

***Airbnb* Working Group Charter**

It has been brought to the attention of the Planning Board that the use of the short-term rental website ***Airbnb*** (and of other web sites) by residents in the Town of Belmont, are running lodging operations (in growing numbers) without adhering to guidelines that bed-and-breakfasts are required to follow.

To become more comprehensive in our understanding, of the ***Airbnb*** activity and to make sure that short-term rental “hosts” follow the same rules as other businesses, the chair of the PB has identified a working group to study the matter and report back to the Board. The convener of this group will be Raffi Manjikian, who will work along with interested residents, which have previously expressed willingness to engage in matters that come before the planning board. The group will also welcome other residents that wish to research this issue to provide the PB the background on this topic.

The charge of this working group will be to determine if any measures should be considered, to place stricter limits on rentals, banning them in certain types of housing districts and requiring hosts to report details about their rentals to the Town – be that in the form of fees or taxes.

Research of the AWG will include, but not limited by the following themes:

1. Identify what other communities have done & the effects of their efforts
2. Identify issues that have contributed to the consideration of how to respond
3. What might be the size of the issue
4. What are the enforcement issues