

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

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

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

Members Absent:

Staff present: Leah Hill, Vince Murphy

Scheduled Speakers: Katie Duskin

Members of the public: None

Recording available here: ??

Packet available here: <https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/20842/files/agenda/30784>

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
 - Minutes for meetings on 9/9/25, 10/14, 10/28 were approved unanimously
5. Presentation and discussion with Aracadis about Coastal Resilience Districts
 - Katie Duskin and Vince Murphy gave a presentation.
 - Various topics and questions discussed:
 - Recap of History of CRDs vote at 2024 Nantucket Town Meeting
 - Explanation of types of CRDs on Nantucket and town's authority, betterments & Home Rule Petition differences if approved.
 - Terminology "Districts" vs "Communities"
 - Home Rule petition version may not be a big benefit and possibly not worth pursuing until we have experience with some projects.
 - Might need more guidance from town admin and town council.
6. Discussion and decision about having the town's Communication's Office produce the coastal resiliency film
 - Tim Braine filled the committee in on the video presentation policies and capabilities of the ferries and Dreamland.
 - There was more debate about the value of doing a video, given the limited exposure it would get. Also debated length of video.

- Hillary Hedges Rayport moved to have the video organized by Leah and coordinate with town. Passed unanimously.
7. Committee members' coastal resilience recommendations to the Select Board to be discussed at a future 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.
 - Joanna suggested an accounting of the dollars CRAC has raised and where it was spent.
 - Leah reported that there is an internal document that will be sent to CapCom this week and then can be shared with CRAC.
 - Joanna suggested that a letter should be sent to CapCom justifying CRAC annual funding.
 - Tim Braine asked if we should discuss the ConCom request to advise on 92 Washington St application; It was explained that it must wait until it's on the agenda next meeting.
 - Motion was made to have Leah write a letter to CapCom. Passed unanimously. A copy of the letter will be given to CRAC Members and copied to Finance Committee and Select Board.
 9. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and future meeting topics: January 13, 2025 at 10am on Zoom.
 - December 23 meeting cancelled.
 10. Motion to adjourn
 - Voted unanimously to adjourn