

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, January 6, 2024 via Zoom

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, and Pam Suan. Members absent: Ralph Kuncl and Scott Ulm. Guests included Karel Greenberg and Bob Braunohler
2. At 10:00 AM the Chair Peter Halle convened the meeting 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 revised minutes from the October 28, 2023 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Lynn Filipski provided an update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. In an attempt to alleviate traffic at 5 corners, the committee will request a 3 week experiment in May, making Pleasant St. one way inbound. The town plans to remove Stop signs on bike paths to reinforce the responsibility of vehicle drivers to stop for bicycles. A future town warrant article to address motorized scooters is under consideration to address speed and type of permitted e-bikes. Radar enforcement is an issue as Community Service Officers cannot issue speeding tickets and State Police are in control of Milestone Road. Lynn will attend future Traffic Safety Working Group meetings and will report back so the ACNVT can have input as articles are formed. Lynn recommended an island-wide bike safety group to promote education and suggested neighborhood associations could host annual bike safety days like Sconset does. Peter H. suggested replacing (instead of removing) signs with better messaging would be more appropriate and Lynn will take that idea forward. Also, the MA 'Share the Road' program is being implemented by the town.
6. Kathy provided an overview of Special Town Meeting outcomes and the citizen-sponsored warrant articles for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting (ATM). Only one (Article G – Vehicle Rental Medallions) had potential dormant commerce clause discriminatory language in it and Peter H. will send a letter to FINCOM and the Select Board expressing our concern and suggested wording to avoid potential legal challenges. Lynn noted that the Sconset Civic Association (SCA) is drafting noise and construction (in summer) bylaws and looking for support from other neighborhood associations, coordinating with the Nantucket Civic League. SCA will share a draft with the ACNVT when it is ready for review.
7. Donna and Pam provided an update on the first two meetings of the Town Council Study Committee which meets 3-4:30 every other Wednesday. Joe Grause was elected Chair and Jeff Carlson, Vice Chair. Three types of government are authorized for a town the size of Nantucket with Town Council/Town Manager the simplest transition. Town Councils can meet to make legislative decisions more often and can address local issues more quickly. They began with a MA Municipal Association webinar start and may use them as consultants and the Collins Institute also may also participate. With many towns having made similar transitions, there is no need to reinvent the wheel but public outreach and education will be needed in an ongoing basis. ATM 2025 is the target for a town charter revision warrant article. Key will be the size of the council and whether it is at-large or district based. Members agreed

that non-voting taxpayer participation should be at the current or more active level than it is now, perhaps just changing the current bylaws to advise the council instead of the Select Board.

8. Steve Perelman asked guests to share how they heard about this ACNVT meeting.
9. Kathy provided an update on the status of the STR litigation and STR registry launch.
10. The next ACNVT meeting will be held via Zoom on 10am Saturday February 3 with no invited speaker. A suggestion was made to invite the new Police Chief Jody Kasper to a future meeting
11. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird, Secretary

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website. [ACNVT Meeting recording for January 6, 2024](#)