
Coastal Hazards Adaptation Team (CHAT) Work Session #73

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

1:00-3:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Jay Diener – Hampton Conservation Commission
Bob Ladd – Hampton Beach Village District
Ben Ritt – Hampton Coastal Resilience Coordinator
Annie Cox – Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership
Ward Galanis – Hampton Planning Board
Scott Blair – Budget Committee Representative
Brianna Hagan – Hampton Conservation Coordinator
Jen Gilbert – DES Coastal Program
Tom Bassett – Hampton Resident Representative
Jason Bachand – Hampton Town Planner
Jen Hale – Hampton DPW

CHAT Support Staff

Ms. Durfee – Planning Consultant and CHAT Coordinator

2. Approve meeting notes from April 2025 and May.

Motion: Mr. Diener moved to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes as edited.

Second: Mr. Blair

Vote: All in Favor, Mr. Bassett abstained.

Motion: Mr. Galanis moved to approve the May 2025 meeting minutes as edited.

Second: Mr. Diener

Vote: All in Favor, Mr. Bachand and Ms. Hale abstained.

3. Relevant Flood Updates (20 mins)

Mr. Bachand

- Provided an update on the Zoning Ordinance audit, which is relevant because the floodplain management ordinance is part of Hampton's zoning ordinance. The Planning Board is meeting with consultants from the Horsley Whitten Group on June 18 to review the preliminary memo the Horsley Whitten Group created after meeting with Mr. Bachand's office a few weeks ago.
 - Mr. Bachand will keep CHAT informed about suggestions and guidance that result from the meeting between the Planning Board and the consultants.

- The Zoning Ordinance audit is the second part of a three-step process. The first step in the process was the reorganization of the zoning ordinance, which took effect in May. The content of the Zoning Ordinance webpage remains the same, but it has been reorganized.

Ms. Hale

- The bicentennial wall is officially done. A rededication ceremony was held last Saturday, 50 years to the day the first time Bicentennial Park was dedicated.
- As of June 20, the drain line work was completed in the Kings Highway, Gentian, Meadow Pond neighborhood. Project work is currently underway on Kings Highway.
- Some of the infiltration trenches originally proposed as catch basins under the design were added back in on Kings Highway for additional flooding relief.
- There isn't enough funding to complete the entire project. DPW chose to complete the parts of the project that there was enough funding for, with priority for what made the most logical sense where they could fit utilities.
- As funding becomes available, phase two of this project may be developed to include infiltration chambers, inlets, and other options. Phase two part of the project could continue down Kings Highway into the Gill area and the streets on the other side, similar to the current work in the Meadow Pond, Green, and Gentian areas.

Mr. Bassett

- The Meadow Pond area was swamped this past month with machinery and contractors doing drainage work. Area residents have responded positively to the disruptions because they are excited about the prospect of mitigating flooding in the neighborhood.
- Mr. Bassett presented slides showing the progress of the work, including a temporary pump set up at the corner of Kings Highway and Green Street, which will likely be testing the system during flooding before the permanent pump is installed.
- Flooding has declined since the last meeting, with only two events in late May, as opposed to the typical range of 5-6 days of flooding. On May 31, there was rainfall, and the observed tide was a foot higher than the predicted tide.
- Mr. Bassett would like to know if DPW has closed off the drain from the street that leads to the pond. Someone mentioned to him recently that there was an override pipe still leading to the pond.

Ms. Durfee

- Asked Ms. Hale for her thoughts on ways to start documenting whether flooding is increasing the cost of these projects for the Town. For example, does ongoing flooding create delays or changes in how the projects are implemented? Is there a way to describe some of the costs of flooding to the community, particularly for public works projects?

Ms. Hale

- Stated that the flooding is compounded by the lack of a working drainage system as well as flooding from the rear. The known high risk of flooding in this area was factored into the project's cost, which contributed to its high price. DPW is accounting for excess costs but not tracking the excess costs.
- Ms. Hale suggested story mapping the project's costs. For example, drainage on High Street was (hypothetically) \$150 per linear foot, but in the Meadow Pond area, it was \$175. But the cost difference was higher because of the additional costs of muck and sand in the removal materials.

4. Coastal Resilience Coordinator Update (5 mins)

Mr. Ritt

- The Hampton Coastal Resilience Funding Hub was launched on the Town's website last Friday as part of the Climate Ready Hampton initiative and aims to educate and engage residents on various funding mechanisms for coastal resilience projects.
 - The hub includes educational materials, FAQs, and a Funding Options Matrix developed in collaboration with the Rockingham Planning Commission.
 - A polling system has been implemented to gauge public opinion on preferred funding approaches.
 - "Funding Fridays" will roll out new content weekly. The purpose is to engage with the residents of the Town of Hampton to learn what the residents are interested in terms of funding and giving them the educational tools to better understand these different funding mechanisms and how they might be implemented so that we can create a fair and equitable decision base to move forward with funding options.
 - CHAT members are encouraged to visit the Coastal Resilience Funding Hub and participate in the poll. Polling will help Mr. Ritt understand the resident's current concerns.
 - Outreach and education efforts to continue under the Climate Ready Hampton initiative
- The first strategy session is scheduled for the end of the month at the Hampton Recreation and Park Senior Center (6–8 PM). It will be recorded and available online and on Channel 22.

Ms. Gilbert

- In response to Mr. Bassett's question about federal funding concerns, There are no confirmed updates on FEMA funding cuts as of now. Rumors suggest that the FY25 budget for the Coastal Program may maintain level funding.

Ms. Cox

- Dune Grass Planting Project: A successful planting day was held on Portsmouth Avenue Dune, part of the Flood Ready Neighborhood project.
 - 18,000 dune grass plants were planted with the help of community volunteers, including a high school student.
 - The area experienced a dune breach during the Dec 2023–Jan 2024 storms and is critical for flood resilience.
 - Fence extensions allowed for additional plantings.
 - Mr. Ritt was in attendance.

Ms. Cox

- Meadow Pond Ecological Resilience Field Trip: A collaborative field trip is being organized with the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.
 - Focus: broader ecological resilience at Meadow Pond, including invasive species and pond health.
 - Date: August (exact date TBD). A van will be available for transportation. Interested participants should contact Ms. Cox.
 - Community members interested in the August field trip or next week's estuary meeting should contact Ms. Cox and Ms. Durfee, respectively.

Ms. Durfee

- Upcoming Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Collaborative Meeting Next week: Zoom meeting open to the public.
 - Topics include:
 - Parcel analysis by Rockingham Planning Commission (identifying unowned parcels in the marsh).
 - Overview of the Statewide Salt Marsh Strategy.
 - Update on the Baseline Assessment for the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary.
 - Ms. Durfee will distribute the agenda and Zoom link separately.

5. Vote to Amend Updated Statement of Purpose (5 mins)

Ms. Durfee

- The group revisited the updated CHAT Statement of Purpose, which had been introduced in a previous meeting but could not be voted on due to a lack of quorum.
- Minor amendments had been made, including:
 - Updated background to reflect recent group activities.
 - Expanded mission to include building resilience and recovery from coastal flooding events.
 - Revisions to objectives, all shown in track changes within the shared document.
- Mr. Diener suggested adding the organization name ("CHAT") to the title and including a "last updated" date for clarity and version tracking. Ms. Durfee agreed and will incorporate this change into the final document.
- Members were given a moment to review the tracked changes and were allowed to make additional comments, ask questions, or suggest changes to the draft. No additional comments or changes were made.
- Ms. Durfee will distribute the finalized document to all members with the adopted changes and retain the updated document for future reference.

Motion: Mr. Diener moved to approve the amendments to CHAT's Statement of Purpose

Second: Mr. Galanis

Vote: All in Favor

6. Status and Prioritization of Recommendations (15 mins)

Ms. Durfee

- Displayed working versions of the CHAT recommendations, which include the corrections and edits made at the last meeting, and invited a review and further discussion. The goal of the discussion was to discuss how CHAT can prioritize and either support or take action on recommendations as a way to guide the work being done in CHAT meetings.
- As a reminder, the recommendations tracker has columns that can be checked, with an X denoting "ongoing", "already completed", and "no action at this time". When "no action at this time" is marked, it means the item is not something that CHAT is going to prioritize in the next several months.

Ms. Durfee

- Initiated the conversation by asking members whether the full list of recommendations should be maintained or if outdated or inactive items should be removed. She expressed a desire to avoid revisiting the same items repeatedly without clear direction or priority.

Mr. Galanis

- Supported refining the list to focus on actionable items and retiring those that are less relevant.

Ms. Hale

- Raised concerns about redundancy across various town committees and initiatives (e.g., Master Plan Implementation Committee, Climate Ready Hampton, DPW projects). She emphasized the need for better integration and clarity to avoid multiple groups tracking the same efforts independently. She suggested exploring ways to link CHAT's recommendations with broader town initiatives and databases, possibly by categorizing them under major themes (natural resources, regulation, infrastructure, etc.).

Ms. Durfee

- Reiterated that while many of the recommendations have already been incorporated into the Master Plan and other initiatives, the purpose now is to determine whether CHAT should take an active supporting role in implementing any of them. If not, such items can be marked as “No Action at This Time.”

Ms. Hagan

- Agreed with narrowing down the list and keeping items, that CHAT can actively support. She proposed that CHAT act as an advocate, raising awareness and public understanding of recommendations being pursued by other bodies. She emphasized that CHAT doesn't directly implement projects but can play a communication and outreach role.

Mr. Galanis

- Suggested using spreadsheet filters to manage the recommendations list, allowing completed items to be hidden rather than removed. He also recommended adding a column to identify the lead responsible party for each recommendation. Ms. Durfee acknowledged that this could help clarify CHAT's role and align with practices used by the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC).

Mr. Bachand

- Emphasized that both CHAT and the MPIC are advisory bodies and should coordinate to avoid duplicating efforts. He explained how the MPIC is revisiting prioritizations based on staff feedback.

Mr. Diener

- Suggested CHAT should identify which recommendations are already being addressed by MPIC. If so, CHAT should determine whether additional support is needed rather than working in parallel.

Ms. Durfee

- Proposed that members continue reviewing the recommendations spreadsheet and:
- Confirm whether the assigned “CHAT role” columns are accurate.
- Identify any recommendations CHAT should actively support.
- Clarify CHAT's potential role in implementation or outreach for each item.
- Ms. Durfee emphasized that the goal is to better understand how CHAT fits into the broader network of town efforts on coastal resilience and to make effective use of meeting time.
- Ms. Durfee requested that all members review the spreadsheet and provide input on CHAT's role for each recommendation. She will continue to update the spreadsheet with member feedback and clarify its alignment with other committees.
- CHAT Leadership should consider discussions with MPIC, DPW, and other departments to clarify collaboration opportunities and reduce redundancy.

Ms. Hagan

- Expressed concern regarding the inconsistency in the language of recommendation items. She clarified her understanding that the role of CHAT is to recommend specific actions to the Town, not to execute them directly. Her concern is that changing the language of one recommendation to reflect CHAT taking direct action rather than recommending that action creates confusion.

Ms. Durfee

- Responded with agreement to the concern of potential confusion and proposed the group continue the review of the recommendations. Ms. Durfee will review the recommendations, clarify and refine the language, Draft new or revised recommendations where appropriate, and schedule a future meeting to review and finalize any recommendation changes.

Ms. Durfee

- Review of the Recommendations, Comments, and Decision
- *Review the Floodplain Ordinance and draft amendments to reduce vulnerability to flooding.* Corrections and edits from last month's meeting include adding in the individual recommendations

that were specific to the floodplain ordinance to start talking about which of those items the Town has already addressed and what some of the remaining items are. Seven specific items were added that were originally included as almost separate recommendations for CHAT.

- Some recommendations related to the floodplain ordinance have already been accomplished through the 2024 amendments. The Town added language that prohibits the construction of critical facilities within the special flood hazard area unless they're using specified criteria to address flood risks, which came from the coastal flood risk guidance.
- The Town also adopted language related to elevating utilities, as well as a table with varying freeboard requirements for the type of elevation flood zone and the flood design class.
- Ms. Durfee invited discussion about CHAT's role in offering support or outreach related to floodplain ordinance amendments.
- Comments:
 - Mr. Bachand stated that the floodplain ordinance and draft amendments are still on the table for future consideration. The Town's current focus is on the audit, and the consultant is aware of three amendments adopted in 2024, as well as amendments being considered for the future. Currently, the focus is on conducting the audit, setting priorities, and then determining how to proceed with amendments in 2026 or 2027.
 - Ms. Durfee: So, for those items, I'll mark that we had four different columns to look at at our last meeting: ongoing, already completed, and "no action at this time". For the purpose of just dividing CHAT meetings, I'm marking those as "no action at this time". If everyone is comfortable with that, it means that it's not something that CHAT is going to prioritize in the next several months.
 - Decision: "No action at this time."
- *Restructuring the development project review process to increase awareness of vulnerability.* This addresses the sequencing of when applicants go to the zoning board, for example, if they need a variance for something, versus when they go to the planning board. Changing the sequence provides the opportunity to be educated by the planning board and staff about coastal risks and vulnerability. Does CHAT consider this a recommendation that is no longer relevant or implementable?
- Comments:
 - Mr. Bachand: Difficult to restructure due to legal/logistical constraints in the sequence of zoning and planning approvals. Alternatives could be explored.
 - Ms. Durfee: Suggested shifting the focus of this recommendation to community education and outreach.
 - Ms. Hagan: Highlighted existing processes for Wetland Conservation District and State Shoreland Permit, which already consider sea level rise.
 - Decision: Keep the recommendation with a note about current practices; CHAT takes "No action at this time."
- *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.* Marked as "no action at this time" but added a couple of notes about following up with the implementation committee in the future. No comments.
- *Continue to pursue participation in the community rating system.* Marked as a "no action at this time", discussion is welcome.
- Comments:
 - Mr. Diener suggested indicating that the Town is moving toward this goal if not already noted. Ms. Durfee stated she would add notes about the Town's progress and compile a

- comprehensive update later. She clarified that the "No Action" status reflects CHAT's current focus and meeting agenda priorities, not the Town's overall inactivity.
- Mr. Ritt reported that the building department is continuing its work to bring property owners into compliance and that the Town is slowly progressing with the community rating system.
 - Mr. Diener agreed with "No Action" but recommended including a brief explanation for clarity. Ms. Durfee concurred.
 - Mr. Bassett emphasized the historical value of keeping the recommendation in the record rather than deleting it. Supports annotating current status as part of CHAT's historical documentation for future reference. Ms. Durfee agreed to retain recommendations for historical relevance but stressed the need to keep the list relevant by updating notes on progress or changes.
 - Decision: "No action at this time"
 - *Amend the code for the parking thresholds.* This recommendation was adopted by the Town with input from CHAT. This was marked as complete, pending comments.
 - Comments:
 - Mr. Galanis noted that the Town of Hampton's website still lists the parking ordinance as requiring a 10-foot threshold, which is outdated. The correct regulation, as per the Code of Ordinances dated May 14, 2025, Parking Regulations, 805-9, M1, reflects the updated standard. Mr. Galanis stated that although few people may directly review the ordinances online, any references to the ordinance should be accurate. He also mentioned that there is a separate website about placards.
 - Ms. Durfee asked whether a staff member or board member could bring this discrepancy to the attention of the Town.
 - Mr. Bachand agreed to inform the town manager's office, noting that Christina is responsible for updating the annual ordinances. Mr. Bachand stated he will Christina after the meeting to update the Town of Hampton's ordinance on the website to reflect the amended parking thresholds.
 - *General recommendation on future modeling. Efforts and studies should build off the findings of the flood engineering studies and master plan.* And I think I flagged this as "no action at this time" for CHAT. Does anyone have any thoughts or notes on this item or changing the CHAT action category?
 - Comments:
 - Mr. Galanis inquired if flood engineering studies and their results have been completed.
 - Ms. Durfee confirmed that the recommendation was created in 2019, prior to some recent flood engineering studies. She explained that CHAT's role was to incorporate those study findings into the master plan.
 - Mr. Diener noted that as long as the studies are incorporated into the master plan, CHAT has fulfilled its role.
 - Ms. Durfee expressed that the recommendation seems to emphasize that future efforts should build upon existing studies and the master plan. She questioned whether this needed to be explicitly stated, as it might be self-evident; Mr. Diener concurred.
 - Ms. Durfee referenced Mr. Bassett's comment on maintaining a historical record. She suggested noting that the recommendation was removed after the flood studies and master plan were completed. The Town continues to incorporate these studies into ongoing efforts, so the recommendation may not need to be revisited.
 - Mr. Diener added that unless new flood studies emerge, reminding the Town to incorporate studies into planning might not be necessary.

- Ms. Durfee pointed out that in 2019, the Town had less capacity to focus on coastal flood hazards, but now there is significant staff allocation to this issue. Therefore, CHAT's initial emphasis on the recommendation is acknowledged; however, ongoing reminders may no longer be necessary. Mr. Diener concurred.
- Mr. Diener concurred with this assessment.
- Decision: The group agrees to keep the recommendation categorized as “No action at this time” for CHAT. A note will be made that the recommendation was relevant in 2019 but is now largely addressed through ongoing town efforts and the incorporation of flood engineering studies into the master plan. Future flood studies, if any, should be incorporated into town planning, but no active CHAT role is currently necessary.
- *Conduct an assessment to better understand and plan for the economic impacts of sea level rise.* Marked as completed. No action is required at this time. SHEA did a study, but more studies can be conducted as appropriate. Does CHAT think it's necessary to push for another economic impact analysis of sorts?
- Comments:
 - Mr. Diener stated that the study was completed and recommended making a note as such.
 - Mr. Galanis stated that the Chamber of Commerce is in the process of creating a 501 (c) (3) Foundation to hire an economic development director. Sea level rise is likely going to be a focus for the director, who would then coordinate with Mr. Ritt. Mr. Bachand concurs.
- *Prioritize land conservation efforts in areas that can support marshes in the future.* This is an ongoing effort, but CHAT itself hasn't really played an active role in supporting this effort. Is this something that the group would like to look into, whether there is a role for CHAT or keep this as “no action at this time”? Does CHAT want to add a comment about what the Town is doing with respect to prioritizing land conservation efforts or other entities?
- Comments:
 - Mr. Diener noted that the Town is already taking significant actions toward this goal, and the level of awareness and effort is high.
 - Ms. Hagan emphasized that while the process is slow, it is ongoing and supported by numerous external resources. She highlighted her role in working directly on this issue, including identifying priority lands and collaborating with partners. She proposed that CHAT's role could be informational, understanding ongoing efforts, knowing which lands are prioritized, and being able to field community questions.
 - Ms. Durfee supported this approach and offered to better flag updates in meetings that align with recommendations to help CHAT members stay informed.
 - Ms. Hagan suggested modifying the agenda item from “Flood Updates” to “Flood and Recommendation Updates” to encourage a broader sharing of related efforts during meetings.
 - Mr. Bassett proposed viewing this item as a community outreach opportunity, especially since marsh migration is tangible and locally relevant. He suggested that CHAT consider this a focus for education and engagement.
 - Mr. Galanis inquired whether there is an inventory of areas that can support marshes in the future. Ms. Hagan confirmed that maps and resources are available and offered to share links. She also acknowledged that most of the suitable land is privately owned. Mr. Diener noted that some parcels are partially unoccupied and might be viable for conservation easements. Ms. Hagan shared that her work involves contacting private landowners to explore voluntary conservation options.
 - Ms. Durfee reiterated the importance of mapping and understanding where marsh migration is likely to occur due to sea level rise and aligning conservation efforts accordingly.

- The group agreed that CHAT's role is informational and supportive, involving tracking progress, staying informed, and facilitating community understanding and engagement.
- Adjustments to the meeting agenda will be made to broaden the flood updates section to include related recommendations.
- Decision: No new action by CHAT at this time.
- *Start a visioning process to think about the long-term future of areas that are anticipated to be impacted by sea level rise.* CHAT has discussed this topic a lot recently. Ms. Durfee asked if CHAT would like to continue discussing this recommendation.
- Comments:
 - Mr. Diener questioned whether this responsibility might better lie with Mr. Ritt's work rather than as a CHAT-led effort.
 - Mr. Ritt noted significant overlap with other town initiatives and emphasized the need to keep this topic "on the board" for further alignment and synthesis. He pointed out that the process is currently "nebulous" and needs refinement as more modeling and data emerge.
 - Ms. Durfee asked whether CHAT, although not a formal town entity, might play a helpful role in convening or initiating these difficult conversations.
 - Mr. Diener responded that although CHAT is technically not a town entity, it functions as one, as many of its members represent town departments, boards, or commissions.
 - Mr. Ritt added that CHAT's diverse representation is valuable in building public support and helping the Town communicate effectively with residents. He supports CHAT's continued involvement, especially in supporting and complementing town-led projects.
 - Mr. Bassett emphasized the importance of community engagement in any visioning process. He sees it as an opportunity for broader participation beyond CHAT and a natural fit for outreach and education efforts.
 - Ms. Durfee agreed that this aligns with master plan implementation priorities and highlighted CHAT's potential to play a meaningful role in supporting town objectives related to land use and sea level rise.
 - There is consensus to keep the visioning process recommendation marked as "ongoing."
 - CHAT recognizes its role as a supportive body that can provide engagement, outreach, and alignment with town planning.
 - The group agreed to revisit this topic in future meetings as more information becomes available and as priorities are clarified.
 - All CHAT members are encouraged to reflect on how this recommendation connects to their respective roles and consider ways to support broader engagement.
 - Decision: Marked as ongoing, revisit in the next meeting for further discussion.
- *Look for and apply for funding to continue engineering and hydrogeological studies and address flooding and drainage issues.* Flagged as "no action at this time". Comments are welcome
- Comments:
 - Mr. Diener raised a concern about CHAT's capacity to apply for funding directly, questioning if the recommendation should remain on CHAT's agenda or if it's more appropriate for the Town.
 - Ms. Durfee reminded the group that these recommendations were originally directed toward the Town of Hampton and suggested that CHAT could still play a supportive role (e.g., providing encouragement and letters of support).
 - Mr. Diener acknowledged that the Town is already actively pursuing relevant funding and expressed uncertainty about how CHAT could effectively contribute to this effort.
 - Ms. Durfee noted that CHAT could continue to offer support through letters for specific funding applications, though there is no immediate action required.

- Mr. Bassett linked the recommendation to previous discussions on marsh migration, emphasizing that hydrogeological studies are vital for assessing an area's viability for marsh function. He advocated keeping the recommendation due to its relevance to ongoing priorities.
- Ms. Hale highlighted ongoing town efforts, including funding education initiatives and upcoming warrant articles, indicating that the Town is actively addressing the intent of the recommendations.
- Mr. Ritt explained that his current outreach and collaboration work (e.g., the funding hub and RPC engagement) already aligns with the recommendation's objectives. He suggested that CHAT's strength lies in education and support, not direct funding applications.
- Mr. Diener proposed revising the recommendation to:
 - *"Provide education, outreach, and letters of support where appropriate for various funding opportunities being explored by the town."* Mr. Ritt agreed with the proposed revision.
 - Ms. Durfee noted that she would record this suggestion and consider amending this and potentially related recommendations.
- *Identify funding sources to build town-wide flood resilience. Funding sources may include a dedicated local fund.* This item was previously marked as ongoing, but it has been updated and is now marked as complete. Mr. Ritt has undertaken this role and will provide updates to CHAT. Unless Mr. Ritt finds a need for CHAT to support his efforts, CHAT will not focus on this item.
- *Projects in the capital improvement plan should identify and account for climate change impacts.* This is marked as a ready. Ms. Durfee is unclear if the MPIC is pushing this item forward or not. Jackson Kasbari from Dover attended a recent meeting to discuss how Dover has incorporated climate resilience into their CIP process. Currently, Hampton doesn't have a specific process to account for climate impacts, such as sea level rise, in the CIP project review phase.
- Comments:
 - Mr. Bachand is uncertain about the priority level of this item. The Town is reviewing the overall CIP process to enhance it, and MPIC is evaluating certain items versus action items. He is unclear if the goal is to prioritize projects based on climate change impacts or include statements about climate considerations in related actions. Mr. Bachand suggested that CHAT might help clarify the approach and provide suggestions on how to incorporate this.
 - Mr. Galanis noted that some CIP projects will align with CHAT goals, but the Town must consider all community needs. It may be challenging to separate climate resilience from other priorities. Some projects (e.g., purchasing a fire truck) are necessary but not climate-related. He emphasized the need to balance overall town priorities.
 - Ms. Durfee raised the question of whether CHAT members are interested in exploring this topic further. Suggested this could be an opportunity to research what other communities are doing and explore options to factor climate resilience into the project scoring process. Alternatively, it could be a "no action" item at this time. Proposed flagging this for TBD status and revisiting it later.
 - Hampton should seek CHAT's input to clarify goals and suggest ways to incorporate climate impacts into the CIP process.
- *Hire full-time Coastal Resilience staff position.* Complete
- *Advocate for options to require flood risk disclosure, including, but not limited, to statewide legislation that requires that current and future flood risk is disclosed so that future owners are aware of the potential risk.* This recommendation was related to the flood risk disclosure policy, it was marked as completed. The policy that was passed didn't provide the protections CHAT discussed, and Rep Muns presented. Does CHAT want to discuss enhancing the flood risk disclosure policy with Rep Muns or others at this time?

- Comments:
 - Mr. Diener expressed uncertainty about the group's interest in pursuing further action at this time, emphasizing that the policy cannot be considered complete as no effective flood risk disclosure policy has been instituted despite efforts with Rep. Muns.
 - Mr. Galanis noted that no further progress is expected this legislative session, as the legislation was passed but gutted in the previous session.
 - Mr. Diener confirmed that the bill was passed but with changes that weakened it.
 - Ms. Durfee suggested marking the item as TBD (to be determined) for future discussion.

Ms. Durfee

- Stated she will add comments and edits to the Recommendations tracker for further discussion which will provide guidance on how to spend future CHAT meetings and determine what recommendations CHAT is most interested in supporting.
- CHAT members who are members of other boards and committees are encouraged to play a role when there is an opportunity in other meetings related to any of these recommendations.

7. CHAT Recommendation Workshop Session (30 mins)

- a. Recommendation: Start a visioning process to think about the long-term future of areas that are anticipated to be impacted by sea level rise.

Tabled for next meeting

8. Next meeting/Summer Schedule (5 mins)

Mr. Diener

- The next meeting will be July 15 from 1-3 pm.
- Due to the funding gap, Ms. Durfee will be on hiatus for one to three months. In the interim, Mr. Ritt and Mr. Diener will host the summer CHAT meetings. CHAT appreciates Ms. Durfee's contributions and looks forward to her return when funding resumes.

9. Adjourn

Members of the public are welcome at CHAT meetings. Visit <https://shea4nh.org/coastal-hazards-adaptation-team-CHAT/> to learn about CHAT. Please contact CHAT coordinator Ms. Durfee at Ms.Durfee@efdesginplanning.com if you have questions about how to join on Zoom. During the meeting, please:

- Keep your microphone on mute to minimize background noise
- Use the hand raise function or type in the CHAT box if you have a question or comment
- Stay on topic
- Be respectful of all meeting participants