

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)
Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Gary Beller, Peter Brace, Sarah Bois, Tim Braine, Jen Karberg, Joanna Roche, Matt Fee, Dave Iverson, Christy Kickham, Rachael Freeman, Doug Rose

Members Absent:

Staff present: Leah Hill, Vince Murphy

Scheduled Speakers:

Members of the public: Toni Robinson, Caroline Balzer, Greg O'Brien, Andrew Reinhart, Gerry Connick, Claire Martin, John Lancaster, Rick Atherton, RJ Turcotte

Recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtlxqKkusUw>

Packet available here: https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_01282025-14739

1. Call to order
 - 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

No public comments.
4. Approval of minutes
 - No minutes
5. Downtown Neighborhood Flood Barrier presentation by Leah Hill, Town of Nantucket Coastal Resilience Coordinator
 - Leah Hill presented an overview of the plans worked out to date.
 - There were comments and discussion on various topics:
 - How the presentation maps might be made more clear, display costs for projects
 - Focus on and Modeling of future ground water rise
 - Long range planning for moving and decommissioning houses in Brand Point area
 - Storm water risks and solutions in the works in downtown area
 - Work on incentive programs for giving up homes and buying elsewhere
 - Timetable for Easy St work.
6. Discussion with private waterfront property owners within the Downtown Neighborhood Flood Barrier area
 - Toni Robinson, incoming president of Brant Point Neighborhood Assn. spoke about their activities and work with town staff. She also talked about flooding near her house and the success of the rain garden that was installed

- Caroline Balzer from Hulbert Ave. reported on her local activity and house raising difficulties.
- Andrew Reinhart from Hulbert ave reported.
- Vince Murphy discussed regulatory changes that may need to be made re: house raising.
- It was agreed informally to have property owner meetings quarterly.

7. Discussion and suggested edits for financial letter to Town Administration

- Motion made to move it to the next meeting. It passed unanimously.

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

- Peter Brace updated progress on Harbor plan
- Jen Karberg announced there's a presentation at the Atheneum Sunday Feb 9. of oyster reef research by Nantucket Conservation Foundation.
- Tim Braine announced that the next special SBPF ConCon meeting is Feb. 13 at 10am.
- Leah reported on the Francis St. Beach Improvement project public meetings.

9. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics: Leah recommended discussion of in-person vs hybrid meetings should wait until the state recommendations come out end of March. Feb 11 & 25 meetings cancelled. Next meeting March 11, 2025.

10. Motion to adjourn

- Vote to adjourn unanimous.