

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, October 28, 2023 via Zoom

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Gary Beller, Patti Deuster, Bill Gardner, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Ralph Kuncel, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, and Pam Suan, Scott Ulm. Members absent: Lou Bassano, Gene Briskman, Lynn Filipowski and Don Green.
2. At 8:02 AM the Chair Peter Halle convened the meeting read the Virtual Meeting Script confirming a quorum was present.
3. The Agenda for today's meeting was moved for approval, seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Approval of revised minutes from the October 7, 2023 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter Halle provided an update on the actions taken by him to publish letters to the editor stating the ACNVT position on the STR Warrant Articles. He noted the recent release of an ACK-Now study on the economic impact of STRs on the economy, followed by a brief discussion in which it was noted that the study came from the perspective of 'us vs. them' which was troubling. Peter Kahn noted that there also had been a Nantucket Civic League Meet the Articles Session that did not provide the promised balance in panelists nor speaking time. It was agreed that Peter H. would write a letter to the Town Moderator and Town Counsel, re-stating the ACNVT position opposing any motions at Special Town Meeting (STM) that would re-introduce discriminatory language in the STR articles as well as permission for Kathy Baird to speak on behalf of the ACNVT on that topic if it arises on the floor of STM.
6. Peter H. provided an update on the Select Board's recent vote to appoint a non-voting member and alternate to the Town Council Study Committee (TCSC) He pointed out the need for a Nantucket-specific form of town council and proposed that our representatives advocate for (at a minimum) 1) the retention of the current bylaw language that defines the current role of the ACNVT, and 2) look to expand our role as opportunities present themselves. After a discussion on the possible representative models (neighborhood based or at-large), the driving forces behind moving to a town council form of government and how long the process would take, Pam Suan was nominated to be named as the alternate ACNVT representative and unanimously elected.
7. Patti Deuster volunteered to follow up on the 10 year zoning review that is supposed to be taking place, to see if anyone from the town could speak to us on that topic.
8. The next ACNVT meeting will be held via Zoom on 10am Saturday December 2 with invited speaker, former Chief Pittman.
9. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird, Secretary

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website. [ACNVT Meeting Recording for October 28 2023](#)