

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NON-VOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10:00 am, Saturday, July 18, 2026

1. Attending members: Lou Bassano, Gene Briskman, Jon Delano, Patti Deuster, Bill Gardner, Peter Halle, Mike Herlihy, Peter Kahn, Eric Krauetler, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, Pamela Suan, Bob Vidoni, Renee Johannensen (Alternate). Members absent: Kathy Baird, Scott Ulm
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 June 27, 2026 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter H. welcomed new committee members and guest speaker Libby Gibson (Town Manager) and asked each member and visitors to introduce themselves.
6. Peter H. introduced our Guest Speaker, Town Manager, Libby Gibson who expanded on her presentation from the recent Nantucket Civic League Summer Forum held recently at the Atheneum. Topics included a 2026 ATM overview which included passing a \$148M budget (up 5.98% from last year), new Health and Finance Directors starting soon and Committee Operations Coordinator Debra Goudemond to assist with Open Meeting Law (OM) and Conflict of Interest (COI) education and on-boarding of all town committee members. Ms. Gibson provided insight into Strategic Planning, upcoming and ongoing large capital projects and the newly adopted storm water Bylaw. Regulations are being written that eventually will apply to all residential property owners to better control storm water run off and fees (similar in concept to sewer/water fees) to cover the costs. The Town is using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for meeting minutes and it is considering how AI can be used for other applications. Municipal housing for Town Employees continues to demand support and management. Affordable housing for residents and a host of issues such as water quality, drought and coastal resiliency continue to be a focus.
7. Steve P. thanked the Town Manager team for their communications support including updating our website, getting a town email address, participating in the 'Committee of the Month' initiative and asked Libby how ACNVT can help further. Libby suggested outreach to nonvoters via newsletter and communications with neighborhood associations should be

pursued. Various ideas were discussed including the desirability of developing an email list of nonvoting taxpayers. Ms. Gibson answered questions from attendees on topics including parking, Tom Nevers Field Erosion/Bike Path, Our Island Home charitable funding, Tax Rate increase forecasting, Potential changes to the Residential Exemption percentage, Density/Housing Limits, Permanent Permission under Massachusetts for Hybrid Public Meetings, ACNVT Volunteer Skill Set Support, and Special Town Employee Status

8. Election of Officers – Peter Halle was re-elected for Chair and Kathy Baird for Secretary through roll-call votes. Vice Chair Peter Kahn will remain a member but can no longer serve as an officer due to other Community obligations so this position remains under consideration until the next meeting.
9. Steve P. provided an overview of the ACNVT Communications Committee work with Town Administration, drafting town newsletter input for ACNVT, town email address, an update to our town website, increasing outreach through local media and neighborhood organizations, committee expertise, getting better informed.
10. Interest in additional information about the Residential Tax Exemption would be helpful to the committee so Peter H. will invite Rob Ranney (Tax Assessor) to a future meeting.
11. Suggestions regarding potential FY 2027 NVT issues include 'quality of life' (e.g., traffic, density, conservation, public health, affordable housing), capital expenditures, AI, coastal resiliency. Peter H. will represent ACNVT on the Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee, replacing the late Gary Beller.
12. Future in-person/hybrid meetings scheduled for August 1, 15 and 29 at 10AM either at the Meeting Trailer or the Safety Center Training Room. Future speakers suggested to include Tax Assessor Rob Ranney, Municipal Housing Director Kristie Ferrantella and Select Board member Bob DeCosta.
13. Public Comment – none
14. New Business - none
15. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 12:25pm.

The recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website at [ACNVT Meeting recording for July 18, 2026.](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Baird, Secretary