

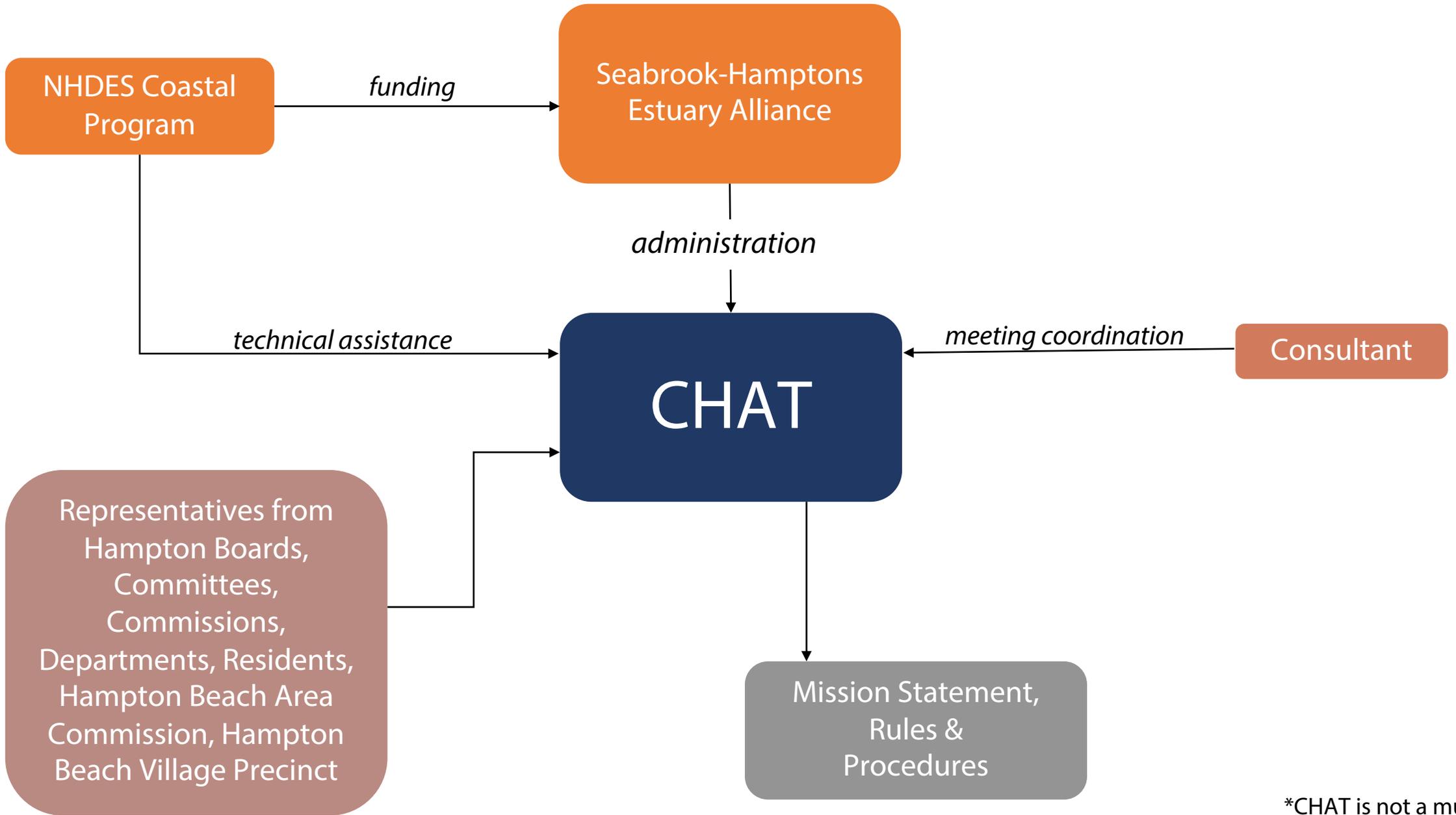
Hampton's Coastal Hazards Adaptation Team



CHAT Background



- 2018: “Climigration” grant (SHEA & NHDES Coastal Program)
 - Phase I: Complete a Situation Assessment
 - Phase II: CHAT formed to evaluate strategies for dealing with tidal flooding



*CHAT is not a municipal committee

CHAT Members

- Board of Selectmen
- Planning Board
- Budget Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Hampton Beach Area Commission
- Emergency Management Dir.
- Hampton Beach Village Precinct
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Town Planner
- DPW Director
- Hampton resident representatives



Image: Tom Bassett

Mission

- To evaluate, assist, support, educate, and advise on current and future coastal flooding adaptation strategies for the Town.

Objectives

- Improve coordination of flood hazard management and adaptation efforts in Hampton.
- Investigate, evaluate, and prioritize flood management and adaptation strategies and present recommendations to the municipal boards, commissions, and staff for consideration.
- Conduct education and public outreach to inform residents about flood hazard adaptation strategies, inform residents about the management and adaptation options the Town is considering, and enable residents to provide input on management and adaptation options the Town is considering.



Recommendations to Increase Flood Resiliency

Planning

Land Use Regulations

Outreach

Funding

- 19 recommendations to address storm surge & tidal flooding
 - Review ordinances and regulations
 - Coastal Hazards Overlay District
 - Incorporate Coastal Risks & Hazards “Guidance” in town ordinances
 - Community Resilience and Floodplain Administrator
 - Understand economic impacts
 - Short and long-term funding options
 - Implementation oversight

Recommendation #9
Create A Coastal
Resilience Coordinator
Staff Position

- Drafted position description
- Discussed position with Town staff
- Reviewed potential funding sources
- Supported NHDES application for Project of Special Merit funding for a 18-month pilot
 - Provided letter of support for grant application
- Candidate search has begun

Recommendation #10
Incorporate NH Coastal Flood
Risk Guidance into project
review process within the
Special Flood Hazard Area

- Town Planner secured grant funding for investigation, assessment
- Working with SLR Consulting and NHDES Coastal Program staff to determine the best way to incorporate the “Guidance”
- Presenting options to Hampton boards, public for review and input
- 2024 Warrant Article

Recommendation #6

Create a fund/account for grant match and cost share for municipal repairs, upgrades, flood mitigation and/or projects in local and regional plans

- Reviewed examples of how resilience projects are funded
- Reviewed funding mechanisms available to Towns
- Discussing the general types of projects that CHAT recommends that the Town fund/support (ongoing)



CHAT Advantages

- Broad municipal, residential representation
- Established specific issues to address
- Meeting facilitator sets agendas, keep CHAT focused
- Taking the time to investigate, research, learn
- Technical expertise of Coastal Program staff at meetings
- Achieve goals using sound science, community knowledge
- Continuing to support recommendations up to adoption and implementation

Thank you!

Questions?



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