

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NON-VOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10:00 am, Saturday, August 1, 2026

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Gene Briskman, Patti Deuster, Bill Gardner, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, Scott Ulm, Bob Vidoni. Members absent: Lou Bassano, Jon Delano, Mike Herlihy, Eric Krauetler, Pamela 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 July 18, 2026 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter H. introduced our Guest Speaker, Rob Ranney (Tax Assessor) who spoke using a [consolidated presentation from a recent update to the Select Board](#) and spoke on various topics including The Massachusetts/Nantucket Residential Property Tax Exemption, how it works and its effect on Resident and Nonresident Property Taxpayers. Mr. Ranney provided answers and clarifications to questions from guests and members. Group discussion focused on supporting the exemption to assist with residents' ability to afford their own home, the effective spread of the impact on the larger tax base (NVTs) and a sharper focus on the large, anticipated capital projects that will likely have a larger impact on all taxpayers/the town's bond rating.
6. Election of Vice Chair – Peter H. opened nominations. Peter K. nominated Steve Perelman which was seconded with no other nominations proposed, passed unanimously.
7. Steve P. provided an update of the ACNVT Communications Committee work with Town Administration, finalizing the town newsletter input and website update for ACNVT, setting up an ACNVT town email address, increasing outreach through local media and neighborhood organizations, fostering active town committee participation/expertise. Jon Delano has agreed to take over the leadership of the Communications Sub-committee.
8. Peter H. led a discussion on the Adoption of a Subcommittee Structure to enhance ACNVT Member Engagement that may include: Finance, Planning (Zoning), Board of Health, Select Board, Housing, Large Town Projects, Legal/Contracts, and Transportation and Public Access (TPAC). Members with interest and/or skill in those areas were invite to contact Peter H with their offers of assistance to the town/subcommittee membership.

9. Bob V. summarized his meeting with the housing department leadership and will continue to provide that support as needed. Town guest Tracy MacDonald (Real Estate Manager) suggested considering participation in the Seasonal Communities/Transfer Tax/Lease to Locals initiatives.
10. Peter H. provided an update on his participation in the recent Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee (CRAC). The town is hosting [in-person CRAC Project workshops](#) around the island 8/12-13 (view the [Strategic Retreat and Relocation Program](#) and [Coastal Resiliency Plan](#) – especially Chapter 8) and encouraged member participation in the workshops.
11. In-person/hybrid meetings scheduled for August 15, 29 and September 12 at 10AM at Safety Center Training Room. Future speakers include Transportation Program Manager Mike Burns (8/15), Municipal Housing Director Kristie Ferrantella (9/12). Future guest speakers were suggested to include Select Board member Bob DeCosta, the Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Drew Patenode and after they have settled in to their new roles in the future, the Director of Finance and Health Director.
12. Public Comment – none
13. New Business - none
14. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:58pm.

The recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website at [ACNVT Meeting Recording for August 1, 2026](#) .

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Baird, Secretary