



2023

Year In Review

Members and Affiliations:

- Jason Bachand
Town Planner
- Jen Hale
Director of Public Works
- Brianna O'Brien
Conservation Coordinator
- Tori Bamford
Coastal Resilience Coordinator
- Jay Diener
Conservation Commission
- Keith Lessard | Ward Galanis
Planning Board
- Jim Waddell
Board of Selectmen
- 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
- Kate Bashline
Resident Representative
- Alternates:**
- Eric Sunderlin
Engineering Technician
- 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
- Maddie Dilonno
Rockingham Planning Commission
- Lucy Perkins
NH DES Coastal Program
- Jennifer Gilbert
NH DES Coastal Program
- Mikaela Heming
NH Sea Grant Extension
- Liz Durfee, CHAT Coordinator,
EF | Design & Planning, LLC

IMPLEMENTED: Implemented strategies from CHAT's Strategic Engagement Plan

- 1. Created & maintained** CHAT's online StoryMap
- 2. Shared** Social media content on flooding and resilience on CHAT's new Facebook page
- 3. Distributed** CHAT's Recommendations Fact Cards at events and in Town Offices
- 4. Hosted** Two tabling events at local businesses and a CHAT station at SHEA's Coastal Resilience Fair to share information about CHAT and CHAT's recommendations
- 5. Enhanced** CHAT's online presence on SHEA's website

REVIEWED Resilience Strategies from the Town of Hampton's Master Plan

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

SUPPORTED Development of a Flood Disclosure Policy (HB 1320)

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

ENGAGED Several new community members, Town staff, and three State representatives joined CHAT meetings in 2023.

- 12** Issued 12 Monthly Member Updates & Announcements
- 11** Held 11 Monthly Meetings
- 3** Welcomed 3 new members, including Hampton's new Coastal Resilience Coordinator
- 1** Held a Listening Session with State Representatives
- 1** Submitted 1 letter of Support for Hampton's Coastal Resilience Grant Application

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CHAT continued to **enhance networking** and **galvanize 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. Town of Hampton's Master Plan and Resilience Actions, Jason Bachand, Town of Hampton
2. Voluntary Elevation and Property Acquisition Pilot Project, Tori Bamford, Town of Hampton, and Kirsten Howard, NHDES
3. Flood Ready Neighborhoods Program, Mikaela Hemming, UNH Sea Grant & Cooperative Extension
4. Water quality monitoring in the Greene St-Gentian Rd Neighborhood, Tom Bassett, Resident
5. Hampton's Hazard Mitigation Plan, Jane Hubbard, Hubbard Consulting
6. Flood risk disclosure policies and resources, including Flood Risk Disclosure Model State Requirements, FEMA and How States Stack up on Flood Disclosure, NRDC

ADVANCED CHAT'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TOWN:

CHAT discussed several recommendations in detail, including:

1. Developing a flood risk disclosure policy to help ensure that potential property buyers and renter are informed about past flooding and whether a property is located within the 100-year floodplain. New Hampshire State Representative Chris Muns worked with CHAT to develop a flood risk disclosure policy. The bill (HB1320) is based on New Jersey's flood risk disclosure law.
2. Allow parking in municipal parking lots when tides are in excess of 9.5 feet, as opposed to 10.0 feet.

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 2024, CHAT plans to:

- Continue outreach and education about coastal hazards and adaptation efforts.
- Support implementation of Resilience Actions in Hampton's Master Plan.
- Encourage cross communication between Town of Hampton staff, board, commission, and committee members, and residents. Engage state and elected officials and the business community.
- 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.
- Continue to investigate options to strengthen the Town's parking placard program.
- Investigate topics such as incorporating resilience into the municipal Capital Improvements Plan and voluntary elevation and buyout programs.
- 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.

Meadow Pond Neighborhood December 2023 Flood Update



Photo: Tim Briggs
UNH Sea Grant

Join CHAT's monthly meetings to get involved in the conversation. Agendas at <https://shea4nh.org/coastal-hazards-adaptation-team-chat/>

Visit CHAT'S StoryMap at bit.ly/HamptonCHAT to learn more

