

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NON-VOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10:00 am, Saturday, November 15, 2025

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Lou Bassano, Gary Beller, Gene Briskman, Patti Deuster, Lynn Filipski, Bill Gardner, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, Members absent: Michael Cody, Pam Suan, Scott Ulm
2. Chair Peter Halle convened the meeting at 10:01 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 corrected minutes from the October 11, 2025 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter H. opened the Discussion of Housing Issues, with Gene Briskman introducing speakers Brian Sullivan, Chair of the Affording Housing Trust, Dylan Metsch-Ampel, Deputy Housing Director and Anne Kuszpa, Executive Director of Housing Nantucket.
6. Attendees viewed the trailer for the documentary [Room for Us](#).
7. Brian and Dylan provided a detailed [presentation of their mission and responsibilities](#), answering member and public questions. The [2021 Housing Production Plan](#), the [Housing Department's Newsletter](#), [Abilities of the Affordable Housing Trust](#), [Housing Organization Contact Information](#) with additional information provided at the [Affordable Housing Trust Link](#). ACNVT members who are MA voters were encouraged to individually contact their representatives in support of the Seasonal Communities Housing Transfer Tax with sample advocacy letters (due by 12/3) to be provided.
8. Anne Kuszpa provided an introduction to Housing Nantucket's status as a private. Tax-deductible non-profit and community development partner that administers several programs including the Covenant Program, Lease to Locals, moving of donated dwellings, installation of solar panels and explained the [Wiggles Way Model](#) as an example of their operation.
9. Peter H. noted his conclusions on the passage of Article 1 and tabling of Article 2 and several members contributed their thoughts, with the general conclusion that our committee can now focus on other priority issues for the town and non-voting taxpayers.
10. Peter noted his top three key issues of concern for Nonvoting Taxpayers that should be addressed by ACNVT: Affordable Housing, Our Island Home and Coastal Resiliency
11. Steve noted there were 12 members of the public in attendance at today's meeting and requested an early spot on the next agenda to discuss outreach ideas from the public relations subcommittee.
12. The next ACNVT meeting will be Zoom-only at 10am at a date to be determined by a poll to be sent to members. Next invited speaker will be Jill Vieth – FINCOM and Capital Program Committee (CAPCOM) Chair.
13. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 12:04pm.

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website at [ACNVT Meeting recording for November 15, 2025](#).

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Baird, Secretary