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## Coastal Hazards Adaptation Team (CHAT) Work Session #44

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Tuesday, December 20, 2022

**1:00-3:00PM**

VIRTUAL MEETING

Draft Minutes

### **1. Introductions (1:00 PM)**

Liz Durfee - Planner and CHAT Coordinator

Barbara Kravitz - Hampton Beach Area Commission

Jay Diener - Hampton Conservation Commission

Jason Bachand - Hampton Town Planner

Rayann Dionne - Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Alliance

Brianna O'Brien - Hampton Conservation Coordinator

Tom Bassett - Resident Representative

Lucy Perkins - NOAA Coastal Management Fellow for NH Coastal Program

Kristin Howard - NH Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program

Brendan Lynch - Coastal Resilience and Flood Specialist with New Hampshire Coastal Program

Bob Ladd - Village District Representative

Maddie Dilonno - Rockingham Planning Commission

### **2. Relevant Flood Updates**

- Review draft updates from November 2022
  - No edits suggested.
  - Ms. Durfee will get approval from Jennifer Hale regarding her updates and then Ms. Durfee will disperse the updates to CHAT members.
- New Updates
  - Mr. Bachand:
    - The Master Plan: Steering Plan Committee will discuss the first draft of the Hampton Master Plan update. This draft currently excludes details of implementation. Mr. Bachand will share the final version of the Hampton Master Plan with CHAT before the public hearing.
    - A coastal resilience coordinator is expected to begin in January pending a vote from the town's governing body.
  - Mr. Diener:
    - A 'CHAT-like' group called the Coastal Resilience Team is being formed in Seabrook and will have its first meeting in the beginning of 2023.
  - Mr. Bassett:
    - Noted extensive flooding in the Gention Road area around Thanksgiving. The tide gauge was over 11 feet on November 25th and November 27th.
    - Mr. Bassett had a meeting with the New Hampshire Coastal Neighbors Technical Assistance Coordinator and Ms. Howard to discuss the launch of the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Programs.

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- The goal of the initiative is to build capacity among neighborhoods in coastal NH that are affected by flooding.
  - They want to identify 6 neighborhoods and 6 neighborhood coordinators. Mr. Bassett volunteered to be the coordinator for Meadow Pond/Gentian Road.
    - Two other neighborhoods in Hampton will participate: Hobson Avenue and the Sun Valley Area (Border of Seabrook and Hampton).
  - Ms. Howard:
    - Added that the Coastal Resilience Team is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
  - Ms. Kravitz:
    - The Hampton Beach Area Commission (HBAC) is moving ahead with engineers for the HBAC Master Plan development.
    - A feasibility study has been conducted regarding an ADA pier in the Hampton Area. The report was completed on November 1st. The report is available on Hampton's Town Website.
- 3. Ms. Perkins Update regarding the CAW Rising Tides contest scheduled for January 21st through 24th, 2023.**

NHDES is going to pilot a series of guided flood tours. Tours would be one-hour events in places where there is access to view tides. The predicted tides during the contest days indicate that late morning and early afternoon high tides will exceed 10 ft. Each day there will be a tour in the Great Bay community and the Atlantic Coast community. Ms. Perkins would like to have Hampton join as a location for flood tours. Suggested locations in Hampton include Meadow Pond and Hobson Avenue. Ms. O'Brien has volunteered to join. Ms. Perkins asked for input and feedback from CHAT members.

- Mr. Bassett
  - Suggested that people joining a tour in the Meadow Pond area be encouraged to wear boots.
  - Noted that the high tide in the Meadow Pond area is about 3-5 hours behind the high tide at the harbor.
  - Emphasized that the name "Flood Tours" could insinuate disaster touring. Would like that the title of the event be tweaked to better represent the awareness raising aspect of the initiative.
- Ms. Dionne
  - Noted that parking near and accessing the suggested locations could be difficult based on the weather. Suggested further discussion about logistics with Mr. Bachand. Also recommended determining a backup location.
- Ms. O'Brien
  - Echoed concerns about access to locations.
  - Echoed concerns about disaster touring. Suggested that it would be valuable to have a resident from the area speak about their experience with flooding in the area.

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- Ms. Howard asked Mr. Ladd about parking availability at the Hampton Beach Area District.
  - Mr. Ladd stated that the lot next to the fire station is not open for business right now and they do not police the lot out of season.

CHAT members can email any other thoughts and concerns to Ms. Perkins. Updates on the project will be shared with Ms. Durfee via email.

#### **4. Year in Review with revised logo (attached) Presented by Ms. Durfee**

- Key changes in the updated draft of the CHAT Year End Review:
  - The document is now 2-pages.
  - Ms. Durfee reorganized some information.
  - A new panel was added to the left of the document which lists CHAT members and affiliations.
  - On the second page there is more detail on the work that CHAT has done to advance recommendations to the town of Hampton. This includes a clarification about what CHAT has implemented and supported.
  - Ms. Durfee added a statement to the top of the document which incorporated words that CHAT members brainstormed at a previous meeting.
- Questions/Comments/Edits
  - Mr. Ladd asked to include some focus on Events Driven Occurrences. I.E. (1) a current lawsuit in Florida that could have major implications regarding home-owner insurance liability for flooding around the country's seacoasts. (2) The Federal Government's recent successful fusion test.
    - Liz suggested a summary page of what CHAT plans to work on over the next year. Asked if CHAT members are interested in a 3rd page.
      - Although Mr. Bassett liked the idea of talking about future projects, he voiced concern about overwhelming the reader.
  - Mr. Bachand suggested edits:
    - The Coastal Resilience Coordinator position should be edited to reflect an early 2023 start date.
    - For CHAT members affiliations, the 'Hampton Area Beach Commission' should be edited to say "Town of Hampton and Hampton Beach Area Commission"
    - Corrected the spelling of CHAT member Sharon Mullen's name.
  - Ms. O'Brien suggested an edit:
    - There are 6 projects listed under the "5 projects" list. It should be edited to say "6 projects".
  - Ms. Durfee presented an edited version of the CHAT Logo.
    - Mr. Diener stated that he is comfortable with using this logo.
    - Ms. Dionne suggested making 'Hampton' and 'CHAT' the same font size and reducing the overall size of the logo.

Ms. Durfee will make edits and send out a revised version. She will add a simple list of planned projects for 2023.

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## 5. Draft 2: Social Media Policy Presented by Ms. Durfee

- Ms. Kravitz:
  - Asked where people can access the Social Media Policy.
    - Ms. Durfee stated that it would be available on Facebook and SHEA's website.
  - Asked for details on how posting works.
    - Ms. Durfee explained that CHAT members can send Ms. O'Brien content if they would like it posted by CHAT, or the general public can post to the Facebook page as a comment from their personal page. Ms. O'Brien will have the ability to screen content that is posted or shared by the public.
  - Stated that she feels the overall language within the Social Media Policy is not clear enough.
    - Ms. Durfee asked Ms. Kravitz to send specific suggestions on where the language needs to be clarified.
  - Under 'Purpose and Desired Outcomes', Ms. Kravitz suggested clarifying that CHAT's intention is not just to educate, but to further enhance CHAT's goals.
    - Ms. Durfee will add a bullet point: "identify opportunities to collaborate with others."
- Ms. Howard:
  - Suggested having a tutorial in a future CHAT meeting focused on the process of sharing social media with regards to CHAT. Ms. Durfee will coordinate this with Ms. O'Brien.
- Ms. Kravitz suggested an edit:
  - On page 2 above "comments on CHAT's facebook page", the word "make" should be taken out and replaced with "suggesting revisions"
    - After discussion, CHAT agreed that Ms. Durfee should take out 'Make' and replace it with "accept, reject, or suggest a revision".
- Ms. O'Brien
  - Suggested changing 'personal responsibility' of posters for comments to reflect an enforceable consequence and to make it clear that CHAT has a right to remove content.
    - Ms. Durfee will add reference to CHAT's right to remove content.
- Ms. Durfee will think about how to better outline the Social Media Policy and the process of posting for someone who may not be familiar with Facebook.

## 6. November Minutes:

- Mr. Bassett suggested that it would be nice to have the links included that were shared in the chat during the meeting.
- There were not enough members present to approve minutes. This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

## 7. Input on Recommendations Fact Cards (attached)

- Ms. Durfee presented Fact Cards.
  - Cards are small quarter pages.
  - The sub-committee for strategic engagement reviewed the fact cards prior to this meeting.
  - They are designed to be user friendly and accessible.
- Comments and Questions

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- Ms. Kravitz
  - Asked what the intended use is for the Fact Cards.
    - Ms. Durfee stated that they will offer background information on recommendations to CHAT members. When the group revisits a recommendation, this card can be utilized to refresh our memories of the goal and why it was recommended. Secondly, they can be made available to the public physically and virtually. They can also be made available during meetings. They are designed to function as individual cards.
- Ms. Perkins
  - Suggested it might be useful to have info on what individuals can do to help or take action included on the card.
    - Ms. Durfee will add some stand alone cards that point to what people can do to get more involved.
- Ms. Durfee will put together a prioritized list of recommendations that CHAT wants to revisit and they can update the fact cards as needed.
- Ms. O'Brien noted that the CHAT logo looks distorted in this draft.
  - Ms. Durfee will check resolution and make the lines in the logo bolder.
- Mr. Diener asked if the fact cards should be dated.
  - Ms. Durfee will date the current version Jan. 2023.

#### **8. StoryMap Outline**

- Deferred to a later meeting due to time constraints.

#### **9. CHAT member interests and goals for 2023 (continued discussion)**

- Deferred to a later meeting due to time constraints.
- Ms. Durfee asked that everyone think about this topic for the next meeting.

#### **10. Meeting planning for 2023**

#### **11. Next meeting: January 17, 2022, 1pm-3pm**

#### **12. Adjourn (3:05 PM)**