2 out of 70. Purified after 6' of permeable soil. Rentals are the lifeblood of the island. Since the zoning on the island. have to have a system to make sure that owners have been inspected to make sure that the house is okay. have to be preserved and encouraged but controlled. At least the house has to be inspected. To hinder would be devastating. House needs to be rented to pay for mortgage and property taxes. Main driving economic engine of the island. We need to encourage and increase. Scene 2: On the mainland it's a big problem that we do not seem to have here. Come here because they are nature lovers. Most renters are good - it's a problem of management. Need to ensure houses are cleaned and managed appropriately. Michigan Courts - look into the rulings. Scene 3: Sarah is not renting houses is just checking houses to ensure renting is an option. Just helps owners to make sure the rentals are checked. To make sure rentals are done for the home. Need more firms like the Sillars Scene. majority of the houses are okay. Short of licensing and inspections, possibly a new website to comment on the rental, the area, the house, etc. If you find it dirty or whatever, a website that people can comment on it.
Pam Grassmick	State of Michigan has classified them as classified as a business. All improvements get to be written off. One of the benefits. Relatives have rented and there have been no fire detectors. No egress windows in the basement. No emergency contact information. Septic systems issues when renters overstock the house. Water testing - we do not have them tested enough to know if there is a contamination. Vital that we have someone locally managing the rentals and then people do not have someone to call. Fires during the fire ban. Dirty places. A couple from Ann Arbor left because the house was so dirty. An ordinance to give guidance to new owners
Pat Reilly	Two types of investments. Financial and investment in a families future. Purchased a year ago. Short term rental. Can't move to the island yet. Investment is the long-term strategy of the island. Pat makes sure that their house takes the steps to ensure the safety of the guests. There is a lot of emotion but let's not punish short term rental owners. Let's work on this together.
Sarah Siller	Owns Island Property management. Very happy to hear how many people are concerned about safety of the homes, respect for the island, particular of the homes they bring on. They do a property evaluation of the people they bring onboard. It is not an inspection. It is an evaluation. Create a list of necessities and optional list. Look for open wires, fire detectors, fire pits. All about safety, the home, and the island itself. Diverse reaction to the evaluation. Will not work with home owners who will not update the safety of the home. Found a major safety issue in a home and they corrected it for the client. Having a hold on the management and making sure we respect nature is first and foremost. Vacation rentals are the bread and butter of the island. Happy to discuss anything moving
Kevin Stipp	Have a short term rental. Use online rental management system. Very few problems in 6 years. Comments seem to be directed at guest problems and not about the home owner issues. the short term rentals are not the problem it's the guests. Live here and have a different take. Do not want their property destroyed. It's super clean. Smoke detectors are installed. Minimal problems with renters. Use VRBO. Can rate the guests and the guests can rate. Only problem has not been through VRBO. Can only have four people at a time. need to rent in order to offset so that taxes and insurance are paid.
Dave Longlett	Own a rental property and also have a house. Wide diversity of rental homes. Use Air bnb and VRBO. It comes with protection for the renter and the rentee. The diversity goes back to individually managed properties who do not use any type of management company. There is a diversity - people vary with how they use. Occupancy rules. Fire rules. Already in place to have a proper rental. island has ordinances in place already. I don't know that more ordinances help anything. Recourse for breaking the law. Enforcement. No more new ordinances. 8% is made on the property. Add 1% burden and he's out.
Angel Welke	One of the best discussions the island has had. lack of communication of the ordinances, from the Townships, to the Chamber, to the home owners, to the rental homes, etc. 5 tents in the yard. Could probably figure it out in this room. VRBO and AirBNB are the ordinances. It's not new ordinances, it's level of accountability. Everyone should know that there is accountability. A communication program. Does not want to penalize the homeowners. This is important to the island and for the future of the island. WE need to communicate. Septic, Safety, Insurance is required the houses. Check the insurance. Same structure as online platforms. Can we do an education on rental homes. The expectations on beaver island to be a visitor, these are the rules. Rapid turn around of information so that we can implement something quickly around the important issues. Bed Tax: Chamber has discussed. If there is a bedtax it's supposed to come back to the Chamber. The question is how do you get it back to the island when it goes to the County. There is not a good way to manage that.
Greg Larson	Architect. Building code and enforcement is not clear and open to interpretation by local jurisdictions. Optimally, it would be great if they said residents could rent anything. Global issue for the island - the effect that short-term rentals have on the long-term rentals on availability and affordability. For people who want to live here year round.
Louis Stipp	Ours would never be a long-term rental. Stipps house does not impact the long-term rental market. Small margin not counting maintenance and repairs. Insurance doubled this year. Needs a roof. Expenses. Everyone thinks your making all of this money and your treading water. Don't want to incur another charge and pass it along.
Shelby Harris	Short Term Rentals are not currently mentioned in the current Master Plan. We do not have the data of how many rental houses are rented here on the island. Data collection along ordinance plans. Both Township ordinance defines a short-term rental. Other sources can be used. Can pull from sources to find data. GLIA can probably provide some ideas or thoughts from that information. Look at the impact of short-term rentals on the long-term, year round people. People have to move off because they cannot find a place to live. Management plan and have a definition and move toward gathering data for housing issues. Get a hold on both.
Patrick Reilly	The one thing to keep in mind with the economics is there has to be some oversight. VRBO and AirBnB do help with that. But, if we are talking about new ordinances and new oversight - considers themselves a mom-and-pop - if costs go out, the people who can afford to do this are large firms. If too much cost is put on people then it will make it more of a national operation. It is the exact opposite of what everyone on the call really wants.
Ron Wojan	Especially know the importance. Agree that we have to look at the bigger picture. A new ferry will allow more cars to the island. have witnessed first hand the issues. Fireworks, quads, etc. need to be careful we don't ignore these issues. Why? They love it the way it is. We need to address the rental issues to ensure enforcement, additional ordinances. Not to hold back the rental so that we protect the island and people are willing to spend the type of money that they are willing to spend. The constraints of the logistics on the island. If we do not control the rentals, we will not get the type of rentals we are looking for.
Lori Taylor-Blitz	The impact on the Townships. Analysis of the impact on the Townships. Are local taxpayers paying for the strain on the infrastructure. how much more is needed to support local. Roads, the wastewater, trash, healthcare, employees, enforcement. Partnership the community and the Townships.

Vic Vandeventer	Nightly room tax rumor. Talking about a nightly room tax, a bed tax. Scene two: Call 911 when fireworks go off.
Beth Crosswhite	Friends that want to come up next summer. Even though short term rentals have increased, there is still a need for more. A lot of people are coming and we do not want to put too much burden.
Paul Cole	Stress that an important thing is education and information or branding. The chamber has worked really hard to have good content and as much as we can collectively work together to get good information and protection the environment and safety of visitors, that will help. Short Term rentals is safety. Calls are cleanliness and safety issues. Paul goes back and has conversations with the homeowner. Continue to see if there are ways to support the homeowners are safe.
John Burnhans	Rents two houses on Indian Point Rd. No problems thus far with renters. Two houses that sleep 6-8. Fills up with families. Fortunate and had families, no complaints, no problems. Cousin lives next door. Rents on the Chamber of Commerce. Island Time and Timbuck two. Used AirBNB in the past.
Mitch Swayzey	Same as John Burnhans. Repeat renters and are vetted. Scene two: All of the concerns are valid. From a revenue perspective, if you are going into it from the business perspective, there's not that much profit.
Louise Post	House on Lakeshore Road. At the end of the road there are about 4-5 houses that are owner occupied. To the north there are a number of rental properties. While the owners do not experience issues, the residence hear noise, the road is blocked, people shoot fireworks late at night, they is concern for residence. People invite lots of people over until late at night. No way if you live nearby there are not clear rules. It's mostly about noise, lots of cars on a one track sand road. Scene two: The houses north are full time rental properties. One or two on Lakeshore are full-time rental properties. A distinction between 3-4 weeks a year and someone that is a full time rental. Owners who don't rent also have rights.
Ryan Wojan	Home on the Harbor. Rented to offset costs. Wouldn't have purchased it if it didn't have a financial benefit. Hot button all over the state. BI is set apart is that we don't have the hotels or rooms for the number of visitors coming to the island. That has a direct effect on our economy. It's a property owners rights issue. Hypothetical restriction, there has to be a distinction between buying and never using themselves as opposed to people who rent intermittently and never stay in their house.
Carol Burton	Seems to be all of the things Louise brought up are already in the ordinances and can be solved by enforcement. Scene Two: Only two people per bedroom. Hotline to call on the island if there is a problem. Scene Three: Allow pets. Have had issues with pets.
Larry Rogers	Don't think this is a place for free for all parties. Rules at the rental houses. Simple rules to follow would make the difference. Security Deposit can be part of the prevention. Have rules and follow them. Toilet paper is important. Rules should be the same here as on the mainland. Scene three; Eggs needed. Safety.
Tim King	Southend full time residents. there are two houses that are offered for rent. More and more issues with regard to safety and noise complaints. Two bedroom small place, and it's advertised for ten people. Awakened in early hunting with rifle shots at one of the places. A second situation where the the renters were putting their trash out and the racoons ripped it apart. he had to clean up the mess. Unattended BBQ and the garage was sent on fire. Renters were bringing down ski dos and chasing of the sea birds. Problems with motorbikes can't see over the top and they are driving unsafely. Night time activity and fires. Area is not rated from a septic standpoint. Worry what's going on with recreation ORV's. Scene two: Disruption of loon nesting areas and interference with Beaver trapping. People from campground and at the rental houses impacting the wildlife.
Rini Rogers	In S. Lake Tahoe, there was a number on the house so that if the neighbor had a problem or the tenant had a problem, there was a registration for the house. If every rental is registered as a rental, then you can monitor.
Billy O'Donnell	Would like to clarify. What are the intents of the properties? People are mindful of BI and we see them around town. #2 are the secondary people. Run the O'Donnell farm and couldn't do it if they couldn't rent it out. Part of the community and share the home with others to offset the costs. Investors whose intent is to make income and don't have a stake in the community. Like to see a solution that a fee could be waived and make a presence known that we're islanders. Need short term rentals. Scene: 3 - include the link to Charlevoix county health department
Jean McDonough	Rental on Lookout. No problems with renters. Nothing significant or issues. Rented to defray the taxes and the costs. Know there are concerns with poor renters from some. Monitor behaviors more closely. What is the plan?
Becca Foli	First rental in 2013, moved here in 2016. Currently have 2 rentals. Not had any issues with renters. Rent on VRBO. Listed in the Chamber. Scene two: Week long rental and want to bring a small dog. And had to say no. Their reason pets aren't allowed. The dogs became very ill and were vomiting all over the house. When they did allow dogs, one went to the bathroom on a mattress. Dogs with noise/barking issues. Cleanup after a dog is a lot of work.
Anna VanDavenport	On a booking engine, once they get their reservation, policies are on the next page of the reservation. Policies in the room. Only the number of people booked are allowed. Have made people rent another room. There's no one at the rental homes and therefore, there is no connection. Without the connection, there's no concern for caring for the property.
Chris Sorensen	3rd generation home owner. Do not like to rent their home. Either sell the house or generate income to offset annual expenses. Have had a great experience in the 6 years they've been renting. Can attribute it to location. Located in town on the harbor. very visible. Contrast that on the southend and without visibility there are more opportunities with someone with nefarious intentions. People seek to be by themselves. Pets - strict no pet policy. It's been a deal breaker for some. Stand firm for all of the reason that were mentioned. Scene Two: Question as to how many people per bedroom.
Bob and Alana Anderson	offers pets for extra fees. Renter of neighbor - family that bought the property, they are renting it to be able to afford it to be able to live in fulltime. had an issue with water running from under the sink. Anybody that's renting short term should have an on island agent to monitor the inappropriate behavior. MI has had the ordinance in place for 20 years. Renters left the trash at the end of the driveway, a list of requirements and rules as well as island practices for new renters. 3) Attended a GLI planning retreat, drummond island shared their regret that off road islands have gone out of control. All lot of it deals with the short term rental with the trucks towing the vehicles over to their island. Not the long term people who are doing it. List of laws and rules that would be given to everyone that is bringing over on the ferry as well as given to anyone who is renting on the island. Expanding it to electrified bikes as well as sea doos. Not a clear understanding of the laws, private, county, DNR property, safety and natural environment.
Angel Welke	One of the themes heard in both session is the importance of short term rentals. The most successful rentals have direct association with the rentals. Next we have to get the education out. how do we get the education out there. Someone put out the rules and regulations and it's going on the Chamber website. BI is no longer the lawless beaver island. Boards have some work ahead. check the Charlevoix Community website for the good visitor guide.
Denny Cook	Wants to mention that in 2004/2005 instigated the study of a noise ordinance for Peaine township. There's no one enforcing the ordinance. There are obvious problems that need to be solved. The people who bought do not want to hear the hi-speed water activities. jet skis were upsetting to people to buy private property and the wildlife. If someone were here they would hear this problem.
John Bunka	Property on Eastside. Family on the island. Notice of problems generalized to be about renters. BI is a great resource and we need to protect the island. Many do not know the rules. Why have the efforts not been made to protect certain areas. No powerboats at Lake G. Duty to protect the island but we have to do everything we can across the whole island. need to focus all of our efforts on just the renters. Struggling with understanding what the problem is. Wants to be a solution.
	Phone number for DNR: 800-292-7800
Charlie	Please be mindful of costs. you cannot regulate people into prosperity. More regulations add to the cost. Don't write up regulations that are going to cost too much, strain the economy, and then it would destroy the industry.
Vicky Fingerroot	Two people per bedroom has to do with the size of the septic.
Katey Riley	Purchased a home on Eastside Dr. and rents it out. Bigger picture for family to have a way to get onto the island. need to reflect on the positive peaces. More access to resources on the island. Cannot pinpoint if they are isolated to just renters. Asking that the data cover the full scope (seasonal, resident, guest).
