

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS**  
**Minutes of Public meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, October 7, 2023 at Meeting**  
**Trailer Room A - 131 Pleasant St. and via Zoom**

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Gary Beller, Gene Briskman, Patti Deuster, Lynn Filipski, Bill Gardner, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Donna Martino, Steve Perelman, and Scott Ulm. Members absent: Lou Bassano, Ralph Kuncl, Pam Suan. Guest Speaker: Curtis Barnes
2. At 10:02 AM the Chair Peter Halle convened the meeting 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 September 2, 2023 meeting was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Peter Halle opened the meeting to explain that requested guest speakers Chief Bill Pitman (NPD) and Jessie Bell (Land Bank) were both unavailable to speak with us at this meeting but would be happy to do so at a future date.
6. Peter Kahn provided an update on the status of the STR Warrant Articles, confirming that the discriminatory Article had been removed by the Select Board and was unlikely to be re-introduced on the floor of Special Town Meeting (STM). A motion was made, seconded and the majority approved the Chair to: a) draft a letter to the Town Moderator to suggest it would be in violation of the constitution and out of scope, and b) draft a letter to the editor/op-ed supporting passage of Articles 1 and 2, including an emphasis on Article 2's importance in putting an end to the lawsuits that have only impacted non-voting taxpayers. A public information session on STRs was hosted by the town and some members of the former STR Working Group but there was a low turnout and few questions. The second session will be October 12 at 5:30 via Zoom and more effective advance notification was suggested to increase turnout.
7. Peter Halle indicated disappointment in the omission of an ACNVT appointee in the newly formed Town Council Study Committee (TCSC). Curtis Barnes (author of the warrant article that authorized its formation and an appointed member) was present and provided an update. It was agreed that a follow up letter to the Select Board with a copy to Libby Gibson, would be sent before the next Select Board meeting with ACNVT membership attendance encouraged. The letter will request the appointment of an ACNVT voting-member to the TCSC so the voice and advocacy of non-voting taxpayers, which is currently defined in town bylaws, would continue to be heard as the committee moves forward.
8. Peter Halle quickly reviewed the 5 major components of the town's updated Strategic Plan, confirming ACNVT's alignment and hosting of speakers with expertise in those areas. Public Safety was suggested as another area that perhaps deserved its own discussion in the plan as well as the overarching topic of what did residents and visitors want the future of Nantucket to look like and what were the priorities.
9. Steve Perelman provided an update on Public Relations outreach. Suggestions for improving participation included changing meeting dates, outreach to the Nantucket Civic League and its neighborhood associations and posting speaker videos to the ACNVT website.

10. Next ACNVT meeting will be determined through a member poll and outreach will be made to Chief Pittman for our next meeting with Jessie Bell at a future meeting.
11. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:57 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 10072023](#)