

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

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Gary Beller, Bill Gardner, Don Green, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn, Mary Russell, and Bill Sherman; Members absent include Lou Bassano and Sue Matloff. Invited guest in attendance was Jay Cohen. Members from the public included: Jane and John Delano, Doug Rose, Virginia Vidoni. Invited Guest Speaker was Select Board Member, Matt Fee.
2. Chair Gary Beller opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., read the script for Zoom meetings provided by the town and with a quorum present, the agenda for today's meeting and minutes for the May 22, 2021 meeting were approved by roll call vote.
3. Gary welcomed guest speaker Matt Fee and shared issues of ongoing concern to ACNVT members (e.g. the ability to meet in a hybrid manner and meet quorum rules) and thanked him for carefully addressing budget concerns and understanding that the noise bylaw was falling short of our expectations. Gary asked Matt to comment on island overcrowding in the markets and on the roads. Gary also noted concern about the manner in which town meeting lends itself to dialogue being cut off and some articles that have significant impact on many (e.g. pool restrictions) being voted on with few remaining present to vote.
4. Matt gave opening remarks indicating that the island market situation would likely level out on its own with new options opening up and the Stop & Shop adjusting to the new summer normal. Matt noted that there is a need for serious traffic modeling and the hiring of an experienced traffic planner. On the topic of increased taxes (since they are still among the lowest anywhere), Matt indicated that it was not low for local businesses, especially those who provide housing for their employees and cited his cost of \$40K/year in town taxes for his business. He expressed concern about the 'investor model' becoming more of the norm on the island which was not Walter Beinecke's vision of locally owned businesses. He then shared the pros and cons of town meeting vs. representative town government.
5. Peter Halle explained the current remote public meeting's in-person quorum rule and that he had provided draft language to modify it so we could continue to meet remotely in the off-season once the governor's extension expires in April. He also noted that bandwidth issues on Comcast were prevalent and Matt replied that

his research had shown it to be an off-island connectivity issue during the summer as the carrying capacity on-island is sufficient. Matt further indicated that the town is having just as much trouble hiring (e.g. traffic planner) as businesses and is in favor of the town providing housing for their employees who need it.

6. Kathy Baird asked if Matt's idea to create a post-ATM committee to work on island quality of life issues, was moving forward and he hoped it would be a topic for the joint Planning/Select Board Post-ATM next steps meeting on Monday, July 12 at 4pm.
7. Gary asked if the new units on Old South Road were being taken and Matt said yes and there need to be more to meet the town's SHI goals and he supports increased density mid-island rather than development out in the rural areas. Gary shared his experience in building a parking garage in NYC at the Botanical Garden as a possibility for Nantucket and Matt said the first step needs to be the implementation of the demand management parking concept.
8. Jon Delano asked that the issue of short term rentals be addressed without the divisiveness and discriminatory nature of Article 90 between year round and part-time residents, all of whom care deeply about the island. Matt's concern is where the line is drawn and that party houses must be controlled. Jane suggested perhaps a better worded and enforced noise by-law would be a solution.
9. After a brief discussion, the election of a slate of officers for 2021-2022 was moved and approved by roll call vote with the results: Gary Beller, Chair; Peter Halle, Vice Chair; Kathy Baird, Secretary.
10. Peter Halle offered to contact a technical expert to share ideas with us at a future meeting on how to conduct a simple hybrid meeting.
11. Gary asked for and received a motion and roll call approval for him to continue for another year on the CRC which has been extended. Gary noted that the 2022 ATM is scheduled for May 2.
12. During a discussion on construction noise, Don Greene cited a good experience with a neighbor's contractors and others noted that in some towns, abutters get notified of upcoming projects and this might be a good idea to do when permits are issued.
13. The next ACNVT meeting is scheduled (Zoom) for Saturday July 24 at 10AM, with Town Moderator, Sarah Alger as the invited speaker. Kathy will confirm future speakers and dates including Assistant Police Chief Charlie Gibson for noise by-law enforcement feedback.

14. There was a motion, seconded and approved by roll call to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird, Secretary

Unfortunately, the recording of the meeting was not started correctly and is therefore unavailable on the Town of Nantucket YouTube Channel