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

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Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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

VIRTUAL MEETING

### 1. Introductions

Liz Durfee - Planner and CHAT Coordinator

Keith Lessard - Planning Board Representative

Jay Diener - Hampton Conservation Commission

Jennifer Hale - Hampton Department of Public Works (DPW)

Rayann Dionne - Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Alliance

Brianna O'Brien - Conservation Coordinator for Hampton (Left at Approx. 2:05 PM)

Kristin Howard - NH Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program

Jason Bachand - Town Planner

Tom Bassett - Resident Representative

Stephen LaBranche - Resident Representative

Barbara Kravitz - Hampton Beach Area Commission

### 2. Approve meeting notes from October 2022

- Ms. Durfee shared edits
  1. Edit Mr. Diener's affiliation to "Hampton Area Conservation Commission".
  2. Ms. Durfee adjusted the time noted for late arrivals to reflect the time of day as opposed to the recording run-time.
  3. Under Ms. Hale's update, the grant name "National Fish and Wildlife Foundation" (NFWF) was corrected.
  4. The grant name "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" (BRIC) was added to Ms. Hale's update.
  5. Deb Bourbeau's last name was added to the minutes.

Ms. Hale MOTIONED to approve the minutes as amended. SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien.  
Vote: 9-0-1 Abstained: Mr. LaBranche.

### 3. Relevant Flood Updates

- a. Mr. Bachand:
  - i. The steering committee will meet to discuss the revised list of action items for the Master Plan.
  - ii. Draft plan is still on target to be ready by early December.
  - iii. There will be an online tool for public comment on each of the action items. This will be launched shortly and will be active for 30 days.
- b. Ms. Dionne
  - i. Met with a Winnacunnet High School science class with Mr. Bachand, Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Diener. It was an informal round table to talk about their concerns with regard to sea-level rise.
- c. Mr. Bassett
  - i. No reports on flooding this month.
- d. Ms. Kravitz

- i. Hampton Beach Area Commission has selected a website designer. Estimated completion to be around April 2023.
- e. Ms. Hale:
  - i. The DPW has received a planning grant from DES to move forward with design plans for sewer manholes that go through the marsh. This project should kick off in the spring.
- f. Mr. LaBranche
  - i. Urged other CHAT members to watch the video Mr. Diener sent out (<https://www.wcvb.com/article/efforts-underway-to-revive-the-largest-salt-marsh-in-new-england/40668330#>)
- g. Mr. Diener:
  - i. Follow up on Mr. LaBranche's comment: the work in the video shared involves some people from NH who will bring those techniques to Hampton for the ditch remediation project.
- h. Ms. Durfee
  - i. Shared a link for the Coastal Adaptation Workgroup Summit in the agenda: <https://www.nhcaw.org/2022-nh-climate-summit/>.
- i. Ms. Dionne
  - i. Added a link in the CHAT about the Salt Marsh remediation effort: <https://www.wcvb.com/article/efforts-underway-to-revive-the-largest-salt-marsh-in-new-england/40668330#>.

#### 4. Engagement Plan + Implementation

- a. Ms. Durfee sent out an updated draft of the Engagement plan.
- b. Recommendations list:
  - i. First recommendation under 'Other Policy and Regulations' (pg 4 of plan revised on Nov 7th):
    - 1. CHAT members agreed that the word "Control" is too strong, but "Guide" is not strong enough.
    - 2. CHAT members agreed to replace "control" with "regulate" as suggested by Ms. Hale. The full suggestions: " Develop a new coastal hazard overlay district to regulate development in vulnerable areas."
  - ii. Ms. Durfee shared the reorganization of the list.
  - iii. Ms. Durfee informed CHAT members that John Nyahn suggested late April as a good time for hosting a business oriented event.
  - iv. Ms. Durfee added a header and a revision date to the document.
- c. Implementation updates
  - i. Ms. Durfee will add a footnote making people aware that the document is a working document and may be updated.
  - ii. Draft Social Media Policy:
    - 1. Content Policy:
      - a. Ms. Hale noted, and Ms. Durfee agreed that if you submit something to Ms. O'Brien the expectation should not be that it will be posted immediately.
      - b. Mr. Basset asked how we connected with other relevant players via social media.

- i. Ms. Durfee explained how the use of social media should make it possible to connect with other people who are engaged in this type of work beyond Hampton.
  - c. Ms. Dionne asked if there would be a frequency goal for posting.
    - i. Ms. did not post a specific number of posts.
    - ii. Ms. O'Brien thinks that once per week is a great start. Ms. Durfee will add that in as a reference point
  - d. Ms. Kravitz suggested that there should be engagement rules outlined for the public.
    - i. Ms. Durfee will add language to clarify the purpose of the group, and specify that Ms. O'Brien can bring questions about community moderation to CHAT.
    - ii. Ms. Durfee will add language to specify that CHAT can choose to terminate non-productive conversations.
    - iii. Ms. Howard noted that it is important to lay out a policy for how to manage the community. She noted that the policy should be posted publicly.
  - e. Ms. Durfee will add a section to make it clear that content that is provided by people who are not regular CHAT members can be posted if approved by Ms. O'Brien.
- iii. Meeting Announcements
  - 1. Let Ms. Durfee know if there are any other people who would like to receive the meeting agendas. Ms. Durfee will distribute the monthly update.
- iv. Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee
  - 1. Ms. Durfee will schedule a meeting with this committee.
  - 2. Ms. Durfee will review draft fact cards with the subcommittee and then bring them to CHAT before posting them online.

## 5. Year in Review

- a. Ms. Durfee presented a summary of the year.
- b. Thoughts and suggestions:
  - i. Mr. Diener suggested highlighting recommendations that are in-progress.
    - 1. Ms. Durfee will adjust the language, but would like to highlight the recommendation that has been carried through from start to finish.
  - ii. Ms. Hale echoed Mr. Diener. She added that CHAT did not "implement" the Coastal Resilience Coordinator position, but they did help make it happen.
  - iii. Ms. Hale suggested that more focus be put on the work being done behind the scenes to bring people together and coordinate efforts.
  - iv. Ms. Dionne suggested putting together a slogan for CHAT.
  - v. Ms. Durfee will adjust the language to reflect the networking aspect of CHAT and the efforts to move projects forward and push through grants. She will use links to push people towards more information on the projects that CHAT is involved in.
  - vi. Ms. Durfee will create a letterhead that has previously been used to reflect CHAT member affiliations.

- c. Ms. Durfee suggested a logo for CHAT. She presented a draft.
  - i. CHAT members like the logo, but ask that a network diagram be added to the center.

**6. CHAT member interests and goals for 2023**

- a. Mr. Diener suggested focusing on public engagement and continued implementation of recommendations.
- b. Conversation will continue at the next CHAT meeting.

**7. Next meeting: December 20, 2022, 1pm-3pm**

**8. Adjourn**

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- *Keep your microphone on mute to minimize background noise*
- *Use the hand raise function or type in the chat box if you have a question or comment*
- *Stay on topic*
- *Be respectful of all meeting participants*