

# Hampton-Seabrook Estuary (HSE) Collaborative Meeting

April 22, 2026

11:00AM – 12:30PM

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## MINUTES

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1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **[Using UAV Technology to Enhance Long-term Coastal Monitoring: Great Marsh-Hanna Mogensen & Kelsie Belanger \(Merrimack Valley Planning Commission\)](#)**
  - A [recording of the presentation](#) & [slides](#) can be found linked.
3. **Informing Salt Marsh Restoration & Conservation Initiatives with Rare Plant and Exemplary Natural Community Data - Jessica Bouchard (NH Natural Heritage Bureau)**
  - A [recording of the presentation](#) & [slides](#) can be found linked.
4. **Strengthening and Expanding Community and Partner Stewardship in Seacoast Science Center's Kayaking Programs to Promote Hampton-Seabrook Estuary Awareness - Lauren McDowell (Seacoast Science Center)**
  - A [recording of the presentation](#) & [slides](#) can be found linked.

## 5. Steering Committee Updates

After 10 HSE Collaborative meetings over 3 years, the Steering Committee and HSE Collaborative Coordinator gave a brief summary of the successes of the collaborative thus far and what the steering committee has been working on to continue to build on these successes into the future. [Slides](#) and [recording](#) from this update are linked.

## 6. Updates from Collaborative Members

- **Rayann Dionne (SHEA)** shared updates from the second Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the HSE Baseline Assessment (coming 2028), where the team discussed data collection efforts and identified potential locations for transects for long-term monitoring efforts.
- **Trevor Mattera (PREP)** provided updates on PREP grants, including the [PREPA Grants \(due June 16th\)](#) , and a [new stormwater toolkit](#) developed by PREP with social

media assets. He also introduced Alyssa Sostoski, a Semester for Impact intern from UNH working on the soft shell clam stakeholder process.

- [Member Updates by EMP Goal](#) - Members were given the option to provide updates on their work by EMP goal in [this document](#) in an effort to continue to update the status of the EMP. *Please feel free to add updates at any time.*

## 7. HSE Coordinator Announcements

- Colette Tweeddale, HSE Collaborative Coordinator, shared the following updates:
  - **New Funding Opportunities**
    - Please check out the HSE Collaborative Grants tracker, for various regional and federal funding opportunities that have been added this month
      - [PREPA Grants](#), [Coastal Resilience Grants](#)
  - **Now Accepting Applications for Round 3 of [EMP Small Grants](#) - due June 26th**
    - Project Budgets: \$5k - \$15k
    - Special consideration for projects implementing specific action items (related to public and commercial resource use)
    - Informational Webinar 5/11 @ 2pm via zoom and [on-demand office hours](#)
  - **Upcoming Spring Events**
    - [CAW Climate Summit](#)- 5/21
  - **Grant writing & facilitation assistance**
    - Free grant-writing assistance available for projects in the HSE from HSE Collaborative Coordinator. Please reach out if you are interested at [hse.collaborative.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:hse.collaborative.coordinator@gmail.com)
  - **Additional Feedback: [HSE Collaborative Virtual Comment Box](#)**
    - As the Steering Committee and HSE Collaborative Coordinator continue to work to improve meeting content and programming, and collaborative resources, we welcome any feedback on any of these items. You can contribute this feedback anonymously at any time using the [new virtual comment box](#) or start a conversation by directly emailing the Collaborative Coordinator at [hse.collaborative.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:hse.collaborative.coordinator@gmail.com)

- **Summer HSE Collaborative Meeting: June 24th**
  - **Upcoming Meetings**
    - Next HSE Collaborative meeting will be **June 24th (11am-12:30pm)**. Please reach out to [hse.collaborative.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:hse.collaborative.coordinator@gmail.com) with any ideas for themes for upcoming meetings or if you are looking for a platform to share your project or receive feedback.
    - All 2026 Collaborative meetings have been scheduled and calendar invites have been sent out. Please reach out to Colette if you have not received invites.
      - **HSE Collaborative 2026 Meeting Schedule:**  
*Summer Meeting - June 24, 2026 (11am-12:30)*  
*Fall Meeting - October 28, 2026 (11am-12:30)*

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