

# MEETING POSTING



## TOWN OF NANTUCKET

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 18-25

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**Committee/Board/s**

Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee

**Day, Date, and Time**

Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00am

**Location / Address**

□ REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM See below.  
Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Regarding Open Meeting Law (Attached); the meeting will be aired at a later time on the Town's Government TV YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-sgxAlfdoxteLNzRAUHxA>

**Signature of Chair or Authorized Person**

Mary Longacre, Chair  
Vincent Murphy, Coastal Resilience Coordinator

**WARNING:**

**IF THERE IS NO QUORUM OF MEMBERS PRESENT, OR IF MEETING POSTING IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OML STATUTE, NO MEETING MAY BE HELD!**

### *Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee*

Agenda for Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 from 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

A. Convene in Open Session via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97623124490?pwd=QlpcT3ZKdk13QWh1WXRKaTVaNfhiQT09>

Meeting ID: 976 2312 4490

Passcode: 616827

1. Call to Order
2. Announcement
  - a. Script for remotely conducting Open Meetings, read by Mary
  - b. The meeting is being audio / visually recorded
3. Approval of minutes from Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. Introduction to Arcadis

5. Conversation with Rachael Freeman from the Nantucket Island Land Bank about coastal resilience
6. Discuss ACKclimate partnership
7. Climate Change Awareness Month
  - a. Follow-up on distribution of CRAC sea level rise policy to the Select Board
    - i. Send policy to stakeholders list
  - b. Event announcements: ACKclimate spotlighting these events for “Climate Change Awareness Month”,
    - i. Recap of Rescuing History (Mary Bergman) and Resilient Nantucket - Community Forum (Holly Backus)
    - ii. State of the Harbor, Nantucket Land Council: Sept 24
    - iii. Climate Change Awareness Walks, Nantucket Conservation Foundation: two opportunities Sept 25 & 26
    - iv. Sustainability at Nantucket High School: How we move forward, Mass Audubon and Nantucket High School students: Sept 28
8. The Nantucket Offshore Wind Community Fund (press release below)
9. Public comment
10. Committee reports (Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Tax Payers, other committee members)
11. New business
10. Motion to adjourn



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**CHARLES D. BAKER**  
GOVERNOR

**KARYN E. POLITO**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G. L. c. 30A, § 20**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, many important functions of State and Local Government are executed by “public bodies,” as that term is defined in G. L. c. 30A, § 18, in meetings that are open to the public, consistent with the requirements of law and sound public policy and in order to ensure active public engagement with, contribution to, and oversight of the functions of government; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (“DPH”) have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

**WHEREAS**, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise authority over public assemblages as necessary to protect the health and safety of persons; and

**WHEREAS**, low-cost telephone, social media, and other internet-based technologies are currently available that will permit the convening of a public body through virtual means and allow real-time public access to the activities of the public body; and

**WHEREAS** section 20 of chapter 30A and implementing regulations issued by the Attorney General currently authorize remote participation by members of a public body, subject to certain limitations;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I hereby order the following:

(1) A public body, as defined in section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, is hereby relieved from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the deliberations of the public body. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while those activities are occurring. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access must provide for such participation.

A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings. This paragraph shall not apply to proceedings that are conducted pursuant to a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, that requires allowance for active participation by members of the public.

A public body must offer its selected alternative means of access to its proceedings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.

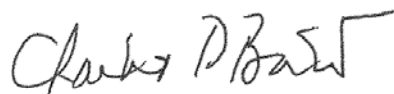
(2) Public bodies are hereby authorized to allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. The requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at a specified meeting location, as provided in G. L. c. 30A, § 20(d) and in 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b), is hereby suspended.

(3) A public body that elects to conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in sections (1) or (2) above shall ensure that any party entitled or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means, as if the party were a member of the public body and participating remotely as provided in section (2).

(4) All other provisions of sections 18 to 25 of chapter 30A and the Attorney General's implementing regulations shall otherwise remain unchanged and fully applicable to the activities of public bodies.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at 6:40 PM this 12th day of  
March, two thousand and twenty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Press release source. <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=567>

## ***VINEYARD WIND AND NANTUCKET ANNOUNCE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP***

**For Immediate Release: September 8, 2020**

(NANTUCKET, MA) – Vineyard Wind, the Town of Nantucket, and leading Island nonprofits announced today plans to create The Nantucket Offshore Wind Community Fund, which will support local initiatives to combat the effects of global climate change, enhance coastal resiliency, and protect, restore, and preserve Nantucket’s cultural and historic resources.

Vineyard Wind has agreed to provide an initial \$4 million when construction financing is obtained for its first project to seed the Fund, which will be administered by the Community Foundation for Nantucket. When its subsequent projects move forward, Vineyard Wind will provide additional funding to further support the Fund, which will also accept contributions from other wind developers and philanthropists. The parties will work closely together to further engage the extensive Nantucket community of stakeholders to ensure that residents and other interested parties are informed of the Vineyard Wind projects and the associated community benefits.

“We’re pleased to reach this agreement, and look forward to a long and collaborative relationship with the community of Nantucket in the years ahead,” said Vineyard Wind CEO Lars T. Pedersen. “Our goal is to not only set the best industry standards, but to also be good neighbors as we work to launch an industry that will create thousands of jobs and take major steps forward in the fight against climate change.”

Vineyard Wind is developing the nation’s first utility-scale offshore wind project in the U.S., to be located approximately fifteen miles from from Madaket Beach, its closest point on Nantucket.

“When we first learned of the planned wind project, we were especially concerned about visual impacts because our entire Island is a National Historic Landmark. But Vineyard Wind’s top executives worked constructively with Nantucket leadership to resolve these concerns. They agreed to move the first row of turbines farther away from Nantucket, to install a lighting system that will be activated only when planes are nearby that reduces nighttime lighting to fewer than four hours per year, and to paint the turbines an off-white color to reduce their visibility,” explained Nantucket Town Manager, C. Elizabeth Gibson.

In addition to those design changes, Vineyard Wind worked with the Town, the Maria Mitchell Association (MMA), and the Nantucket Preservation Trust (NPT) to create a fund to support community-led projects. “This creates a model for other offshore wind companies to follow when engaging with Nantucket,” explained Dawn Hill Holdgate, Chair of the Town’s Select Board.

The Advisory Committee for the Fund will include representatives from the Town, MMA, NPT, and Vineyard Wind. Margaretta Andrews, Executive Director of the Community Foundation, stated, “We are proud to host this Fund and excited to see how it benefits the entire Nantucket community.”

“The Fund will further the important work happening across Nantucket to protect, promote, and preserve the island’s unique architectural heritage and sense of place,” said Mary Bergman, Executive Director of NPT.

“Vineyard Wind’s investment in our community will help create more opportunities for all to develop a life-long passion for science through education, research, and first-hand exploration of the sky, land, and sea of Nantucket Island,” added Jason Bridges, interim Executive Director of MMA.

“This agreement is a win-win for the community and the company, and protects Nantucket’s status as a National Historic Landmark,” said Marion Werkheiser of Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC, the law firm representing the Town in the negotiations.

The Town will announce more details about the Fund in the coming months, with plans for the Fund to issue its first grants in late 2021.

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