

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS
Notes of meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, September 4, 2021 via Zoom

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Gary Beller, Bill Gardner, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, and Mary Russell; Members absent include Lou Bassano, Sue Matloff and Bill Sherman. Invited guest in attendance was Jay Cohen. Invited Guest Speaker was our Legislative Liaison to State House Representative Dylan Fernandes, Charity Grace Mofsen.
2. Chair Gary Beller opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m., read the script for Zoom meetings provided by the town and with a quorum present, the agenda for today's meeting and minutes for the August 21, 2021 meeting were approved by roll call vote.
3. Gary welcomed guest speaker Charity Grace Mofsen and responded to inquiries about our virtual meeting legislative change request and the highly restrictive open meeting law. Charity Grace also stated that the tax on real estate sales has local support but not at the state level and provided the following customizable link to follow state legislation through the process:
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD283>
4. She also noted that the PFAS Interagency Task Force formed in 2019 will have an upcoming report at:
(<https://malegislature.gov/Commissions/Detail/556/Members>)
5. Charity Grace also reported an act is under consideration to amend the Charter for the Town of Nantucket – to allow town to meet outside of town meeting on airport infrastructure funding issues.
6. She also mentioned that Dylan Fernandes is a co-sponsor of the Dark Skies Bill to improve glare, light glow in municipal building.
7. Charity Grace responded to member questions on public transportation needs, the high cost of health insurance for town employees, staffing shortages at island businesses, guidance in accessing \$1B in state Affordable Housing funding mentioned by Governor Baker at a recent island event.
8. Charity Grace indicated her role is to be the 'eyes and ears on Nantucket' along with liaisons in Boston and Martha's Vineyard. She is currently assisting with applications for pandemic related aid payments and has lived on island since 2015. Gary thanked her for joining our meeting and she encouraged outreach from ACNVT at: charitygrace.mofsen@mahouse.gov.
9. Gary provided the background on the controversy between the Sconset Beach Preservation Fund and the town.

10. After a short discussion, it was agreed the next ACNVT meeting (Zoom) will be scheduled sometime in the next 2 months with potential speakers Vince Murphy from the Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee (CRAC) and possibly Chief Pittman to speak to potential noise bylaw changes/ enforcement which could include construction/landscaping noise and STR 'party houses'. Peter Halle recommended a focus on minimal changes needed and get noise bylaw done in time for next ATM.
11. There was a motion, seconded and approved by roll call to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird, Secretary

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIHYaVd--6E&list=PL49sKqpy7VAiWr6S4eR6Y8XFjKyILx_l7&index=19