

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS**

### **Minutes of Public meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, May 13, 2023 via Zoom**

1. Attending members: Lou Bassano, Gary Beller, Gene Briskman, Patti Deuster, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn and Pam Suan. Members absent: Kathy Baird, Bill Gardner, Don Green, and Bill Sherman. A quorum was present. Also present were guests: Donna Martino and Scott Ulm.
2. At 10:05 AM the Chair Peter Halle convened the meeting and read the Virtual Meeting Script.
3. The Agenda for today's meeting was moved for approval, seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the minutes from the April 15 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter Halle welcomed new members Gene Briskman and Patti Deuster.
6. Peter Kahn gave an overview of the May 4 STRWG in-person meeting highlighting the conclusion of the meeting as written in the STRWG-approved statement made by representative Jim Sulzer at Annual Town Meeting (ATM). Peter K. confirmed the generally accepted goal that the proposed bylaws not discriminate against non-voting taxpayers. There appears to be a consensus around specific zoning codification of STRs in all zones as long as they are operated in accordance with whatever general bylaws are passed along with the zoning bylaw. The general bylaw with the most consensus is the requirement for all STRs to be operated by 'natural persons' and not corporations and that this premise is the most likely to be included in the final package as a minimum requirement for overall passage. Peter K. also noted strong consensus for the general bylaw proposal to grandfather all STRs registered to operate prior to the Special Town Meeting (STM), be permitted to continue to operate until sold or discontinue operation. Peter K. introduced the proposed limit of STR owners to 2 but was concerned that there was no specific rationale yet cited as to what limit would be the right choice as it was difficult to connect it to the supporting data and problem definition. Peter K. relayed the feeling from town meeting that neighborhood preservation (not a hard metric) was key so some of the proposed policies are ideas that may help resolve those concerns. It was noted the proposal to limit STRs to 9 leases in July and August was noted to be one that may have a positive impact on the neighborhood 'churn' concern. The proposal of STR caps led to a statement of concern that inherited properties that are not now used as STRs, may need to become so for the heirs, as a concern to ACNVT members. Peter K. confirmed that there have been no STRWG discussions about impacts on mostly seasonal neighborhoods like Sconset. Although no specific votes were taken, Peter H. concluded that the ACNVT continues to support the avoidance of discrimination against non-voting taxpayers, and the two bylaw approach recommended by Town Counsel; a zoning bylaw specifically permitting and a general bylaw regulating them. Moreover, the general bylaw presented to the

Fall Town Meeting should be the minimum required based on the data collected and analyzed, and be amended from time to time at future Town Meetings based on further information of the need for more (or less) regulation and experience after the initial regulations are adopted and put into effect.

7. Peter K. confirmed the agenda and purpose of the May 16 and June 1 STRWG Public Input meetings and encouraged participation of ACNVT members.
8. The possibility for hybrid meetings is still unresolved with the town and Peter H. will follow up. The group suggested that further public education in the mission of ACNVT be accelerated this summer and continue to push for the hybrid model during the summer and expand our deliberations to include other (than STR) island issues on our agendas. A Public Relations committee was suggested to accomplish this along with a pre-set schedule and specific highlighted topic for each that is made public in advance.
9. Next ACNVT meeting is scheduled via Zoom for 10am June 17, 2023 with Town Manager, Libby Gibson as guest speaker. Suggested future speakers include the Transportation Planner-Mike Burns, DPW Deputy Director Richard Moore, Curtis Barnes (update on Article 80) along with possible participation of ACNVT on the new government study committee, Affordable Housing (Tucker Holland) and the Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee (Vince Murphy or Leah Hill).
10. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:20 am.

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=plPQRM9RrT8&t=455s>