

Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022

Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Mary Longacre, Peter Brace, Sarah Bois, Matt Fee, Joe Topham, Jen Karberg, Ian Golding, Christy Kickham

Members Absent:, Rachael Freeman, Gary Beller, Joanna Roche

Staff present: Vincent Murphy, Jeff Carlson

Others: RJ Turcotte, Will Kinsella, Liz Trillos, D. Anne Atherton

Meeting recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edlnBnTyr30>

1. Call to Order

10:02

2. Meeting announcements

- Script for remotely conducting Open Meetings, read by the Chair
- The meeting is being audio / visually recorded

3. Review of draft letter for Select Board to send to Mass DEP in support of ConCom's 8/11/22 letter

- See packet for original Conservation Commission letter and new draft CRAC/Select Board letter.
- Jeff Carlson discusses changes to letter. The final paragraph of Ian's original letter was edited with Carlson to comply with chapter 91.
- Committee discusses edits to the full letter
- Fee – what happens after this? How does this move us forward?
- Intent of letter – to support the ConCom letter that they already sent.
- Voted to approve letter and send to Select Board to be sent to DEP (unanimously approved)

NOTE. Letter was approved by Select Board and sent to Mas DEP on December 6. See below.

4. Review and approval of annual report to be submitted. See packet

- Voted to submit – unanimously approved.

5. Status update on CRP recommendations, one year in, and discussion of year two priorities.

- Vince went over priorities from CRP and where we're at with the priorities.
- 2 projects completed, 19 in progress, and 19 not started.
- Further discussion about sediment transport study. Only inner harbor being done this year. No plan in place to move forward with the rest of the island.
 - Need idea of total cost and plan for phases.
 - Can we request for town funding for next steps? More of the perimeter of the

island?

- Karberg – NCF discussed how they could help do more (e.g. public/private partnership); potential for extension depending on contractor selected
- Year 2 priorities?
- D. Anne Atherton speaking on behalf of Nantucket Coastal Conservancy
 - Has a proposal from 2020 for a sediment transport study (2-phased, 3-year, island wide; budget \$450,000 - \$525,000)
- RJ Turcotte (Nantucket Land Council) mentioned sediment transport study
 - SF Bay decade long study federal and other municipal funding.
- Vince – priorities for year 2: zoning, downtown flood barrier study, stormwater management plan, strategic retreat and relocation plan/program, among other items.

6. Approval of Minutes from October 11th and 25th.

- Moving agenda item to next meeting

7. Public Comment

- D. Anne Atherton – “What’s the status of the sand bank that the town decided to set up?” What happened to the dredge sand from Polpis harbor?
 - We will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. New business, Committee & Natural Resources Dept. reports from Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Tax Payers, and other committee members.

- Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative hosted a free online “Net Zero Conference” on October 28th. <https://capecodclimate.org/nz-22/>
- Karberg (NCF) – last Friday (10/28/22) webinar about Coskata/Coatue research and planning for resiliency. Recording [Coscata Coatue Virtual Tour Webinar Presentation - YouTube](#)
- Ian (ConCom) – public discussion this Thursday on reaction to Select Board’s response to letter sent them 2 weeks ago.
- Mary – she and Vince will be reporting to Select Board Wednesday.

9. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics: Next meeting dates are November 22th, and December 13th. No meeting on December 27th.

10. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 11:30

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RE: Chapter 91 Compliance Questions and Request for Inspection

To Whom it May Concern:

At the request of its Conservation Commission representative member, the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee at its October 25, 2022 meeting approved submitting a request asking the Select Board of the Town of Nantucket to join and support the request dated August 11, 2022 from the Nantucket Conservation Commission for assistance from the MassDEP Waterways program to ensure that decisions made locally are consistent with the policies and procedures of MassDEP Waterways.

The Select Board charged the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee with "Reviewing pertinent existing regulations to include coastal resiliency accommodations; identify any 'disconnects' between regulations and practice and/or conflicts and recommend ways to achieve alignment; reviewing proposed pertinent regulations for coastal resiliency purposes." The Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee delivered a Coastal Resilience Plan (CRP) to the Select Board, which endorsed it on January 12, 2022. One of the elements of public feedback that the CRP received is the sentiment that "nature-based strategies should be implemented wherever feasible with a clear emphasis on minimizing ecological impacts and maximizing ecological and public access benefits. Preserving Nantucket's beaches and coast into the future for as long as possible should be (the) primary goal."

Given that the office of CZM (Coastal Zone Management) has specified in its StormSmart Properties Fact Sheet 7: Repair and Reconstruction of Seawalls and Revetments regarding Beach Access that "According to the requirements of the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act (Chapter 91), coastal property owners are required to maintain public access along the shore for the purpose of 'fishing, fowling and navigation'...When erosion results in no fronting beach at mean high tide, then the reconstruction or repair of the structure will require a license from the Mass DEP Waterways Program that specifies how the property owner will maintain public access," we ask that Mass DEP require property owners on Nantucket in the future to be in compliance with their existing Chapter 91 license requirement(s) in advance before

appearing before the Nantucket Conservation Commission for a Notice of Intent to effect said reconstruction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Bridges".

Jason Bridges, Chair
Nantucket Select Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter B. Brace".

Peter B. Brace, Vice Chair
Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee