

Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Via Zoom

*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

Members present: Mary Longacre, Gary Beller, Peter Brace, Sarah Bois, Matt Fee, Joe Topham, Rachael Freeman, Joanna Roche, Christy Kickham

Members Absent: Jen Karberg, Ian Golding

Staff present: Vincent Murphy, Leah Hill

Others: RJ Turcotte, Will Kinsella, Izzy Gaw, Doug Rose, D. Anne Atherton

YouTube recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvkL9RP3tQM>

Meeting packet: [PowerPoint Presentation \(nantucket-ma.gov\)](#)

1. Call to Order

10:02

2. Meeting announcements

- Script for remotely conducting Open Meetings, read by the Chair
- The meeting is being audio / visually recorded

3. Updates & Announcements

- Envision Resilience Challenge #3 announced to take place in New Bedford & Fairhaven, MA starting in Fall 2023.
- Keeping History Above Water – Trinidad and Tobago March 20-22, 2023. Free registration. [Conference - Resilient Heritage \(resilientheritage.com\)](https://www.resilientheritage.com)

4. Presentation from ACKclimate on Coastal Resilience Walk website (in development)

- Not publically launched yet and in review. Map interface. Web and mobile accessible. 1.5 miles in total.
- ACKclimate would like input on the current drafts of the walk from CRAC as well as ACKclimate partners. There will be future opportunities for the public to comment.
- Uses info from CRP for the public walk. Publically accessible and across property boundaries.
- Can be a tool for promoting CR plan
- P. Brace – offer to help with guided version of the walk

5. Response to public comment submitted via email from Doug Rose – See Packet. [PowerPoint Presentation \(nantucket-ma.gov\)](#)

- 2 specific questions: "Is there anything CRAC can do to help with changing legislation? And: what can the average Nantucket taxpayer do to help?"
- Recommendation to let Select Board know your priority (S. Bois)

- M. Fee: the discussions are moving forward

6. Continue discussion of 2023 priorities for Coastal Resilience Plan recommendation implementation

- Review of Capital Committee schedule for coastal resilience related projects presented by Christy Kickham – See Packet for full list
 - Coastal Resilience funding is \$500,000/year for the next 10 years. Requested an increase to \$1 million. Not earmarked for specific items, but CR generally. Other items on the list are project specific related to CR.
 - Stormwater added to capacity accounts. \$2million
 - R. Freeman – Miacomet dredging project isn't a CR project and shouldn't be considered on the list. C. Kickham – items were added to the list based on what the CRAC has discussed in the past.
 - J. Roche asked if funding was concrete or revisited every year since the CR projects can be quite expensive. C. Kickham suggested it is a “placeholder” that will be reviewed.
- Updated status report on CRP recommendations incorporating requests from our last meeting– See Packet for complete list (V. Murphy)
 - Added information about the “in-progress” projects for ease of evaluation
- Excerpt from Duke presentation on roadway project costings – See Packet for copy of the presentation. Presented by V. Murphy
 - Looked at cost of the proposed resiliency project with the number of homes served in the respective areas.

7. Continued discussion and planning for focused meetings in March on Sconset Bluff Resilience options, potential topics for discussion:

- Beach, bluff toe, bluff top protection
- Federal, state, and local policy change
- Baxter Road relocation
- How is this going to get paid for? Neighborhood facilitation. Town policies.
- Communication and outreach/public education.

8. Approval of Minutes from January 10th and 24th, 2023

- Moving agenda item to next meeting

9. Public Comment

- D. Anne Atherton – it would be helpful to understand “betterments”
 - Also would like to see an “island wide” sediment transport study not just the harbor.
- RJ Turcotte – would like the letter sent to CRAC be on the next agenda.
- Doug Rose – underground cables/power lines should be considered as a disaster recovery measure, not just aesthetic.

10. New business, Committee & Natural Resources Dept. reports

- P. Brace asks about sediment transport study. V. Murphy doesn’t think an island-wide study is possible, so focusing on harbors.
- 4th quarter report on Select Board agenda for 4.15.23
- M. Fee discussion of document from Hawaii. Sand pushing – sand pushed up higher on the beach at the end of the summer. Zoning issues: shoreline set-backs, rebuilding restrictions, rolling easements, and TDR are based on the number of dwellings. Things we should review and discuss.

11. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics: Next meeting dates March 7, 14th and 28th.

12. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 11:40.