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Good morning, me again. When I posted last week, I had hoped it would be the only time on this subject. As I stated in my last post, I've decided to answer the many erroneous statements being made about the Town and myself on their various social media platforms and the web. They are accusing me of public defamation. I don't see it that way at all. I'm merely giving an answer to the very public campaign they started and continue with on their many public platforms. They should know defamation is a two-way street.

It's important that the public can hear the other side of the story. I receive phone calls about what is being written now. I'm not going to lie, it's unsettling. I honestly don't feel like spending my day writing and responding to all the garbage being said, but in the spirit of full disclosure I will publicly answer a few of the recent claims being made about me and the town from our perspective.

1. The most important thing I want to stress. This is NOT a farm fight as it is being made out to be. Perhaps by making it a farm fight it infuriates farmers who haven't heard both sides? I'll say it again: Barnstead fully supports their farms and follows the laws on farming! This is simply an issue between folks in town, who hold board positions, who also author and / or enforce new and existing ordinances for our residents, who now are in a dispute over permitting and approvals for themselves.

2. Regarding the false claim, we never needed a site review: The STR definition in our ordinance (Erin co-wrote it) clearly states short term rental is a business. It was written for the sole purpose of ensuring STR's had site review under 8:1. Look up the post on this community page dated March 5 2022. The content of the definition is clear.

3. She now claims: The STR conditional use permit was not available to the public yet. If that is the case (IMO) it's not a good look for PB, and the first I've heard this. They passed an ordinance onto the people and never published their own application? Interesting. At this past week's PB meeting they had the application; we discussed it for the first time. BTW: I found it interesting that their cabin rentals would never have been approved if they followed the guidelines of the applications requirements. So, you can decide for yourself why the application was never finalized / implemented?

4. Another claim, the cabins are not dwelling units is misleading: It seems they are now carefully narrating the usage of the cabins to make their case. As I understand the rules, once they started renting the cabins for overnight stays and advertising them to the public online, they became dwelling units. The ads have since been removed, but we have them saved should they be needed.

5. Nobody else got an STR permit: Conditional use permits, and site plans are submitted to PB, not Building Department. I only follow up on complaints. It is not in my job description, nor do I have time to track STR's in town. They are elected officials in town and are expected to lead the way for others. This seems more like a deflection of the blame than a defense.

6. As to the claim the cabins are not Dwelling units... IRC: Barnstead & NH State adopted code definition: Dwelling unit: A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. When they publicized and rented these cabins for overnight stays, they became dwelling units. If the town wants to pass an ordinance that people

can rent out their sheds, dig outhouses and Air B&B them out to the public then that's fine. Until then it's considered a dwelling unit in Barnstead.

7. Latrines are not governed by NHDES or Barnstead: Barnstead follows NHDES rules for septic systems. Perhaps they should start by reading ENV-WQ 1022. Test pits for soil and water table requirements. As stated in my previous post I am still awaiting some NHDES clarifications, but it's clearly stated in the septic designers' rules. I am being told that if it's in the design rules, it's for the purpose of design and approval. I plan to follow up with NHDES this week.

Lastly, the rabbit shed permit issued this week does have a condition they are clearly not happy about. Yes, the permit basically states in part that they cannot convert the shed into a dwelling unit, without proper approvals in place. Why did I add that to their permit? The simple answer is because I got burnt by them on the "Hunting Cabin" that they told me was merely a neat little hunting blind for their use, yet it turned into a rental cabin to the public that never received CO or STR approvals. The misuse or change of the original hunting cabin permit put me in hot water and the town in a potentially bad position. I just wanted to make sure it doesn't happen again. They are upset it took two months for the "rabbit shed" permit to get signed off on. First off, the shed was already built without a permit so it's not like it held them up. I simply couldn't sign it until the attorneys cleared some things up which just happened recently.