

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS
Notes of meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, March 6, 2021 via Zoom

1. Attending members: Lou Bassano, Bill Gardner, Gary Beller, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, and Bill Sherman; Members absent include Kathy Baird, Sue Matloff and Mary Russell. There was no guest speaker. Other Guests in attendance included Jon Delano, Robin Nydes, Pamela Suan, Virginia and Bob Vidoni.
2. Chair Gary Beller opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Gary read the script for Zoom meetings provided by the town and declared a quorum present. The agenda for today's meeting and minutes for the February 6, 2021 meeting were approved by roll call vote.
3. Gary opened the discussion of town warrant articles and potential advocacy, noting the postponement of the FinCom meeting where Article 70 (Noise Ordinance) was to be discussed, expressing concern over the Select Board's removal of the majority of recommendations made by ACNVT. Others noted concerns that noise issues were not limited to downtown or construction and landscaping, citing noise issues at Tom Nevers Field and the ability to and priority of enforcing existing regulations. After further discussion and public input, a motion was approved unanimously by roll call to send a letter to the Select Board citing disappointment in their actions and ask FinCom to vote not to adopt Article 70.
4. Gary opened the discussion on Article 90 (Short Term Rental Bylaw), sharing results of the FinCom meeting where they recommended not to adopt, expressing disappointment in the lack of movement in ACK Now's position since they met with ACNVT. Gary also noted there was no connection between short term rentals and the lack of affordable housing. After further discussion and public input, a motion was approved unanimously to send a letter to the Select Board (copy to FinCom) in support of the FinCom recommendation not to adopt.
5. Gary asked for input on Article 97 to divert 25% of Land Bank revenue to support Affordable Housing, noting that FinCom would make a recommendation on the article before ACNVT's next meeting. The consensus was that this was a complex issue and could not be understood quickly, nor a recommendation made in time for town meeting so a summer meeting discussion would be more appropriate. Gary also noted the perennially pending MA legislation to charge sellers .5% of home selling price to fund affordable housing.

6. Pam Suan asked if Article 38 (Affordable and Year-round Housing Stabilization Fund) was to be addressed by ACNVT. It was agreed that its potential impact was also unclear at this time without further research so an ACNVT opinion was not appropriate at this time but inclusion at a summer meeting discussion would be desirable.
7. Gary's review of town ordinances resulted in a better understanding of non-voting taxpayers' rights to speak at the ATM and asked if anyone was interested in attending and speaking, as well as what an appropriate strategy should be. It was agreed to discuss at a future ACNVT meeting.
8. The next ACNVT meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 10 at 10AM to with an agenda to be developed unless something urgent comes up in the interim.
9. Peter Halle brought up his draft legislative modification to the open meeting law, proposing to share it with the Select Board, other committees and state representatives to move it forward before the Governor's executive order is rescinded. Peter will circulate his draft motion for discussion at the next ACNVT meeting.
10. There was a motion, seconded and approved by roll call to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 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=G0NP3CAza1c>