Hampton-Seabrook Estuary (HSE) Collaborative Meeting

October 28, 2026

11:00AM – 12:30PM

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Microbes as a Tool for Assessing and Supporting Coastal Restoration- Ashley Bulseco (UNH)**
   - A recording of the presentation & slides can be found linked.

3. **PFAS in Coastal NH Waterways: Applications for the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary- Paula Mouser (UNH)**
   - A recording of the presentation & slides can be found linked.

4. **Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Tributary Monitoring Program – Preliminary Water Quality Data- Michelle Shattuck (UNH, New Hampshire Water Resources Research Center)**
   - A recording of the presentation & slides can be found linked.

   Michelle is looking for feedback on these preliminary data to make the final report more useful for managers and end users.
   Please take 5 minutes to fill out this survey to provide feedback.

5. **Updates from Collaborative Members**

   - **Russ Hilliard (Swell Oyster) shared a project idea he is hoping to pilot in partnership with SHEA- a pilot oyster reef restoration project in the HSE.** Swell has been a partner in oyster reef restoration projects in Great Bay for the last 3 years, supplying and deploying unmarketable oysters from their farming sites in the HSE to sites in Great Bay. They are looking to pilot this work closer to their homebase in the HSE.
     - **Project Idea Overview:** Swell Oysters has identified a location near Depot Rd with good substrate for a small educational oyster reef restoration pilot project. The site has easy access for Swell to provide oysters as well as a place for repurposing "ugly" or double oysters that are not commercially desirable. The identified location is adjacent to railroad bed that is slated to become part of the Seacoast Railtrail system providing an opportunity for signage and an interactive component

- **Looking for other potential interested parties/partners.**
    - If you are interested in partnering in this work, learning more, or have funding opportunity ideas for Swell Oyster and SHEA, please don't hesitate to reach out to Russ (russ@swelloysterco.com) or Colette Tweeddale (ctweeddale@shea4nh.org) to talk more.

6. **Steering Committee Updates**
    - None shared at this meeting.

7. **HSE Collaborative Coordinator Announcements**
    - Rayann Dionne (substituting for HSEC Coordinator) shared the following updates:
        - **Funding Opportunities**
            - Please check out the HSE Collaborative Grants tracker, for various regional and federal funding opportunities that have been added this month
                - PREP Climate Impact Grants (Due 10/30)
                - NOAA Coastal Flood Protection Grant (Due 11/9/26)

        - **SHEA 2028 CDS Request- Reach out before end of Year with Project Ideas**
            - SHEA is preparing a Congressional-Direct Spending (CDS) Request proposal application for March 2027 (if funded- would begin in 2028)
            - **Please reach out to Rayann Dionne (rdionne@shea4nh.org) with any project ideas that align with the Estuary Management Plan if interested**
            - SHEA will share narrowed down list of projects with HSEC members in the winter for additional input

        - **Feedback on EMP Tracker: EMP Tracker Feedback Survey** (*see email*)

        - **Additional Feedback: HSEC Virtual Comment Box**

        - **2027 HSE Collaborative Meetings:** Will be Scheduled in November 2027 (calendar invites will be sent out to HSEC email list & links posted on SHEA's website)

8. **Adjourn**

HSE Collaborative Resources	Description
HSE Collaborative Funding Opportunities & Projects	List of funding opportunities of interest to members that is updated monthly.
Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Management Plan (EMP)	Management plan for HSE developed in 2023 that defines goals for the estuary and a list of objectives and action items to accomplish goals.
HSE Collaborative Webpage	View key Collaborative documents, past meeting agendas, minutes, slides, and recordings.
HSE Collaborative- Virtual Comment Box	Provide anonymous feedback at any time on Collaborative meetings, resources, or presentations.
Project Development & Grant Writing Assistance	Contact HSE Collaborative Coordinator (HSE.collaborative.coordinator@gmail.com) for assistance developing projects or writing grants for projects within the HSE and its watershed.