

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS
Notes of meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, May 22, 2021 via Zoom

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Bill Gardner, Gary Beller, Don Green, Peter Halle, and Peter Kahn; Members absent include Lou Bassano, Sue Matloff and Mary Russell and Bill Sherman.
2. Chair Gary Beller opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m., read the script for Zoom meetings provided by the town and declared a quorum present. The revised agenda for today's meeting and minutes for the April 10, 2021 meeting were approved by roll call vote.
3. Gary opened the discussion with an overview of his talk on the invited panel regarding the proposed Noise bylaw at the 'Meet the Articles' forum hosted by the Nantucket Civic League last Saturday. Gary was pleased that Denice Kronau, Chair of FinCom and Libby Gibson, Town Manager were present to hear the ACNVT concerns. Although ACNVT had initiated the proposed changes, we were very disappointed that the resultant bylaw had, instead, been gutted of most of the existing restrictions and did not pertain to any areas other than downtown. Lee Saperstein suggested ACNVT amend the bylaw and Gary made them aware that we could not vote and therefore could not propose to amend the bylaw. Gary further explained that NCL did not appear to be taking a position on any of the articles.
4. Gary provided an overview of the Town Meeting Informational Session that was held on May 18. The rules for non-voting taxpayers were explained and Gary proposed that Peter speak on behalf of ACNVT on the Noise Bylaw and Article 90. Kathy requested to be designated to speak on Article 90 and after some discussion, it was agreed to ask Libby Gibson if Kathy would be conflicted out and not permitted to speak due to her financial interest in the outcome of that article. It was not immediately known if speaking was permitted since we have no vote, in any case.
5. The conversation moved onto writing and potentially submitting an amendment to the proposed Noise Bylaw, having to print 500 copies of it to bring to ATM and also who would submit it on our behalf. Peter Halle will generate some amendment language and follow up to see if it can be accomplished as an alternative to recommending against the bylaw.
6. Don Greene noted that he was told by his contractor that his home project in Miacomet could not be done during the summer, due to

the noise bylaw and it was unclear if the contractor was correct in that statement. Discussion ensued but no conclusion was made.

7. Don also suggested that there was a sufficient billionaire and multi-millionaire population on the island to start a fund raising entity for affordable housing. Gary noted the existing articles that propose different sources of funding and recommended waiting to see the results of the vote.
8. Gary brought up the topic of continuing to meet via Zoom (and in a hybrid model where remote attendees could count in the quorum) after the Governor's emergency order is removed on June 15. Gary believes Libby Gibson, Town Manager and the Select Board would need to support ACNVT in that request before revisions to existing legislation could be proposed. Peter has contacted his counterpart in Chatham and they would also support such a change. Peter has drafted language to address this will also reach out to the town for their feedback and potential concurrence.
9. The next ACNVT meeting is scheduled (planned in-person and Zoom) for Saturday June 19 at 10AM, post-ATM and town elections, with Libby Gibson to be the invited speaker.
10. There was a motion, seconded and approved by roll call to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird, Secretary

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHJQCeM86_w