

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

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

Members Absent: Tim Braine

Staff present: Leah Hill

Scheduled Speakers: Vince Murphy

Members of the public: RJ Turcotte, Rick Atherton

Recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lbcjksv3UQ>

Packet available here: <https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/18661/files/agenda/28141>

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
5. Presentation on Baxter Road Alternative Access by Vince Murphy, Town of Nantucket's Sustainability Programs Manager.
 - Vince gave a presentation with visuals on the resilience aspect of the project.
 - Various issues and questions were discussed:
 - Soil studies, Archeological studies, erosion risk projections, etc.
 - How certain will the betterments funding be to compensate the town?
 - Pathway through capital committee, etc.
 - Are there other projects like this elsewhere in the country that are further along?
 - What is the tax income from the affected properties? How important is that in the financial picture?
 - Needs to be conducted properly so it becomes a good precedent for other areas of the island.
 - Sankaty Golf Club, Sconset Trust and lighthouse participation in planning.
 - Relationship of this project to Coastal Resilience Districts.
6. Discussion on re-prioritizing CRP recommendations based on the list from last year
 - Leah presented the list of Coastal Resilience Plan recommendations from 2024.

- Various issues were discussed:
 - What methodology is used for prioritize?
 - Time line for the projects.
 - Important to approve State and FEMA mandatory zoning updates at next town meeting.
 - Voted to move the discussion of this list to the next meeting. Vote was unanimous
7. Continue discussion on generating ideas for coastal resiliency outreach including a potential video(s).
- Status update and project summary by Sarah Bois, including potential venues to display videos
 - Issues discussed:
 - Need to determine purpose and how do you want to make the viewer feel: connected? Sense of place? Motivated to action? Relieved it's being dealt with? Supportive?
 - Should consider renaming CRAC due to the acronym's negative associations.
 - Consider having a radio message as well as video
 - Real footage vs animation
 - Target audience
 - Agreed that members will submit ideas for purpose of the video and discuss 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: Sarah re: Climate change summit September 10 is full but there may be standing room. Gary praised the article by Leah and Vince on adaptation and retreat. Leah reported that the recent hurricane did minimal damage.
9. Upcoming meeting: Next meeting October 14.
10. Motion to adjourn
- Voted unanimously to adjourn