

**Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Via Video Conference and Recorded**

Members Present: Mary Longacre, Fritz McClure, Sarah Bois, Matt Fee, Gary Beller and Graeme Durovich

Members Absent: Peter Brace, Jen Karberg and Ian Golding

Staff Present: Vince Murphy and Holly Backus

Consultants Present: Trevor Johnson and Devon McGhee.

Speakers: Trevor Johnson and Devon McGhee from Arcadis Group.

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. Roll Call made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Unanimously approved and Covid Announcements were made by Chair.

MEETING RECODING

The meeting was recorded and recording is available on the Town's YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V_mnw7Plo&t=2s

UPDATES ON COASTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS (other than those listed in the Agenda).

1. **Consultant's Update on June 24 Virtual Open House.** Trevor Johnson introduced new team member Devon McGhee who then summarized her background. They gave an outline of the preparation for the June 24th Open House and the event format. Their power point presentation to the Committee is attached to these minutes. The meeting will focus on five areas of the island: Madaket, the Town, South Shore and the Airport, the Harbor and Coatue, and Sconset. One possible actionable solution for each area will be discussed. Comments were solicited: **Mary Longacre** - Should be presented as "what if" examples and not as final solutions. **Sarah Bois** - Don't let the discussion get derailed by a single issue. **Mary Longacre** - Important to emphasis that the meeting is to be interactive and not just a presentation. **Matt Fee** - These are short term solutions. What about medium and long term solutions? The Town is talking about spending \$250 million on sewer and water to private property in Madaket that may be underwater. The Town needs to understand what is going to happen. Trevor Johnson responded that long term solutions are hard to identify now as the situation will no doubt change over time. **Mary Longacre** - We should be considering what public uses can be made of former private residential property, such as parks and recreation areas. **Gary Beller** - How do we determine what the "town" wants when so few people are engaged and speak out. He used the example of the recent Annual Town Meeting where important decisions were made by relatively few number of residents. **Trevor Johnson** suggested that the Committee think about how to use the additional dollars that are in the project budget for unspecified additional work to be undertaken by Arcadis, such as a series of launch events, additional study of critical

areas, preparation of grant applications for state and federal funds, or the preparation of a detailed list of bylaw changes to be ready for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Matt Fee said that bylaw changes should be a priority - "to retreat we need to stop moving forward." Sarah Bois ask if we could see the draft visuals for the Open House before June 22. Trevor and Devon finished their presentation and left the meeting at about 11:11 AM.

2. Continued Discussion of Coastal Resilience efforts for Feedback to Project Team. Mary Longacre - How do we target groups listed in the stakeholder engagement plan? Is engagement of the general public enough? Graeme Durovich - there needs to be island wide engagement through use of language translators. Vince Murphy noted that Arcadis has a Spanish translation service. Sarah Bois - All announcements should be in English and Spanish and used the example of the Covid announcements. Gary Beller said we don't have a lot of time to develop better outreach. Mary Longacre - We need clarity on what will happen after September when the Plan is presented. Will Arcadis continue to be available? She ask Vince to follow up on this issue.
3. Baxter Road Feasibility Assessment. Vince Murphy reported that Arcadis will meet with the NCC/Land Council group on June 23 and the Sconset Bluff Preservation group on June 22. Committee members should keep June 29th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM open for a meeting with Arcadis, the Select Board and key Town staff.
4. Resilient Nantucket. Holly Backus noted that the project ends June 30th. The final presentation of the Design Guidelines to the Historic District Commission is scheduled for Friday, June 11th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The minutes from May 25 were approved by a majority of those present with minor changes (two members abstained).

COMMITTEE REPORTS (other than mentioned in Agenda).

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Meeting Dates. There was no strong preference for continuing with virtual or in person meetings.
2. Re-appointment of Members. Graham Durovich term ends June 30. The Chair thanked her for her efforts on behalf of Coastal Resilience.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.