

HAMPTON COASTAL HAZARDS ADAPTATION TEAM (CHAT)

OCTOBER 2022 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 Town's Master Plan Steering Committee discussed draft actions to include in the plan at their last meeting. A complete draft of the Master Plan is anticipated to be ready by December and on track for adoption by later February or early March.
- Town Planner Jason Bachand recently presented at the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association conference. He has discussed the possibility of Hampton doing a mobile session on flooding and the beach area next year.
- Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Jen Hale reported the following:
 - DPW has submitted a permit to NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for a ditch mitigation project. NHDES is looking at grant funding opportunities and implementation components for Hampton.
 - The Kings Highway/Meadow Pond Drainage project is in the final stages and a final report should be released at the end of November. DPW will present a warrant article to the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to supplement the shortfall from the \$2 million grant.
 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a request for proposals for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. Hampton is looking to submit an application similar to the Bank Stabilization Project that was submitted as part of the CFRING funding that was available.
- The Hampton Beach Area Commission (HBAC) has identified a web designer.
- HBAC Commissioner Barbara Kravitz attended a workshop held by the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP) that is part of a series called Building Community Support for Sustainable Stormwater Funding. The objective is to identify some projects that can be acceptable across the town. The eight-session workshop is held by PREP and the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. An online and an in-person workshop were held in October of 2022. Representatives from Hampton include Eric Sunderland and Brianna O'Brien, who are working to identify some of the biggest stakeholders to include in a conversation about what stormwater utilities the Town may want to consider.
- The Town has received and reviewed many applications for the Coastal Resilience Coordinator position. An update on the status of this position is scheduled for the beginning of December. On the state side, the grant agreement for this position is moving forward.

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.