

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NON-VOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10:00 am, Saturday, August 23, 2025 (via Zoom)

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Lou Bassano, Gary Beller, Gene Briskman, Michael Cody, Patti Deuster, Lynn Filipiski, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, Scott Ulm. Members absent: Bill Gardner, 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 August 23, 2025 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter H. introduced our guest speaker David Gray (Sewer Director) who provided a overview on the responsibilities of his department covering the sewers, new technology used in waste/storm water treatment and regulations, on-going maintenance projects and the need for education and public/private partnerships. Mr. Gray answered questions and took suggestions from members and the public and extended an invitation to tour the treatment facility.
6. Donna Martino provided an update on the Town Council Study Group (TCSC), reporting that Chair Joe Grause will have a recommendations report sent to the town in September.
7. Gary Beller was re-elected to be the ACNVT representative to the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC) through a motion that was moved by Peter K., seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously. Gary discussed the magnitude of the projects proposed to address sea rise and coastal flooding with the Washington and Francis Street projects at the top of the list. Although the Steamship Authority has plans to raise the ferry dock in the next 5 years, the road to the ferry is projected to be underwater 100 days annually within 9 years. He discussed the funding options cited in the [Meeting Agenda Packet](#) and the challenges of getting voter attention and support to pass the budget overrides necessary to pass them.
8. Lynn provided an overview of the [Sconset Civic Association Proposed Draft Noise Bylaw](#) changes that the town agreed to consider for a town-sponsored article at the May 2026 ATM. The proposed changes look to set island-wide quiet times.
9. Kathy provided an overview of the town-sponsored conversations surrounding the development of compromise Short Term Rental (STR) zoning and general bylaw articles and presented the latest draft prepared by Town Counsel from the [Meeting Agenda Packet](#). The zoning bylaw includes a 'Y' in the Use Chart for all residential zones (except commercial where no residences are permitted) for all dwellings for a maximum of 70 days annually. Hosted stays are exempted from the day limit. The general bylaw includes a minimum stay of 7 days and maximum of 7 changes in occupancy for STRs operating in 4 dense(r) zoning districts between June 15 and September 15. Detailed discussions were postponed to a future meeting and instead focused on the role ACNVT should play and if any position should be taken beyond opposing discriminatory language, such as potential impact on property taxes.
10. The next ACNVT meeting will be hybrid at the Meeting Trailer at 10am Saturday, 9/13. Speaker options include: Land Bank Executive Director Rachael Freeman or DPW Director Drew Patnode.
11. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 12:35pm.

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website at [ACNVT Meeting recording for August 23, 2025](#).

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Baird, Secretary