



# 2024 Year In Review

## Members and Affiliations as of 12/24:

Jason Bachand  
Town Planner

Kate Bashline  
Resident Representative

Tom Bassett  
Resident 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

Pat Sheridan  
Budget Committee Representative

### Alternates:

Eric Sunderlin  
Engineering Technician

Sharon Mullen  
Planning Board

Nancy Stiles  
Hampton Beach Area Commission

### Non-Member Participants:

Maddie Dilonno  
Rockingham Planning Commission

Rayann Dionne  
Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance

Jennifer Gilbert  
NH DES Coastal Program

Kirsten Howard  
NH DES Coastal Program

Lucy Perkins  
NH DES Coastal Program

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

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

**HOSTED** an outreach table at the Hampton Historical Society’s Fall Festival

**SUPPORTED** SHEA’s Emergency Preparedness Workshop, which included information about reading tide data; what to do before, during, and after a flood event; and time for sharing flood experiences and stories.

**SUPPORTED** Enactment 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 State representatives at CHAT meetings

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

**UPDATED** CHAT’s online [StoryMap](#)

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

**CONTRIBUTED** Input to the Seacoast Public Health Network’s Emergency Preparedness Workshop planning

- 10** Held 10 Monthly Meetings
- 10** Issued 10 Monthly Member Updates & Announcements
- 5** Joined by 5 members of the public (Hampton Residents) and several coastal resilience practitioners and partner
- 2** Submitted 2 letters of Support for Hampton’s Coastal Resilience Fund and proposed Floodplain Ordinance Amendments
- 1** 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 LEARNED ABOUT:**

1. Incorporating Resilience into the Capital Improvement Program - Jackson Kaspari, Dover Resilience Program Manager
2. Hampton Voluntary Elevation & Property Acquisition Survey Results - Tori Bamford, Hampton Coastal Resilience Coordinator
3. Financing Home Elevations - Marcus Landers, Payne Construction and Stanford University Hoover Institute
4. Economy and Flood Vulnerability for Hampton, Hampton Falls, and Seabrook - Rayann Dionne and Jay Diener, Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance
5. Resources and Programs for Commercial Fisherman - Andrea Tomlinson, Founder/Executive Director and Bella Dziak, Communications and Content Specialist, New England Young Fishermen's Alliance
6. Perspectives on Managed Retreat in Massachusetts - Kristin Uiterwyk, Director, Urban Harbors Institute
7. Breakwater Landing Parking Lot Removal and Dune Restoration - Chris Miller, Natural Resources Director, Brewster, MA
8. NH Salt Marsh Plan and Resources - Lynn Vaccaro, Rachel Stevens, and Becky MacKnight, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
9. Home Insurance and Flood Insurance Informational Discussion, Bob Desaulniers, Regional Flood Insurance Liaison for FEMA Region 1; Dean Merrill, President, Tobey & Merrill Insurance, LuAnne King, P&C Supervisor of Compliance; AJ Kierstead, Outreach Coordinator; James Fox, Property & Casualty Director, New Hampshire Insurance Department
10. Groundwater Rise, Dr. Jennifer Jacobs, University of New Hampshire

**RECEIVED REGULAR UPDATES** about the Flood Ready Neighborhoods Program

### **SUPPORTED IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Allow parking in municipal parking lots when tides are in excess of 9.5 feet, as opposed to 10.0 feet.
2. Hire a full-time Coastal Resilience Coordinator
3. Develop a Flood Risk Disclosure Policy

**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 2025, 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.
- Seek funding for implementing CHAT's recommendations.
- 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:

