

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

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

Members Absent:

Staff present: Leah Hill, Vince Murphy, Bob Bryskowski

Scheduled Speakers: Chuck Larson

Members of the public: Gerry Connick

Recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbVCG35yh1k&t=13s>

Packet available here: https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03252025-14960

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
 - Gerry Connick asked about the inclusion of Coastal Resilience in Town meeting article. Vince responded that it's an addition to the town wetlands bylaws.
4. Approval of minutes
 - January 14, 2025 and January 28, 2025 both approved with Rachel Freeman abstaining.
5. Presentation on Easy St. flooding events and projections by Chuck Larson, Town of Nantucket Manager of Strategic Projects.
 - Mr. Larson gave an overview of 60 years of sea level data from town tide gauge and projections made from the data.
 - There were comments and discussion on various topics:
 - Chuck's interactions with Arcadis
 - Depth of flood waters and threshold for closing the road
 - Communication with public
 - How tide gauge measures tide level
6. Presentation and discussion on the Easy Street Flood Mitigation Project by Leah Hill.
 - Leah gave an update on the progress of the project design phase.
 - There were comments and discussion on various topics:
 - How will road-raising impact stormwater, water, sewer and other infrastructure?
 - Will there be extensions up Oak St. and Cambridge Street up to S. Water?

- What will the responsibilities of private property owners for access and/or raising buildings?
- Should the footprint of the project be bigger to account for the issues above?
- Should this be considered with a broader vision, for example, without including car traffic?
- How are evacuation routes and emergency access play into the design?
- Need to have a plan that gives clarity and direction to the property owners.
- How will nature-based solutions be incorporated?
- Working on plans to manage storm water coming down the hill.

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

- This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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.

- Mr. Beller suggested that an accounting be made of the money that has been spent on this kind of resiliency preparation and make it part of future presentations.

9. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics: Next meeting April 8, 2025.

10. Motion to adjourn

- Vote to adjourn unanimous.