

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

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

Members Absent:

Staff present: Leah Hill, Jeff Carlson, Florencia Rullo

Scheduled Speakers:

Members of the public: Lauren Tango, Emily Junkins

Recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05KHNeCOgjo&t=5682s>

Packet available here: https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/?category_id=159,37

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. Discussion with Florencia Rullo, Town's Communications Manager, about the Town producing the coastal resiliency film and funding spent on outreach and advertising instead.
 - Florencia gave some background on the town department; she suggested they could produce the video for free and CRAC can spend their budget on promoting the video.
 - Discussion points:
 - Best timing for both CRAC and the Town Communications; need three months to produce.
 - What is the right length...probably max 5 minutes; depending on whether we want a public event at the dreamland
 - Want to identify what the topics should be in the video: background on CRAC, the CRP, vulnerable areas, projects completed or in progress, projects planned, call for support.
 - What kind of advertising: Handouts, paid ads,
 - Tim volunteered to help Leah with the project
 - Whether the town should produce it or an outside company.
 - Motion made to vote to work with the town as the video producer. After discussion the motion was withdrawn
6. Discussion with Jeff Carlson, Town's Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director, about

NRD's capital and budget requests for FY2027

- Jeff presented on how they look at planning and funding 10 years out.
 - Biggest project is wastewater treatment plant and erosion planning.
 - Other projects in progress: Washington St, Easy St., Shellfish hatchery
 - Looking for an educational person to interface with schools and residents.
- Various questions and topics discussed:
 - How these projects will be moved forward with the town and voters.
 - Suggestion to have a list of CRAC projects status attached to the meeting agenda
 - How can regional planning agencies help nantucket with these projects? Worth a longer discussion with Planning.
 - What CR projects will be up in 2026? 3-4 million for downtown flood barrier project; Sesachacha pond project; retreat and relocation program; environmental justice planning.

7. Edit and approve protocol for responding to regulatory boards' requesting advice on coastal resiliency

- Leah presented a list of questions that CRAC members might want to ask when evaluating a ConCom application.
- Discussion points:
 - Question of whether there is a policy for inter-board referrals for the town of Nantucket.
 - Should CRAC encourage ConCom to consider effects of projects on other properties... although that may not be what ConCom is charged to do.
 - Should CRAC track which recommendations are implemented by ConCom.
 - Should CRAC be concerned that it will take up too much meeting time?

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

- CRP probably has all the info members will need to write posts.

9. Committee members' coastal resilience recommendations to the Select Board to be discussed at a future meeting.

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: Hillary Hedges Rayport—Inventory and assessment document is prepared and accepted by Planning Board but still accepting comments; she also asked for help with what she should be advocating for at Planning Board.
- Strategic Retreat and Relocation Program contract finalized.

11. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and future meeting topics

- December 23 meeting cancelled.

12. Motion to adjourn

- Voted unanimously to adjourn