

**Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Via Video Conference and Recorded**

Members Present: Mary Longacre, Fritz McClure, Sarah Bois, Matt Fee, Jen Karberg and Peter Brace.

Members Absent: Gary Beller, Graeme Durovich, Ian Golding

Staff Present: Vince Murphy and Holly Backus

Consultants Present: None.

Speakers: Rachael Freeman from the Nantucket Land Bank and Claire Martin from ReMain Nantucket.

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM. Roll Call made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Unanimously approved and Covid Announcements were made by Chair.

The meeting was recorded and recording is available on the Town's YouTube channel. Link to meeting recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KESuQO2MGtc&t=4078s>

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Various announcements of events related to Coastal Resilience were made and are listed in the Agenda.

UPDATES ON COASTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS.

1. **Baxter Road Feasibility Assessment.** Vince Murphy reported that Arcadis has met with the Select Board and the Sconset Bluff Preservation group. Other stakeholder meeting are in progress, including the Coastal Conservancy.
2. **Sheep Pond Road Access.** Vince Murphy reported that temporary access has been acquired over private land. The Town and the Nantucket Conservation Foundation are negotiating the terms of an access route on NCF land. Jen Karberg said she has been looking at various alternatives that limit exposure to flooding and erosion. This should not be a short term solution. D. Anne Atherton ask who was involved in the negotiation and what are the costs or obligations on taxpayers. Vince Murphy, Matt Fee and Jen Karberg all said that they were not privy to the negotiation.
3. **Nantucket Conservation Foundation & Trustees of the Reservation Resilience Plan.** No update since last presentation.
4. **Nantucket Land Bank Resilience Plan.** Rachael Freeman said that the Woods Hole Group was working on a study for Washington Street, an area where the Land Bank owns several properties. The initial data has been received and is being analyzed.
5. **Resilient Nantucket: Design for Adaptation.** Holly Backus reported that Design Guidelines have been developed and are being submitted to the Historic District Commission for view and comment. A "toolkit" has been finished and is on the website.

6. **Envision Resilience Nantucket Challenge.** Claire Martin reported that 29 university students have completed their study project on coastal resilience and the presentation will take place on June 2nd at Great Harbor Yacht Club. The project will be on display there starting June 21st at the Macy Warehouse.

DISCUSSION.

1. **Follow-up on discussion of the CRAC April 27th Meeting.** There were no additional comments.
2. **Review of Coastal Resilience Plan.** Trevor Johnson will attend the June 8th meeting to discuss feedback provided to date. Several Committee members provided comments directly to Arcadis. Mary Longacre expressed concern that there has been no general public outreach and Arcadis may be missing an opportunity to engage the public in a community wide resilience discussion. Sarah Bois stated that so far the year round community has not been engaged in the discussion. Several suggestions were made: Dreamland video; Presentation at "State of the Harbor" Forum; Materials at Annual Town Meeting. Vince stated that there was no money in the budget for a video.
3. **Story Cards.** Vince Murphy used them for a presentation to an 8th grade Civics class. The Cards are available on the Town website listed in the Agenda.
4. **More Discussion Items.** Mary Longacre solicited thoughts on what more the Committee should do before the delivery of the Coastal Resilience Plan by Arcadis to the Committee.
5. **Publicity for June 24th Virtual Open House.** Sara Bois suggested signs or flyers at the town dump. Jen Karberg suggested a poster at the Macy Warehouse. Vince Murphy noted that the event will be advertised in the June 17 and June 24 editions of the Inquirer and Mirror.

PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS.

Several suggestions are noted in the Agenda for this meeting.

Matt Fee suggested that 3D pictures of potential flooding at points such as the Whaling Museum and the Macy Warehouse might be effective.

Jen Karberg suggested a light show on downtown buildings.

Mary Longacre asked Vince Murphy to suggest to Arcadis that they watch the video of this discussion.

Vince Murphy said that a sea level rise chart was discussed for the new Land Bank Park on Easy Street.

Chalk drawings on a downtown building was also mentioned as an easy, non-permanent display.

Fritz McClure suggested using the Town Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Andrew Fezza said that a long term solution was needed for Sheep Pond Road; Parking areas located near the beach accelerate the erosion so any parking should be set back; The temporary private road needs to be maintained.

MINUTES.

The minutes for the April 27th meeting were approved by the Committee with minor edits. Matt Fee abstained. The minutes for the September 27th meeting of the Education Sub-committee were approved by a majority of the members of the Sub-committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

None given.

NEW BUSINESS.

Meetings of the Committee are scheduled for June 8 and June 22.
The schedule for July and August will be set at the first meeting in July.

REMINDERS.

Several reminders are listed in the Agenda for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.