



# 2025

## Year In Review

### Members and Affiliations as of 12/25:

Jason Bachand  
Town Planner

Kate and Gary Bashline  
Resident Representative

Tom Bassett  
Resident Representative

Scott Blair  
Budget Committee Representative

Jay Diener  
Conservation Commission

Nichole Duggan  
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Ward Galanis  
Planning Board

Brianna Hagan  
Conservation Coordinator

Jen Hale  
Director of Public Works

Barbara Kravitz  
Hampton Beach Area Commission

Stephen LaBranche  
Resident Representative

Bob Ladd  
Hampton Beach Village District

Scott Blair  
Budget Committee Representative

Ben Ritt  
Coastal Resilience Coordinator

### Alternates:

Eric Sunderlin  
Engineering Technician

Sharon Mullen  
Planning Board

Nancy Stiles  
Hampton Beach Area Commission

### Non-Member Participants:

Ann Cox  
Piscataqua Region Estuary Partnership

Maddie Dilonno  
Rockingham Planning Commission

Rayann Dionne  
Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance

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

Jennifer Gilbert  
NH DES Coastal Program

**IMPLEMENTED** strategies from CHAT’s Strategic Engagement Plan

**HOSTED** an outreach table Hampton’s Earth Month viewing of the film Inundation District

**WELCOMED** Hampton’s new Coastal Resilience Coordinator to the CHAT team.

**CELEBRATED** a highly successful planting day at the Portsmouth Avenue Dune as part of the Flood Ready Neighborhood project, where community volunteers helped plant 18,000 dune grass plants.

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

**ENGAGED** Several new community members, Town staff, and State representatives at CHAT meetings

**ENHANCED** CHAT’s online presence on SHEA’s website

**UPDATED** CHAT’s purpose statement to better reflect ongoing efforts

**SHARED** Social media content on flooding and resilience on CHAT’s Facebook page (Hampton CHAT)

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Held 12 Monthly Meetings

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Issued 10 Monthly Member Updates & Announcements

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Joined by 5 members of the public (Hampton Residents) and several coastal resilience practitioners and partner

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Submitted 2 letters of Support for Hampton’s Coastal Resilience Fund and proposed Floodplain Ordinance Amendments

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Welcomed 1 new member and 1 new non-member partner from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership



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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.

### HOSTED GUEST SPEAKERS TO LEARN ABOUT:

1. Voluntary Home Elevation, Buyout, and Relocations Programs: Jennifer Hale, Brianna Hagan, and Jason Bachand, Town of Hampton staff; Jennifer Gilbert, NHDES Coastal Program, and Maddie Dilonno, Rockingham Planning Commission
2. The Hampton Tide Gauge - Anna Simpson, Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems
3. Realtor Flood Training / Board Empowerment Series – Annie Cox, Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership
4. Financing Home Elevations - Marcus Landers, Payne Construction and Stanford University Hoover Institute
5. Overview of GIS Tools – NH Coastal Viewer and Hampton’s Flood Information Tool – Jennifer Gilber, NHDES Coastal Program & Ben Ritt, Coastal Conservation Coordinator
6. Keene’s Community Preparedness/Alerts Systems - Elizabeth Ferland and Rebecca Landry, City of Keene
7. Hampton’s Emergency Response Current Alerts and Processes – Ben Ritt, Coastal Conservation Coordinator
8. Sunvalley Dune Restoration Project – Tracy Degnan and Arianna Spears, Rockingham County Conservation District
9. Determining Hampton-Seabrook Salt Marsh Parcel Ownership and Location – Rob Pruyne, Rockingham Planning Commission
10. 2025 Downtown District Charrette – Jason Bachand, Town Planner
11. Proposed Cottage Court Overlay District – Maddie Dilonno, Rockingham Planning Commission
12. Groundwater Rise, Dr. Jennifer Jacobs, University of New Hampshire

**RECEIVED REGULAR UPDATES** about the Meadow Pond Drainage Improvement Project and relevant legislation proposals or status at the state-level

### SUPPORTED IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Addition of a full-time Coastal Resilience Coordinator
2. Increased public accessibility to public hearing applications by posting them on the Town’s website

**CHAT’s mission is to evaluate, assist, support, educate, and advise on current and future coastal flooding adaptation strategies for the Town as well as build resilience to recover from coastal flooding events in Hampton.**



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### WHAT'S NEXT?

#### In 2026, CHAT plans to:

- Conduct outreach and education about coastal hazards and adaptation efforts.
- 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.
- 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.
- Integrate CHAT's work with that of the Coastal Resilience Coordinator.
- Track implementation of Hampton's Master Plan and provide support as needed.
- Revisit the Menu of Higher Floodplain Regulation Standards in coordination with the Planning Department and Planning Board.

Learn more on CHAT's  
webpage and StoryMap:

