

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Hillary Hedges Rayport, Gary Beller, Dr. Sarah Bois, Dr. Jen Karberg, Matt Fee, Doug Rose, Tim Braine, Christy Kickham, Liz Phelps, Joanna Roche

Members Absent:

Staff present: Leah Hill, Vince Murphy

Scheduled Speakers: Leah Hill

Members of the public: D.Anne Atherton, RJ Turcotte

Recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kGeFgigEgQ>

Packet available here: <https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/10334/files/agenda/27761>

1. Call to order
 - The meeting was called to order by Vice chair Sarah Bois
2. Meeting announcements
 - Script for remotely conducting Open Meetings, read by Vice Chair
 - The 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. Introduction of New Members, Hillary Hedges Rayport and Liz Phelps
6. Appointment of Officers
 - Peter Brace, Chair confirmed by roll call vote
 - Vice Chair, Sarah Bois confirmed by roll call vote
 - Secretary, Tim Braine confirmed by roll call vote
7. Discussion and approval of the 1st and 2nd quarter 2025 report to the Select Board.
 - Leah displayed the draft of the report and guided the committee through it.
 - There were a few suggestions for additional detail in the report and some questions to possibly be raised with the Select Board.
 - The report was approved by a roll call vote.
8. Discussion on generating ideas for coastal resilience outreach including potential video
 - Several suggestions were made for how to improve outreach:
 - Video at the Dreamland to get broader exposure; possibly on screens on the ferries as well

- Better communicate to the public what CRAC is working on.
- Better define what we want the public to do re: resiliency
- Need a sustained campaign to be effective
- Questions about whether the report on the SLR data by Chuck Larson has been communicated
- Possibly do polling to determine state of awareness and evaluation of communication effectiveness.

9. Discussion and approval to reduce meeting schedule to 1 meeting per month

- Proposal made to do one meeting a month for July, August, and September and then go back to two meetings a month. Passed by roll call vote.

10. 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.

- Doug Rose reported on an internal work group meeting.
- Leah pointed out the upcoming state of the harbor conference.
- Hillary pointed out that there is an upcoming presentation of the vision statement for the Master Plan.
- Tim Braine gave an update on two ConCom projects.

11. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics:

- Next meeting August 12, 2025.

12. Motion to adjourn

- Vote to adjourn unanimous.