

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Gary Beller, Dr. Sarah Bois, Peter Brace, Tim Braine, Abby De Molina (partial), Dr. Jen Karberg, Christy Kickham, Joanna Roche, Doug Rose

Members Absent: Matt Fee, Rachael Freeman

Staff present: Leah Hill

Members of the public: Pam Lohmann, Maura Boswell

Recording available here: <https://youtu.be/Rsj5TED1FZk?si=zj-N740-ELMDDLrl>

1. Call to Order – 10:00am
 - the meeting was called to order by chair Peter Brace
2. Meeting announcements
 - Script for remotely conducting Open Meetings
 - Meeting is being audio/visually recorded
3. Public comment on topics not on the agenda
 - None
4. Moment of silence for former CRAC member Carl Borchert
5. Review generated coastal resilience topics and schedule for communication & outreach effort
 - Hill reviewed a spreadsheet that organizes suggested topics on a timeline
 - *Plan was well-received*
 - Content will be distributed as follows:
 - *initially posted on NRD social media each week*
 - *reposted onto TON social media via Communications Office*
 - *as well as platforms managed by aligned organizations, including Maria Mitchell Association, Nantucket Conservation Foundation*
 - *Karberg suggested that all content be aggregated in a blog-like page*
 - *Beller, Bois suggested that content be shared with independent media (e.g. Current)*
 - Discussion regarding how best to identify existing content, and to create new content where necessary
 - *It was agreed that each committee member would advise Hill as to those topics that they felt capable/qualified to create*
 - *Topics that are not spoken for will be assigned to spread the workload*
 - Content format:
 - *Each post should include a boilerplate introduction explaining purpose of the series*
 - *Length and degree of detail can vary week to week, and is likely to evolve*

- Brace agreed to provide content for the kick-off post, Thursday, 10/26/23
 - Approval of plan as presented by Hill:
 - *Motion (Bois), second (Beller), approved unanimously (8-0)*
- 6. Public outreach ideas/strategies from committee members**
- As follow up to public comment at the 10/10/23 meeting, Rose inquired about next steps on creating a continuing education course for realtors
 - *Hill advised that she is awaiting further info from the member of the public who suggested the idea*
 - Brace suggested student outreach via newspaper Veritas, as well as Student Youth Climate Committee
 - Beller inquired about the status of the strategic retreat & relocation plan
 - *Hill advised that this project is in the works*
 - Kickham reminded CRAC to be mindful of seasonal residents as a key target
 - *Brace mentioned Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers (ACNVT) and Civic League leaders as key advocates to reach this population*
- 7. Review and finalize area association survey questions**
- Hill reviewed revisions from the discussion during 10/10/23 meeting
 - After discussion and some final adjustments, revised survey was approved:
 - *Motion (Rose), second (Braine), approved unanimously (8-0)*
- 8. Review draft of general letter in support of Conservation Commission's Wetland Regulation revisions**
- After discussion and final revisions, letter was approved:
 - *Motion (Beller), second (Rose), approved unanimously (8-0)*
- 9. Review and accept CRAC's 3rd quarter report**
- Hill presented and took questions/comments from committee members
 - *One slide regarding subcommittees deleted*
 - *Motion to approve (Rose), second (Kickham), approved unanimously (8-0)*
- 10. Presentation on the CZM grant for the Downtown Neighborhood Flood Barrier project**
- Hill presented and took questions/comments from committee members
 - *Committee applauded the successful application*
- 11. Approval of minutes from October 10, 2023**
- Moved (Beller), second (Braine), approved unanimously (9-0)
- 12. New business, Natural Resources Dept. & Committee reports from Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers, and other committee members.**
- Kickham offered comment from Capital Committee;

- *met with Town Administration, and clarified that the existing line item for Coastal Resilience is likely to stay indefinitely, as it can be leveraged for multiple purposes (as it was for the successful CZM grant application)*
- Hill provided a summary of the National Coastal Conference in Providence, RI. Notable:
 - *Hill described 'UK Green Book Well Being Approach', a social cost/benefit analysis that allows communities to more clearly quantify qualitative benefits*
 - *Woods Hole Group presented 'Dynamic Adaptive Pathways' (DAPs), which is the latest visualization and strategy for coastal resilience projects that gives time and design flexibility*
 - *Army Corps of Engineers presented Coastal Texas Project*
 - *FEMA presented updated flood projection maps*
 - *NCF Trustees received NFWF Grant to underwrite Coastue resilience efforts (CRP project #4-3)*

13. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics:

- Next Meeting is November 14, 2023, on Zoom.
- Committee homework:
 - *email Hill organizations to be tagged in communications*
 - *email Hill preferred topics from the communications plan*

14. Motion to adjourn:

- Moved (Bois), seconded (Roche), approved unanimously (8-0)