

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS

Minutes of Public meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, January 28, 2023 via Zoom

1. Attending members: Kathy Baird, Lou Bassano, Bill Gardner, Don Greene, Peter Halle, Peter Kahn and Bill Sherman. Member absent: Gary Beller. A quorum was present. Also present were guests Donna Martino Steve Perelman, and Scott Ulm. Our guest speaker was Curtis Barnes.
2. At approximately 10:05 AM the Chair Peter Halle convened the meeting and read the Virtual Meeting Script.
3. The Agenda approval for today's meeting was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the minutes from the January 14 meeting was moved and seconded. It passed unanimously.
5. There was a discussion about those in the process of being appointed. No new members have been appointed due to the in-person swearing in requirement.
6. Peter Halle introduced our guest speaker, Curtis Barnes, the author of Citizens Warrant Article 1 (now Town Warrant article 81). Curtis shared his background in town government, having attended annual town meeting (ATM) for decades, and highlighted his participation as a member of the Town Government Study Group. As part of this group, he visited Barnstable which has a town council form of government where anyone (voters and non-voters) can come before the council with an issue and get resolution in two weeks. Curtis stated the impetus for authoring the article being his experience as a new member of the Nantucket Board of Water Commissioners. Curtis noted that the delays and missed funding or spending/acquisition inherent in a once-per-year legislative process that is the hallmark of the ATM form of government, is no longer in the best interests of the town. Article 81 proposes to have the Select Board appoint a committee to research the available options and propose a warrant article to move to a town council form of government. He indicated his support for non-voter participation in the committee to be appointed and noted the potential for a higher level of participation with a town council. Curtis stated that the FINCOM will review Article 81 at their meeting on 1/31. Curtis then answered questions from ACNVT members and guests regarding districts vs. at-large council representation, noting that the appointed committee would be responsible for proposing that level of detail in their article.
7. A motion was made and seconded to notify the Select Board that ACNVT supports adoption of Article 81 and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote with one abstention.
8. STRWG – Peter Kahn and Kathy updated the ACNVT on the upcoming 31 January meeting and the potential for further delays as the group awaits the negotiation of a contract with a third party data integration

analyst. Kathy shared the reasons for this approach being the lack of credible or useful Granicus data, the need for NAREB (real estate agency) data and the integration and de-duplication of both, along with the town's desire for an independent third party to accomplish the work. At Peter K's request to identify additional data requirements for input to the STRWG, Kathy suggested the need for economic impact analysis data elements to assess the potential impact of STR policy changes and also the need for 'number of owner-occupied days' as this metric is present in Article 60 and may be a topic for STRWG consideration. She noted that this is likely unavailable from existing sources and perhaps it could be collected by the new STR registration portal.

9. ACNVT members considered a position on opposing STR-related zoning ATM Articles (35-Arthur Reade; 58, 59, 61 – Linda Williams; and 60-Emily Kilvert) in favor of the STRWG proposals at the planned Special Town Meeting (STM) in the fall. The discussion resulted in a motion to remove (table) Article 35 from list and recommend to the Select Board, to 'not adopt' Articles 58-61, in favor of allowing the STRWG to complete their work in delivering proposals to the STM. The motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote with one abstention.
10. To continue discussion of other ATM articles, it was agreed to invite Gail Walker from Nantucket Lights, to speak to us at our next meeting regarding her proposed Article 76 – Outdoor Lighting Bylaw replacement, and Bruce Mandel regarding his proposed Article 72 – Motorized Passenger Devices Bylaw. See links below for FINCOM review videos for both articles (1/9 and 1/26).
11. Next ACNVT meeting Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10am.
12. Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed unanimously at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Baird, Secretary

Attachments (3)

(1) – Link to Select Board adopted ATM Warrant per item 9 above

<https://nantucket-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/42840/2023-Annual-Town-Meeting-and-Election-Warrant-as-adopted-by-the-Select-Board-PDF>

(2) – Link to YouTube video FINCOM discussion of Articles 72 (first presenter)/76 (starting around 1:18) per item 10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tr8lNoLGy1w>

The following link represents the recording of this meeting located on the Town of Nantucket YouTube website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oixAzFVTsg>