

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

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Members present: Hillary Hedges Rayport, Gary Beller, Sarah Bois, Jen Karberg, Matt Fee, Liz Phelps, Peter Brace, Doug Rose. Tim Braine and Joanna Roche joined late.

Members Absent: none

Staff present: Leah Hill

Scheduled Speakers:

Members of the public: Emily Junkins

Recording available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUX_b3JMe9w

Packet available here: <https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/10342/files/agenda/29557>

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
 - August 12, 2025 minutes approved unanimously.
5. Discussion on developing a protocol for responding to regulatory boards requesting advice on coastal resiliency
 - Discussion points:
 - CRAC should give heads up for future developments; avoid stepping into regulatory territory.
 - Also to support by reiterating relevant parts of the CRP, if only to reinforce CRP recommendations for each specific site and property owner.
 - A benefit of this is that CRAC can have more discussion with the public.
 - Leah will make a list of the aspects CRAC will advise on for next request.
6. Present and approve CRAC's 3rd quarterly report to the Select Board for 2025 by Leah Hill, Town's Coastal Resilience Coordinator
 - Leah Hill presented slides of her draft presentation
 - Various questions and topics discussed:
 - How to focus on CRAC recommendations for the Select Board quarterly
 - How to get Town to focus on future funding of CRP projects.
 - How to make any recommendation compelling enough and specific enough for the

Select Board to respond to them constructively.

- Consider creating a funding timeline and reiterate it each quarter to the Select Board
- Consider making recommendations on projects from other departments that have a coastal resilience aspect...like the DPW facility upgrade.

7. Discuss and approve press release about CRACs' 2025 priority recommendations and what was accomplished in 2024 to send/share with other committee/board/commissions

- After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the press release.

8. Create a schedule and coastal resiliency content ideas for social media posts

- Leah will work on a list of ideas to be assigned.

9. Discuss moving the November 25 meeting to November 18.

- This was approved through consensus.

10. 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: Doug Rose on Zoning by-law update the prior week...aiming to have an article for next ATM on mandatory state zoning updates.

11. Motion to adjourn

- Voted unanimously to adjourn