

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Gary Beller, Peter Brace, Tim Braine, Matt Fee, Rachael Freeman, Dr. Jen Karberg, Christy Kickham, Doug Rose Abby De Molina (10:14-11:00am)

Members Absent: Dr. Sarah Bois, Joanna Roche

Staff present: Leah Hill

Speakers: Kirk Bosma, Woods Hole Group; Shelly Lockwood

Members of the public: D. Anne Atherton, Rick Atherton, Amy Keohane, RJ Turcotte, Shelly Lockwood

Recording available here: <https://youtu.be/Ef8Tylm2z3k?si=b2ia9szltAsz0WqM>

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

- Amy Keohane, resident at 76 Union Street and abutter to continuing development at Mariner Way, an area subject to coastal storm flowage, urged CRAC to put updating of the Zoning Bylaw and Wetland Ordinance Regulations on an upcoming agenda.
 - *Rose, Beller, Fee and Freeman expressed support for adding this topic to a future CRAC agenda*
 - *Brace cautioned that CRAC does not have the authority to regulate, but within the confines of advising the Select Board and the appropriate regulatory bodies, expressed support for adding this topic to the next meeting agenda*

4. Presentation from Kirk Bosma, Senior Coastal Engineer/Vice President of Innovation at the Woods Hole Group, on Dynamic Adaptation Pathways (DAP) for coastal resilience projects-see packet

- Bosma presented several examples of how Falmouth, MA used DAP as a tool to navigate several highly complex coastal resilience challenges
 - *Included disciplined science-based risk assessments, robust public input to identify community priorities, and alternative pathways that are based on events rather than a strict timeline that maximize long term flexibility*
 - *Beller questioned whether the flexibility of DAP timelines might have the unintended consequence of allowing procrastination of urgent action.*
 - *Fee saw several parallels to Nantucket's resilience planning process*
 - *Hill asked if/how DAP helped to navigate the need for relocation*

5. Discussion on developing an informational sheet regarding coastal risks and coastal resilience issues on Nantucket to hand out to real estate agents;
 - Shelly Lockwood explained real estate (RE) agents' fiduciary responsibilities
 - *RE agents are required to take 4 continuing education classes/year*
 - *Lockwood proposed the creation of a class addressing resilience information*
 - *Fiduciary responsibilities include requirement to disclose material facts to buyers, and to protect their broker from*
 - *Has met with instructor, who has agreed to help construct a two-hour class relating to Nantucket's environment, and the CRP*
 - *Aiming to be ready by Spring 2024*
 - Committee discussion
 - *Brace asked if there might be more direct routes to reaching realtors*
 - ◆ *Lockwood stated that the CRP has been distributed to all real estate offices*
 - *Hill asked committee members to give thought to what specific information would be important to share with realtors, as homework for next meeting*
 - *Fee expressed optimism that most realtors want to do the right thing, and will embrace this as helpful information*
 - ◆ *suggested re-purposing existing information from Hill's past presentations to homeowner groups*
6. Discussion on what to include on the Town's Coastal Resilience web page
 - Hill showed examples of other department tiles on the Town website
 - *Karberg suggested tile content should include key projects from CRP*
 - *Brace suggested condensed content with links back to the specific pages in the CRP*
 - *Freeman suggested that groundwater rise not be overlooked*
7. Review press release regarding CRAC's communication and outreach plan – see packet
 - Hill provided draft for review
 - After brief discussion and minor edits, consensus was to submit to Communications Office for release to the media
8. Discussion on translating the CRP
 - Hill advised that the cost to translate the CRP was estimated at \$17k, which is beyond the Communications Office budget.
 - *Fee suggested as a first step, the executive summary be translated*
 - *Hill to investigate with Comms Office whether Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools might be a more efficient option for translation*
9. Public outreach ideas/strategies from committee members
 - Hill asked committee whether future posts could be posted in English, and leveraging Instagram & Facebook automated translation
 - *Brace and Karberg expressed support for continuing to have Spanish translation posted*

10. Approval of minutes from November 14, 2023

- Moved to postpone to next meeting (Fee), second (Rose), approved (8-0)

11. 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.

- No reports

12. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics:

- Next Meeting is December 12, 2023, on Zoom
- Motion to cancel the December 26, 2023 meeting due to holiday
 - *Moved (Rose), second (Braine), approved unanimously (8-0)*

13. Motion to adjourn:

- moved (Fee), seconded (Rose), approved unanimously (8-0)