

Dear SBPF Supporter:

Thank you to those who were able to attend the DEP/MEPA site meeting. While we don't yet have an accurate count, as many as 150+ people supporting our efforts packed the Casino with standing room only. We can't thank you enough. The passion and commitment of the 'Sconset Community for preserving our neighborhoods, beach and bluff is what will change the local politics and ultimately enable us to build the erosion protection we need. We have a long way to go still—getting the permitting and local permission in place, securing the funding stream and identifying a suitable sand source—but the effort is worth it.

To paraphrase what Baxter Road homeowner Margaret McQuade said at the meeting, it is one thing when an unavoidable tragedy hits, but it is another when an avoidable one is caused by a small group of opponents intentionally misleading our fellow islanders. It is critical that Nantucket, and 'Sconset in particular, seeks and implements effective and environmentally sensitive protection of its historic community resources in the face of rising sea level and increasing storm intensities. The geotube approach in question offers such protection for all of 'Sconset for decades or perhaps even centuries to come.

We now ask that you to send a letter to MEPA before September 10th urging them to overturn the Con Com decision.

Public Comments will be accepted by MEPA until September 10th for the 'Sconset Beach and Bluff Erosion Protection Project. You can choose one of two options to send your comments:

- 1. Use the following link to submit via the MEPA Portal** <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicComment/Landing/>

OR

2. E mail to purvi.patel@mass.gov You must put “ EEA# 15240, Baxter Rd. and Sconset Bluff Stabilization Project” in the subject line

Please be sure to send a copy of your comments to us at sconsetbeachpreservationfund@gmail.com for our files.

Once again, it was exciting and inspiring to see so many people packing the Casino. Now we need to build on this to make sure the rest of Nantucket knows that we in 'Sconset are determined to stand up for what's right and fight for our future.

Josh and Helmut
