

Nantucket Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee (CRAC)
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Gary Beller, Liz Phelps, Peter Brace, Doug Rose, Tim Braine, Emily Junkins, Joanna Roche, Matt Fee, Hillary Hedges Rayport (joined at 10:30am), Christy Kickham (joined at 11:06am)

Members Absent: Sarah Bois

Staff present: Leah Hill

Scheduled Speakers:

Members of the public: RJ Turcotte

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

Packet available here: <https://nantucketma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/22141/files/agenda/32280>

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. Reminder to send in community outreach social media content

- Peter reminded members to submit content to Leah Hill

6. Update on Easy Street Flood Mitigation Project by Leah Hill, TON Coastal Resilience Coordinator

- Leah gave a Powerpoint presentation on the current status of the Easy Street Flood MitigationProject. (See packet)
- Various topics and questions discussed:
 - Question about integration of storm water, flood water and ground water modeling
 - Question about including preservation committee in process
 - Will the timetable be quick enough for adequate protection, given projected sea level rise?
 - Will timetable for Easy Street be in sync with Steamship wharf work? Has Steamship given feedback?
 - Coordination with property owners and recommendations for work they might need to do
 - Dreamland is already engaged with the planning

- There will be questions about reliability of SLR predictions and communication needs to be done with care
 - Should Steamship and Hyline be relocated to another place on the island?
 - Did Arcadis consider moving ferry terminal when they did study?
 - NPEDC should be working on these kinds of plans and currently are not; how can this be initiated? Possibly invite Leslie Snell (planning) or Mike Burns (transportation) to attend CRAC meeting; or CRAC presents at NPEDC; staff level discussion; feasibility study first.
 - Leah presented slide regarding CRP Project prioritization & implementation update and recommends that Arcadis be hired to do this update.
7. Review and discuss the draft video narrative the Communications Office put together for the first video in a coastal resiliency series
 - Points of discussion:
 - Might consider something different from typical beauty videos about Nantucket
 - Might consider showing completed projects from other places in US or world; ask Arcadis for examples
 - Suggested that this be pushed to the next meeting so members can look at it
 8. Ask the committee about any public meetings and events happening the week of April 13, 2026
 - It's Dark Sky week; no other comments
 9. Committee members coastal resilience recommendations to the Select Board to be discussed at a future meeting
 - No comments
 10. New Business, Committee & Natural Resources Dept reports from Planning Board, Conservations Commission, Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers, and other committee members.
 - Leah reported on the MA Coastal Relocation Conference on March 10 at UMass Boston and on the 2026 Cape Coastal Conference on April 13-14 in Hyannis
 - Tim reported on the discussion about the damaged Geotubes at the last ConCom meeting
 - Hillary thanked Leah for her presentation at Planning Board about zoning by-law changes made to comply with FEMA
 - Christy reported on FinCom Coastal Resiliency funding...it is scored as a middle-urgency project and likely to be approved.
 - No public comment
 9. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and future meeting topics
 - Next meeting: March 10, 2026 at 10am
 10. Motion to Adjourn
 - Voted unanimously to adjourn