

**Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Via Video Conference and Recorded**

Members Present: Mary Longacre, Fritz McClure, Sarah Bois, Matt Fee, Gary Beller, Jen Karberg, Ian Golding and Joanna Roche (Joanna Roche left the meeting at 11:02 AM)

Members Absent: Peter Brace

Staff Present: Vince Murphy and Holly Backus

Consultants Present: Trevor Johnson and Devon McGhee.

Speakers: Trevor Johnson and Devon McGhee from Arcadis Group.

Meeting recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK2wD2z1QYA>

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.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Upon nominations duly made and seconded, the following were elected to serve for the coming year.

Mary Longacre - Chair
Peter Brace - Vice Chair
Fritz McClure - Secretary

DISCUSSION.

1. **Report of June 24th Virtual Open House #2 - Trevor Johnson & Devon McGhee.** Slides of the presentation are included in these minutes. <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/39839/Nantucket-CRP-Open-House-2-What-We-Heard1>

Trevor noted that the SSA and the Airport are not controlled by the Town and are engaging in their own resilience planning. The next engagements for the consultants will be with the Nantucket Conservation Foundation and the Town's Sewer Department. The presentation ended at about 11:22 AM. The following comments were made by Committee members:

Gary Beller - How do people get help? Town, DPW, Dept of Natural Resources.

Matt Fee - Some mid-island residents who live near ponds and wetlands do not yet understand that they are vulnerable.

Mary Longacre - Purchase of flood insurance provides funds to community as well as homeowners. Final Report needs to include statement about what Arcadis is not recommending.

Matt Fee - "Adaptive Pathways" should have dates and time for trigger points. Need to focus on reduction in future development before adopting policy of retreat.

Ian Golding - Geotubes operate the same as hard armoring as they promote end scouring and loss of beach. D. Anne Atherton reiterated this point.

2. Continued Discussion of Coastal Resilience Plan Efforts - The Committee.

Holly Backus - We need more “green” options.

Gary Beller - We need advice regarding the implementation of regulatory means to restrict growth in high risk areas.

Sarah Bois - We should look to regulations implemented in other communities, i.e. Hawaii.

UPDATES ON COASTAL RESILIENCE PROJECTS.

1. Baxter Road Feasibility Study - Vince Murphy noted the recent decision by the Conservation Commission ordering the removal of the Geotubes.
2. Sheep Pond Road Access - Vince Murphy said nothing new to report.
3. Coaue Resilience Plan - Jen Karberg reported that their consult is doing some modeling and will complete work by the end of September.
4. Nantucket Land Bank Resilience Plan - no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The minutes from June 8 were approved by a majority of those present with minor changes (two members abstained).

COMMITTEE REPORTS (other than mentioned in Agenda).

Mary Longacre reported that she is discussing the showing of the film “An Inconvenient Truth” at the Dreamland.

Jen Karberg suggested that we display posters at the Macy Warehouse Exhibit.

Vince Murphy reported that Arcadis says our community participation is exceptionally high compared to other communities they have worked with.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. **Meeting Dates.** Our meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 AM. Meetings will be virtual through at least the end of the summer.

REMINDERS.

Reminders are summarized the Agenda.

Vince Murphy met recently with the Sconset and Monomoy Homeowners Associations.

Holly Backus will be making at presentation to the Preservation Institute on June 30.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM.