

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NON-VOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10:00 am, Saturday, April 11, 2026

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Gene Briskman, Michael Cody, Patti Deuster, Lynn Filipiski, Peter Halle, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, Pam Suan. Members absent: Lou Bassano, Gary Beller, Bill Gardner, Don Green, Peter Kahn, 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 November 15, 2025 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter H. initiated a general discussion of Annual Town Meeting (ATM) 2026 Capital Project articles while we waited for our guest speaker to join us. An overall concern for non-voting taxpayers is the full list of currently proposed projects along with those in the queue. Current total of the largest debt override requests are for Article 11 - Our Island Home (OIH), Article 15 – Somerset Sewer Extension and Article 12 - School Athletic Facilities Improvements is approximately \$200M.
6. Peter H. began the discussion with OIH which has been resubmitted with updated costs. Committee members concluded, with a vote, to have chair Peter H., with assistance from Pam, send a letter to the Town Manager, Select Board with a follow up to the local newspapers. It will acknowledge heartfelt sympathy for the community need for local skilled nursing care for elderly residents but recommend against passage of Article 11, with a suggestion to consider a less costly build-out/ongoing operational deficit model and/or a model with significant private ownership.
7. It was decided there was no reason to appoint an ACNVT speaker for ATM as our positions, this year, align with the published FINCOM recommendations.
8. Guest Speaker Jill Vieth, Chair of the Finance Committee (FINCOM) and Capital Program Committee (CAPCOM), joined us and provided an overview of capital project proposals for ATM 2026 as found in the [CAPCOM Report and Recommendations \(FY2027\)](#).
9. Ms. Vieth noted a total of \$1B currently identified in the next 10 Years in the Capital Investment Program (CIP) which CAPCOM internally prioritizes as part of their analysis. Ms. Vieth does not believe the town/taxpayers can afford all of these projects and hard decisions will need to be made through further study and prioritization by town leadership before moving articles to the warrant. Among other things, the CIP includes Coastal Resiliency Projects, a new Middle School, and upgraded DPW facility. Ms. Vieth offered to send us the complete list of currently identified capital projects.
10. Michael Cody suggested the possibility of a public/private partnership through a local non-profit (perhaps the Community Foundation for Nantucket (CFN)) to address the upcoming CIP challenges.
11. Pam Suan brought up her concerns about Article 68 – the revised Noise Bylaw which removes the seasonal time differentials and shifts some of them but excludes non-commercial operations. A robust discussion concluded with a decision not to submit changes or take a position and instead leaving it to the voters and support future amendments as appropriate.

12. Kathy provided an update on Phase 1 of the Tom Nevers Debris Removal (Article 16) which provides for the Phase II completion of the work to deal with the inland debris removal, coastal resiliency issues and rehabilitation of the Tom Nevers Park. Other articles were discussed and ACNVT members decided to take no position on them.
13. Kathy provided an update on the required Open Meeting Law training and requested those with expiring terms re-apply or notify the town that you wish not to be re-appointed (Peter K, Lynn, Patti, Scott, Michael Cody). There are also 2 alternate positions open. Peter noted that we learned via the training that volunteers serving less than a certain number of hours (we all may qualify), can be designated as Special Employees under state law and have fewer conflict of interest requirements. Peter will inquire whether the town would support that designation.
14. Steve requested an early spot on the next meeting agenda for the communications subcommittee to discuss outreach ideas from the public relations subcommittee.
15. The next ACNVT meeting will be Zoom-only at 10am on May 2 with suggested invited speakers: Rob Ranney (Assessor's Office) and possibly DPW Director Drew Patenode.
16. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 12:48pm.

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website at [ACNVT Meeting recording for April 11, 2026](#).

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Baird, Secretary