

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Hillary Hedges Rayport, Gary Beller, Sarah Bois, Jen Karberg, Matt Fee, Liz Phelps, Tim Braine, Peter Brace, Joanna Roche, Christy Kickham

Members Absent: Doug Rose

Staff present: Leah Hill

Scheduled Speakers:

Members of the public: Jack Vaccaro, Leo Wilson, Marshall Harris, Grace Griffin, Leo Asadoorian, Emily Junkins, Rick Atherton

Recording available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SE6zniD_8vc

Packet available here: <https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/10341/files/agenda/28350>

1. Call to order
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Brace
2. Meeting announcements
 - Script for remotely conducting Open Meetings, read by 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 to be approved
5. Per the Conservation Commission's request, review the design for 92 Washington Street and discuss any changes that may be warranted to better promote coastal resiliency and consistency with the Town's Coastal Resilience Plan.
 - Tim Braine explained that the motivation of the request was that new ConCom procedures require it to ensure plans are in compliance with the CRP.
 - Various questions and issues were discussed:
 - Are there standards CRAC must consider?
 - CRAC can consider best practices for homeowners detailed in the CRP
 - Can inform the property owner of CR projects nearby and potential changes around the property, like raising Washington St. Seeking coordination of property owners with regard to resilience practices.
 - Does CRAC need to vote on recommendations? Is CRAC setting any precedents that it should be concerned about?
 - Might a discussion with ConCom be in order to clarify what form the response should take?
 - Decided that Tim Braine will bring back questions and concerns to ConCom; those questions will be compiled with Leah Hill.

- Jack Vaccaro from Epsilon spoke representing the owner, assuring everyone that plans are in compliance with all regs. Explained that this is a revised version of a plan previously permitted by ConCom.
6. Discussion on re-prioritizing CRP recommendations based on the list from last year.
 - Various issues were discussed:
 - Whether or not priorities should be given numerical order or just grouped.
 - There were questions about Madaket boat ramp, steamship wharf process and timing, landfill and DPW facilities, storm water management
 - Possibility of estimating costs and how they increase over time
 - The importance of identifying top priorities when applying for grants.
 - There was a consensus that stormwater management should be top priority; but also there was a feeling that there should be a “top tier” rather than a single top priority.
 - Question about the master plan status
 - Vote taken on the priority list and passed unanimously
 7. Continue discussion on generating ideas for coastal resiliency outreach including a potential video.
 - Various ideas discussed about what a video would say
 - Positivity, awareness that the island can take on big threats, e.g. NCF creation.
 - History of resilience on Nantucket
 - Urgency but not fear
 - Show images of buildings lost
 - Next step is to find out cost range to determine if this needs to go out to bid.
 - Discussed potential companies: NCTV, Yellow Productions. Will look for off-island companies as well.
 - Business of creating a schedule/content ideas for social media posts moved to 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 Taxpayers, and other committee members.
 - Reports from Planning Board; Introduced Emily Jenkins as new NCF rep to CRAC; Report on storm erosion
 9. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics; Next meeting is October 28, 2025.
 10. Motion to adjourn
 - Voted unanimously to adjourn