

HAMPTON COASTAL HAZARDS ADAPTATION TEAM (CHAT)

JULY 2022 MEMBER UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A summary of updates and announcements relevant to flooding, coastal hazards, and coastal planning intended to be shared with Hampton boards, commissions, committees, departments, and the public. Visit <http://shea4nh.org/coastal-hazards-adaptation-team-chat/> for information about CHAT.

- The Hampton Beach Area Commission (HBAC) master plan consultant, GEI, has spoken with the Town's master plan consultant, Resilience Planning & Design, and expects to receive an advanced copy of the Town's master plan so that data collection can be coordinated between the two plans.
- Thanks to Nancy Stiles, the HBAC has received funding from the state legislature to oversee a feasibility study for an ADA accessible pier for Hampton Beach. A Committee has been formed and the firm GEI has been selected to do a study due November 1st.
- Resident Representative Tom Bassett shared new flood photos from flooding in July in his neighborhood (attached). Three to four days of the month had substantial flooding. On July 13th, 2022, the Greene St-Gentian Road neighborhood received ½ inch of rain and the predicted tide levels were 10-12 feet. The estimated depth of flooding was about 6 inches towards the middle of the road. Local ecosystems were affected by the flooding as Meadow pond seeped into backyards. Mr. Bassett took a water sample and would like to have it analyzed for bacteria.
- The Hampton Harbor Tide Gauge experienced a temporary lapse in reporting tide levels due to a cell tower switch from 3G to 4G. The tide gauge was operated on a 3G system. A new gauge that is 4G compatible has since been installed.
- Hampton Beach Village District representative Bob Ladd and Resident Representative Deb Bourbeau thanked Town Planner Jason Bachand and Public Works Director Jen Hale for presenting at the July Hampton Beach Village District meeting. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed on Channel 22.
- The Department of Public Works will give a public presentation on the King's Highway project and ditch mitigation efforts at the August 17th Planning Board meeting. This will be televised on Channel 22.
- Articles and Resources Interest:
 - [The New Hampshire State Climate Assessment 2021](#)
 - [Effects of Climate Change are Already Changing Life on the Seacoast](#)
 - The website realtor.com has a section on each listing page titled "Environmental Risk" with information about the flood and wildfire risk for a particular property. The flood risk information is from FEMA and the Risk Factor Tool. The flood risk information is from FEMA and a tool called [Risk Factor](#) developed by First Street Foundation.

CHAT's mission is to evaluate, assist, support, educate, and advise on current and future coastal flooding adaptation strategies for the Town.

CHAT is comprised of representatives from boards and commissions in Hampton, Town of Hampton staff, Hampton Beach Area Commission, Hampton Beach Village District, the Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance (SHEA), and resident representatives. CHAT is supported by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program and a meeting coordinator and administered by SHEA.