

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, May 4, 2024 via Hybrid/Zoom

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Lou Bassano, Gary Beller, Patti Deuster, Lynn Filipski, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Ralph Kuncel, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, Pam Suan and Scott Ulm. Members absent: Gene Briskman, Bill Gardner
2. At 10:05 AM the Vice-Chair Peter Kahn convened the meeting and Kathy Baird 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 minutes from the March 2, 2024 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter K. introduced guest speaker Mike Burns, the Town of Nantucket's PLUS Transportation Project Manager who provided information on the history of bicycles and bike paths on Nantucket along with other in-process and planned transportation related initiatives including the Tom Nevers Bike Path, 'Brain Bucket' stickers for bike helmets to promote bike safety, potential e-bike regulations, consideration of a 1-way inbound option on Pleasant Street at 5 Corners which will be considered along with potential impacts on the 4 Corners (High School) intersection. He also showed examples of the new E-buses operating on the WAVE. In response to questions, Mike noted potential regulations on battery operated scooters are awaiting state guidelines and noise restrictions/re-routing for construction vehicles in the summer are not planned. Mike shared a link to the [Long Range Transportation Projects](#) website.
6. Donna provided an update on the recent meetings of the Town Council Study Committee (TCSC) which hopes to come to a proposal to the voters in a year or two at most. Four options are being considered based on direction received from the Select Board and the Collins Institute has been providing education and examples, pros and cons of each to the committee. Kathy had watched the meeting and noted the desire for public outreach regarding the progress of the committee is planned for the summer through the Nantucket Civic League (NCL) and directly to non-English speaking residents. Pam indicated voter education is key. In response to a question from Peter H. the format of the proposal can be a change to the town charter.
7. Kathy provided an overview of the STR Articles on the 2024 ATM warrant which include Article 59 to codify STRs as legal uses across all residential zones providing they are in compliance with all components of the STR General Bylaw (Chapter 123 of the town code). The pre-ATM conference with the moderator indicated it is unlikely any discriminatory language could be introduced as it would be out of scope. Article 60 is the negotiated compromise article that proposes to ban future corporate operation of STRs. Pre-ATM Planning Board and FINCOM meetings are planned to return the 'take no action' recommendation of those groups to 'vote yes' as that was also in the STR negotiation as the action to take if a negative (against the town) court ruling was issued on the Grape case. Articles 61 and 62 retain their 'take no action' recommendation as they have been combined into Article 60. If Article 59 fails, the Zoning Board of Appeals will open public hearings on June 3 to address their remand from the Land Court decision. The Select Board is also considering calling a Special Town Meeting on September 17 to address STR follow up articles and other time critical town projects. The ACNVT position on STRs was confirmed for ATM.

8. After a short discussion, it was agreed that taking on summer construction noise was an uphill battle and that if a subgroup of the ACNVT wanted to take it on, modest changes might be the best approach or also to meet with Toscana, in a personal capacity, to listen to their thoughts on the topic. Donna suggested emissions may also be a topic to address. Lynn suggested a possible dialogue with the NCL.
9. Steve Perelman reported that he had gotten an announcement of our meeting in the social media and this resulted in 2 in-person and 1 remote attendee [who did not respond live but provided feedback later via email.] A suggestion was made to provide outreach and education on the purpose of the ACNVT through the NCL this summer to speak at neighborhood annual meetings.
10. The next ACNVT meeting will be held via Zoom on 10am Saturday June 1 with Kristie Ferrantella (Town Housing Director) as the confirmed invited speaker and Peter H. will contact Libby Gibson for our first summer meeting on June 22. Future meetings will be in-person/hybrid in the meeting trailer, every 3 weeks on Saturdays at 10AM June 22 through September 14 with Zoom-only starting October 4. Kathy will schedule these with the town.
11. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:35 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 May 4, 2024](#)