

## Coastal Resiliency Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Via Zoom

\*Meetings are audio- and video-recorded

**Members present:** Mary Longacre, Gary Beller, Sarah Bois, Carl Borchert, Jen Karberg, Joanna Roche, Matt Fee

**Members Absent:** Ian Golding, Rachael Freeman, Christy Kickham Peter Brace

**Staff present:** Vincent Murphy, Leah Hill, Jeff Carlson

**Speakers:** Doug Rose

**Others:** D. Anne Atherton, Burton Balkind

Recording available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBZfMZSmyE4>

### 1. Call to Order

10:05am

### 2. Meeting announcements

- Script for remotely conducting Open Meetings, read by the Chair
- The meeting is being audio / visually recorded

### 3. Updates and Announcements

- Mary Longacre announced at the 5/10/23 Select Board meeting that she is not seeking reappointment to the Coastal Resilience Advisory Committee. Doug Rose interested in being part of CRAC
- Arcadis presented the Nantucket Coastal Resilience Plan at the 2023 Association of State Floodplain Managers annual conference May 7-11, 2023 in Raleigh, NC.

### 4. Approval of Minutes from March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>

### 5. Discussion of 5/9/23 site visit to Codfish Park and Sconset Bluff to view existing conditions, which was guided by Natural Resources Director Jeff Carlson, and continued discussion of 'best next steps' for Sconset Bluff.

Resources:

- March 21 meeting recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4df5f52Oe7s> and notes (pdf download) <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/03212023-12491>
- April 11 meeting recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EogzDhvXigs> and notes (pdf download) <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/04112023-12465>
- Arcadis presentation to the Select Board of the Baxter Road Long Term Planning Analysis <https://youtu.be/C44Y62eD2tk?list=PL49sKqpy7VAi7sm-azQB3eF5BTburnCQv&t=1097> and final report (see packet)
- Discussion about impressions from those who participated in the field trip for those that

weren't able to:

- Comments from the group – striking the difference from property to property. Some think that the geotubes were working. Every solution needs maintenance of some sort.
- Matt Fee – what role does CRAC want to play in discussions around Sconset Bluff. Do we want to provide an opinion of some sort?
- How to count value? Versus cost? Regarding retreat or relocation.
- C. Borchert – has the town considered how to support costs to coastal homeowners? M. Fee – that is the role of CRAC to consider and make recommendations.
- What would the Select Board want CRAC to focus on? Sconset-specific or relocation and retreat generally? M. Fee –
- V. Murphy – asking US Army Corps of Engineers about how “this” might work. It would take them a few years to even come out and assess.
- Borchert – wants solution-oriented thinking.
- M. Longacre – goes over the CR plan portion that relates to Sconset Bluff
- Link to N. Carolina article re. Rodanth <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2023/05/15/north-carolina-beach-houses-erosion-solution/>
- CRAC recommendation for Baxter Road?
  - Recommend what's in the Coastal Resilience Plan (CRP) – Planning for road relocation
  - S. Bois – can we discuss the scope of recommendation? Instead of private property-specific, can we talk about the entire extent of the geographic region?
  - Homework for members is to write a statement. At the next CRAC meeting, we will compile all the statements and come up with a single statement from the whole committee.
  - J. Roche – can we divide up into smaller groups to get the work done? Worries that focusing on Sconset bluff takes away from other topics.
- Mary read an article about coastal erosion in Great Britain and verbatim can be heard here at 1:03 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBZfMZSmyE4&t=17s>
- Gary Beller – which strategy are we choosing for Sconset?
- Statement for the CR board that you personally agree with. By Friday June 2 send opinion to Leah Hill

6. Public Comment - none

7. New business, Committee & Natural Resources Dept. reports from Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board, Select Board, Advisory Committee of Non-Voting Taxpayers, and other committee members.

- Date announced for the 2023 Islands Coastal Conference presented by Town of Nantucket, Coastal Zone Management and Woods Hole Sea Grant is June 12, 2023. Attendance is free but registration is required. Livestreaming will be available (link TBD) <https://seagrant.whoi.edu/regional-topics/storms-erosion-flooding/mvncc/2023-ncc/>
- Carl Borchert asked for 3 minutes of time. He discussed fees as source of funding for CR projects. \$4 million at Comm Foundation from Wind Farm? Community Host agreements? How do we get on the list? How does the select board choose? Potential for upwards of hundreds of millions of dollars that could potentially be used for CR projects.

- Madaket and Nantucket Harbor plans. Update and public comment. June 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm; Nantucket Hotel on Easton St.
- June 1 via 4pm on zoom – updated wetland regulations
- Grant updates – CZM grants just announced. Will apply for phase 1 of harbor protection plan PROTECT grant for roadways (due August)

8. Discussion of upcoming meeting dates and topics: Next Meeting date is Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 featuring a presentation by Arnold Robinson, Fuss & O’Neil and Kate Michaud, Town Administrator of Warren, RI on their managed retreat proposal “Market to Metacom”, see project website at

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6243398bbb804cc794fbdfbf2e5a71c0/page/Home/>

- NOTE: The Nantucket Historical Association presented “Food for Thought: A Conversation on Coastal Resilience with Rachael Freeman and Claire Martin” on April 20<sup>th</sup> featuring adaptation and relocation strategies, including a brief mention of the Market to Metacom proposal. Recording is now available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0vuPUqWf9g>

5. Motion to adjourn 11:27am