

**Coastal Resiliency Advisory Commission  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020  
Via Video Conference and Recorded**

**Members Present: Mary Longacre, Fritz McClure, Sarah Bois, Gary Beller, Graeme Durovich, Jen Karberg, Peter Brace, Ian Golding.**

**Members Absent: Matt Fee**

**Staff Present: Vince Murphy**

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Minutes of July 14, 2020 were approved with 6 votes Aye, Fritz McClure absent and one abstention from Peter Brace.

**AGENDA ITEMS.**

1. Fall Schedule. The Commission decided to continue the current schedule of meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 10AM to 12:00 through January 31, 2021.

2. Select Board. The Select Board adopted the Commissions' recommendation unanimously during the August 5th meeting. The recommendation was endorsed by the Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers.

3. What is Next. We are an advisory commission and have no authority to implement our recommendation. Sarah Bois suggested that we should ask the Town Manager to notify all Town Departments Heads of the adoption of the recommendation. Gary Beller noted that the recommendation includes the language that all Departments, Boards and Commissions "need to use" the projections. Vince Murphy said he would follow up with Libby Gibson and ask if there will be a procedure to implement. Vince Murphy will request that copies of the recommendation be sent to all Town Departments.

4. "Homeowners" Handbook to Prepare for Coastal Hazards." The brochure is now available in PDF and should be distributed to the public. Vince Murphy will circulate the stakeholders list for review by Committee members.

5. Annual Report for FYE June 30, 2020. Vince Murphy drafted and included major work during that period. The Committee reviewed and approved the draft.

6. New and Continuing Goals. The education sub-committee should continue its work and the Committee should work to get the contract with a consultant finalized as soon as possible. The goals were adopted unanimously, upon motion made by Fritz McClure and seconded by Jen Karberg.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT.**

Elizabeth Trillos who is on the Executive Committee of the Civic League congratulated the Committee on the adoption of the Recommendation by the Select Board, also saying via chat message "Thank you, the work the CRAC is doing is the best I've seen in the years I've watched things." Liz also offered to bring the Homeowners Handbook to Prepare for Coastal Hazards to the Civic League for distribution to their membership.

### **PRESENTATION BY R.P. EDDY.**

R.P. Eddy is the author of "Warnings" and agreed to address the Committee about lessons we can learn about the pandemic and about sea level rise. Chapter 12 of the book is about Sea Level Rise.

First question is what can we do to get the message out to Nantucket residents and decision makers. He discussed the role of "Cassandra's" and early warnings.

Q: How to motivate people to take actions they don't want to take and don't understand.

His suggestions: 1. Tell stories, 2. Use visualizations (story of the "O" ring in the glass of ice water at Congressional hearing on failure in space program), 3. Use existing documentaries on climate change, i.e. "Death of an Island" - an eight minute film, 4.

Focus on younger people (they led the change in smoking habits and use of seat belts), and 5. Don't try to convert naysayers with intellectual conversation.

Vince Murphy ask how do we get more people to believe in climate change? Answer:

1. Don't preach to the committed.
2. Do not preach to the unconvertible.
3. Don't be too technical - use simple language.
4. Speak as empathetically as if giving a cancer diagnosis.

Gary Beller suggested use of "Debt Clock".

Fritz McClure suggested use of statistics about erosion of Hummock Pond Road - how much road has gone into the ocean?

### **OTHER BUSINESS.**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned 12:01 PM.