

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS
Minutes of Public meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, October 5, 2024 in person
(Trailer Room A and via Zoom)

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Lou Bassano, Gary Beller, Gene Briskman, Michael Cody, Patti Deuster, Lynn Filipski, Bill Gardner, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, Scott Ulm. Member absent: Pam Suan.
2. Chair Peter Halle convened the meeting at 10:00 am and 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 the minutes from the September 7, 2024 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter H. opened the meeting suggesting a discussion and ranking of important issues (in addition to the STR debate that has recently dominated). Named priority issues included capital improvement projects, climate change, public safety (traffic, parking, bikes), affordable/attainable housing, quality of life. It was suggested that our NVT community could fill vacant cottages with school teachers and other locals and make a meaningful contribution to the town but a vehicle to connect availability with need would be required, perhaps starting by sharing the existing informal Facebook pages that facilitate these connections. Lynn noted that betterment districts may be created to tax coastal properties to fund coastal resiliency. It was suggested that we focus on issues that are different for non-voting taxpayers and that outreach to NVTs with expertise that could be made available to the town for research on these important issues. As the island approaches 100% build-out, changes in zoning and charter of the Land Bank to suspend its land acquisition for a period or leasing its land for housing, might be considered. It was agreed that discrimination against NVTs should always be a priority but not exclusive to other activities. Doing a survey through NCL and/or public media to see who is interested was suggested but no consensus was reached. Formalizing our Town Counsel Study Committee (TCSC) positioning and action plan was added to the list of priorities. Peter H will consolidate the list.
6. Peter H. has been contacted by the Nantucket Master Planning vendor for input on the communications topic and Patti and Steve will be consulted for their input before responding to the request and all members were invited to share thoughts with Peter.
7. Donna joined us after completion of the TCSC outreach that ran concurrently with our meeting. Donna recommended attending the October 10 at 5:30 public forum. Public questions included these topics: Elected representatives vs. appointed, would there be 9+ to run for office?, compensation, checks and balances, transparency. Donna reported that the TCSC plans to complete the charter and report to SB by the end of the year and she will share them with the ACNVT as sections are completed.
8. The next ACNVT meeting will be held via Zoom at 10am Saturday November 23 at 10AM with Finance Director, Brian Turbitt as our invited speaker on the topic of capital expenditures. Suggested future suggested speakers include the Director of Planning - Leslie Snell, Tucker Holland/Kristie Ferrantella (Housing), someone from the Land Bank and the Steamship Authority representative, Rob Ranney.
9. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:35am.

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website. [ACNVT Meeting recording for October 5, 2024](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird, Secretary