



2022

Year In Review

Members and Affiliations:

Jason Bachand
Town Planner

Jen Hale
Director of Public Works

Brianna O'Brien
Conservation Coordinator

Jay Diener
Conservation Commission

Keith Lessard
Planning Board

Jim Waddell
Board of Selectmen

Katherine Harake
Budget Committee

Nichole Duggan
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Barbara Kravitz
Hampton Beach Area Commission

Bob Ladd
Hampton Beach Village District

Tom Bassett
Resident Representative

Stephen LaBranche
Resident Representative

Alternates:

Joe Lynch
Deputy Director of Public Works

Sharon Mullen
Planning Board

Nancy Stiles
Hampton Beach Area Commission

Non-Member Participants:

Rayann Dionne
Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance

Kirsten Howard
NH DES Coastal Program

Nathalie DiGeronimo
NH DES Coastal Program

Lucy Perkins
NH DES Coastal Program

Liz Durfee
CHAT Coordinator,
EF | Design & Planning, LLC

REFLECTED ON: CHAT's progress in 2022 and prior years

ADOPTED: Amended Rules & Procedures and Statement of Purpose

REVISED: CHAT's **18** Recommendations to the Town of Hampton to Increase Resilience to Coastal Hazards and Flooding

CREATED: User friendly, 'simplified' versions of each recommendation

TRACKED: Status of progress made toward implementing CHAT's recommendations and next steps

DEVELOPED & REFINED: CHAT Recommendations Strategic Engagement Plan

PRIORITIZED: **5** key engagement activities to implement with existing grant funding for the Strategic Engagement Plan:

1. Enhance online presence on SHEA's website
2. Create a fact card for each recommendation
3. Start a Facebook page and post regularly
4. Start a StoryMap
5. Start creating 'member messages' video clips

- 12** Held 12 Monthly Meetings
- 12** Issued 12 Monthly Member Updates & Announcements
- 5** Joined by 5 members of the public at 3 meetings
- 3** Welcomed 3 new members/alternates
- 1** Formed 1 subcommittee
- 1** Submitted 1 letter of Support for Hampton's CFRING application



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CHAT **enhanced networking** and **galvanized action** by bringing staff, board members, residents, representatives and technical experts together to focus on building resilience to coastal hazards and flooding in Hampton.

LEARNED ABOUT:

6 projects and efforts related to resilience in Hampton:

1. Seacoast Transportation Corridor Vulnerability Assessment, Dave Walker, RPC
2. Resilient Land Use Guide for NH: Adapting to Climate Change and Coastal Hazards, Jenn Rowden, RPC
3. Climate adaptation and resiliency assistance discussion, Maddie Dilonno, RPC
4. Proposed Economic Study, Jay Diener, SHEA
5. Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Management Plan Update, Jay Diener and Rayann Dionne, SHEA
6. A Summary of High Tide Flooding Recorded by the Hampton, NH Tide Gauge, Kirsten Howard, NHDES

And other topics like: Flood Insurance • Flood Risk Disclosures • Managed Retreat Planning • Climate and Population Movement

ADVANCED CHAT'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TOWN:

CHAT discussed several recommendations in detail, including:

1. Explore options to use land use ordinances and regulations to encourage and incentivize development in areas that are not vulnerable to current or future flooding, while discouraging development in areas that are vulnerable to current or future flooding.
2. Identify funding sources to build town-wide flood resilience. Funding sources may include a dedicated local fund.
3. Allow parking in municipal parking lots when tides are in excess of 9.5 feet, as opposed to 10.0 feet.

The **Town of Hampton took action** on CHAT's recommendation to hire a full time Community Resilience & Floodplain Administrator staff position. With support from NHDES, the Town secured grant funding to hire an 18 month Coastal Resilience Coordinator, who will start in early 2023.

CHAT MEMBERS INITIATED AND PARTICIPATED IN MANY RELATED EFFORTS:

Town of Hampton and Hampton Beach Area Commission Master Plan Updates • Flood Engineering Studies • Grant Applications • Water Quality Testing • Floodplain Ordinance Audit and Revisions

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



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WHAT'S NEXT?

In 2023, CHAT plans to:

- Conduct outreach and education about coastal hazards and adaptation efforts.
- Continue to implement outreach strategies identified in the Strategic Engagement Plan for CHAT's Recommendations, including:
 - Sharing the Recommendations Fact Cards.
 - Using social media to connect with a broader audience.
 - Creating an online Story Map (website) with information about CHAT, CHAT's recommendations, and coastal hazards and adaptation strategies.
 - Video messages from CHAT members.
- Encourage cross communication between Town of Hampton staff, board, commission, and committee members, and residents. Engage state and elected officials.
- Look for opportunities to collaborate with others to advance CHAT's objectives.
- Continue to refine CHAT's list of recommendations for the Town of Hampton to increase resilience and identify ways that CHAT can assist with implementing the recommendations.
- Investigate topics such as flood insurance, homeowner liability, and flood risk disclosure.
- Host an informational tour of elevated structures.
- Follow the latest science and research on sea level rise, coastal hazards, and climate adaptation and mitigation.
- Follow, learn about, and engage in the Town of Hampton's and others' planning efforts, projects, and studies related to sea level rise, coastal hazards, and flooding.
- Host guest speakers at CHAT meetings.