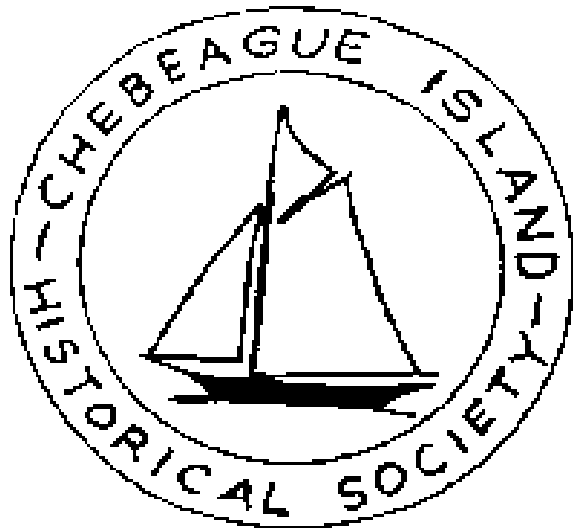


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Cover:

The Transition Committee conducted a contest to pick an official seal for the new Town of Chebeague Island. Many entries were received from people of all ages and the decision was difficult.

The winning entry came from Martha Hamilton. The latest rendition of her design appears on our cover this year. Her design has not yet been officially adopted, as it was decided by the Transition Committee that this honor belongs to the newly-seated Board of Selectmen.

While 2007 may be remembered as the year of independence for Chebeague, there was plenty more happening on the Island and this year's *Newsletter* tells those stories, too.

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Chuck Varney and Cynn timer Sheketoff enjoying winter on Chebeague

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Foreword

The Chebeague Island Historical Society publishes this report, the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter*, as its contribution to all the organizations that make the social environment of Chebeague what it is for our population. The *Newsletter* is a cooperative venture by the dozens of organizations of all sorts involved in life on our island, the largest “non-bridged” island in Casco Bay. If it succeeds in summarizing what went on during the past year or so, this is due to the help and cooperation of many people who contribute their time and skills without reward. We appreciate their help with this effort, and hope that our product meets with your approval. As we like to say: If an organization’s report is missing, it is probably because they’ve been too busy doing all the good things they do for Chebeague and too busy to get around to reporting their activities to us for this publication.

As always, the cost of publication is underwritten by the Historical Society and met in part by the modest \$8.00 that we charge for each copy. We want to reach as many as possible; please help us by spreading the word.

Copies are available at the Library, the Cobbler Shop, or at any of the Historical Society’s functions as well as at the Museum of Chebeague History. Upon request to Mac Passano, 168 South Rd., we will mail it to any address in the United States for an additional fee of \$2.00 .

We would like to thank our printer Dale Rand for their patience and helpfulness to us. For those of you who are computer literate, the current and past issues of the *Newsletter* can be downloaded in standardized PDF format file from the Chebeague Website (www.chebeague.org). As an added bonus, the illustrations will be in *color!*

— The Editors:
David R. Hill
Beverly S. Johnson
L. M. Passano

Dedication

This is a new departure for the *Chebeague Island Annual Newsletter*, but this year, given the historic nature of current events, the editors believe it only appropriate to recognize the contributions of a very dedicated group of citizens.

Therefore, this issue of the *Newsletter* is dedicated to the Town of Chebeague Island Transition Committee and to all the members of its subcommittees, all 104 of whom are listed below.

Nancy Adams	Tom Cushman
John Ash	Donna Damon
Katie Babcock	Rachel Damon
Joe Ballard	Carol Lynn Davis
Sally Ballard	Cecil Doughty
Sam Ballard	Mabel Doughty
Jen Belesca	Althea Dugliss
John Birkett	Beth Dyer
Sandra Birkett	Bob Dyer
Leila Bisharat	Mark Dyer
Med Bowen	Wayne Dyer
Deb Bowman	Bob Earnest
Marguerite Bowman	Jane Frizzell
Binkie Boxer	Deb Hall
Ernie Burgess	May Hall
Cheryl Buxbaum	Jason Hamilton
Don Buxbaum	Karen Hamilton
Dianne Calder	Ken Hamilton
Dick Calder	Leon Hamilton
Tom Calder	Martha Hamilton
Virginia Calder	Pommy Hatfield
Jamie Calthorpe	David Hill
David Campbell	Nancy Hill
Susan Campbell	Lou Holman
Dickey Clarke (Long Island)	Mary Holt
Donna Colbeth	Wink Houghton Jr.
Glen Coombs	Beth Howe
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Jeff Putnam

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Chris Rich
Joan Robinson
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Doug Ross
Gary Ross
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Suzanne Rugh
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Tina Runge
Jane Scifres
Ruth Slagle
Jarrod Smith
Susie Stavropoulos
Dave Stevens
Bette Tellinghuisen
Stephen Todd
Al Traina
Marty Trower
Jim Vachon
Beth Wiles
Jerry Wiles
John Wilson

2007 Chebeague Independence Day

On July 2nd 2007 Jerry Wiles gave a presentation at the Chebeague Island Hall. His presentation covered the summer of 1787 when the founders created the United States Constitution. Even though there was a separation of 220 years, Wiles made comparisons between the foundation of Chebeague's Town Government and the creation of our National Government.

The first part of his presentation showed the years of British Colonial rule from the establishment of Jamestown, Virginia in 1607 to the tumultuous revolutionary years of the 1760's and the 1770's. His focus then shifted to America's first national government, the Articles of Confederation and its inherent weaknesses that necessitated a radical change.

The Constitutional Convention that produced a central government took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Fifty-five delegates assembled to create a new government. It was a daunting challenge to dissolve one form of government and replace it with a new government of "We the People."

To show that the newly created central government was a people's government, Wiles emphasized the importance of the ratification process that occurred from 1787-1791, the process that allowed the people through their elected representatives to accept or reject the United States Constitution. The ratification function that gave birth to our nation was not unlike the first Chebeague Town Meeting on July 1, 2007. It was on this day in July that a new town was born crafted by citizens who practiced the art of compromise and forged a charter "For the People By the People."

Any acknowledgment of this effort would be incomplete without recognizing the invaluable contributions of the Town of Cumberland, particularly Town Manager Bill Shane, Town Clerk Nadine Daniels, Finance Director Alex Kimball, and the rest of the Town staff.

Also deserving recognition is the law firm of Brann & Isaacson, particularly Peter Lowe and Kevin Beal, along with all the other providers of services who have helped in planning the formation of the new town.

We certainly apologize if we omitted the names any of the people who gave so unselfishly of their time and energy to help bring the new Town of Chebeague Island into existence.

— The Editors:

The Birth of a Town – Part II

This is the story of the Chebeague Island Transition Committee as seen through the eyes of one of its members, whose views may or may not fairly represent those of all members.



Jim Phipps, Mark Dyer, Carol White, John Martin, Doug Ross, Donna Damon, Stephen Todd, David Hill, Leon Hamilton

In last year's *Annual Newsletter*, Beth Howe presented the detailed history of Chebeague Island's march to independence, beginning with the root causes of the secession movement and culminating in the Legislatures near-unanimous approval of Chebeague's bid for independence. This article seeks to pick up the story with the events that occurred between April, 2006 and July 1, 2007.

Two accidents of fate and politics combined to help create the Transition Committee and to make it a representative assembly of Chebeague Island citizens.

First, it was recognized last year that if we petitioned for independence effective immediately (July, 2006), there would have been a \$750,000 impact on the State budget due to the mechanics of state aid to education. That cost would have killed the secession bill in the Appropriations Committee. So we put independence off a year to avoid that financial impact. As a result, we were afforded the time to create our future government and, thanks to the foresight of Donna Damon and others, our legislation included the creation of a Transition Committee to facilitate that process.



Second, our legislation was not submitted as "emergency," which would have required a 2/3 majority vote to pass. As it turned out, we had a comfortable margin and could have qualified for emergency status, which would have made the legislation effective immediately upon passage. But, instead, the secession bill took effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourned for the year, which meant no local

steps could be taken before early September. The impact of this hiatus was to give the weary population of Chebeague Island time to relax for the summer and for the concept of upcoming independence to "sink in" gradually. Consequently, when it came time to elect a Transition Committee, there was wide-spread interest in participating in the creation of the new town, even among those who had initially opposed (and perhaps continued to oppose) the concept of secession.



Election Day came on September 10, 2006. Out of 343 registered voters in the Island, 174 valid voters (51%) came to the Recreation Center to select the Transition Committee. They were joined by a large number of non-voting seasonal residents and the gym was packed.

Nominations were taken from the floor (no pre-announced candidacies or campaigning) and 58 people were nominated. Of these, 35 people declined to run, including one who was not a registered voter and one who could not be reached to confirm a desire to run. Ultimately, 23 people ran for a seat on the Transition Committee.

The candidates spoke briefly about their visions for the new Town and how they could help bring their visions to reality. After the ballots were counted, there was a tie for the ninth seat on the committee necessitating a runoff vote between Jim Phipps and Sue Campbell.

Elected to the Chebeague Island Transition Committee were:

Donna Damon	Jim Phipps
Mark Dyer	Doug Ross
Leon Hamilton	Stephen Todd
David Hill	Carol White
John Martin	

The group was a fair representation of the Island, not only politically, but also demographically, with a good balance by age, gender, and occupation. My wife Nancy was kind enough to point out that I was the oldest of the nine.



The first order of business occurred immediately after the election. Carol White suggested we apply to the Maine State

Planning Office for a grant to assist us in our efforts to "encourage and support intergovernmental cooperation." Ultimately, however, we did not receive the grant, presumably because the SPO did not view our secession as consistent with this objective.



We set our first official meeting for Wednesday, September 13, the first of many Wednesdays. We met a total of 41 Wednesday nights, taking time off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, one snowstorm, and the Patriots Day Storm. Eventually, we started to also meet on Sunday mornings at the Recreation Center, with a few Tuesday and Thursday meetings added for good measure. Those meetings, plus those of the sub-committees, kept everyone busy from September through June.

At that first meeting at the Parish House, we elected John Martin to be our chair and Mark Dyer to be our vice-chair. Beth Howe volunteered to be the secretary for the group. When she later also agreed to chair the Land Use sub-committee, Beth became the unofficial tenth member of the Chebeague Island Transition Committee.

It must be remembered that no town in Maine had ever been formed under the direction of a transition committee. In fact, to the best of our knowledge, no such committee had ever been charged with the task of forming a new town anywhere.



We literally had to find our own path and determine our own rules. We had some guidance from our secession legislation which stated that the Transition Committee was "vested with the powers to represent the future Town of Chebeague Island

and to enter into letters of intent and memoranda of understanding for the establishment of its local government, to negotiate interlocal agreements and to engage in other necessary transition activities." Furthermore, it was stipulated that "any agreements made by the transition representatives must be presented for ratification by the Town of Chebeague Island's legislative body after the incorporation of the Town of Chebeague Island."

But the basic questions before us were:

1. What must be accomplished before July 1, 2007?
2. What should be deferred until after that date and addressed by the new town government?
3. What defines what should be done pre- and post-incorporation?

Frankly, those are questions that have never been completely resolved and remain debatable to this day.

Beyond those basic questions, specific issues to be addressed included:

1. What will be the form of our new government?
2. What departments or functions will it include?

3. How will they be organized?
4. What services will they be expected to provide?
5. How many people will we need to hire? Who are they?

This logically led to the big questions, "How much is this going to cost us?" and "How will we set priorities in assembling a budget?"

We knew that our end product would be a set of warrant articles (perhaps 100 or more) to be presented and voted upon at the first Town Meeting. But we needed to know who would write them and what they would say. We even needed to decide when and where that first Town Meeting would be.

Suffice it to say we quickly realized that there was an awful lot to do and we didn't know how to do it!

We decided to organize around the departments and functions that comprise the current Town of Cumberland. The objective wasn't to duplicate Cumberland or even to model ourselves after our parent town, but merely to organize into manageable groups that would address the functions of a municipal government. Each of the nine Transition Committee members took responsibility for a functional area and assembled a sub-committee of volunteers to assist in developing the role for that area. The following sub-committees were formed:

Community Services, John Martin, chair:

Katie Babcock, Deb Bowman, Dianne Calder, Dick Calder, Mary Cushman, Mark Dyer, Pommy Hatfield, Lou Holman, Carly Knight, Ester Knight, Cathy MacNeil, Sarah McKinnon, Marjorie Munroe, Beth Wiles

Education Committee, Carol White, chair:

Sally Ballard, Jen Belesca, Sandra Birkett, Leila Bisharat, Virginia Calder, Sue Campbell, Donna Colbeth, Carol Lynn Davis, Althea Dugliss, Beth Dyer, Mary Holt, Bev Johnson, Phil Jordan, Ken Pelton, Suzanne Rugh, Tina Runge, Marty Trower, Jerry Wiles

Finance, David Hill, chair:

John Birkett, Beverly Johnson, Lynne Priest, Tad Runge, Jim Vachon, John Wilson

Government Structure, Donna Damon, chair:

Cheryl Buxbaum, Pam Curran, Jane Frizzell, Deb Hall, Martha Hamilton, Herb Maine, Peter Rice, Jane Scifres, Ruth Slagle, Bette Tellinghuisen, Al Traina

Land Use, Beth Howe, chair:

Nancy Adams, Leila Bisharat, Marguerite Bowman, Ernie Burgess, Mabel Doughty, Jane Frizzell, Bob Libby, Sheila Jordan, Mimi Moulton, Peter Olney

Mainland Access/Transportation, Jim Phipps, Chair:

John Birkett, Susan Campbell, Tom Cushman, Mark Dyer, Leon Hamilton, Jim Millinger, Peter Rice, Doug Ross

Marine Issues, Ken Hamilton, chair:

John Ash, Cecil Doughty, Sam Ballard, Jason Hamilton, Leon Hamilton, Bill Munroe, Jeff Putnam, Claire Ross, Gary Ross, Aaron Rugh

Public Safety, Doug Ross, chair:

Joe Ballard, Binkie Boxer, Don Buxbaum, Dick Calder, Tom Calder, Bob Earnest, Nancy Hill, Ralph Monroe, Dave Stevens

Public Works, Stephen Todd, chair:

Tom Calder, Jamie Calthorpe, Bob Dyer, Wink Houghton Jr., Jonathon KomLosy, Chris Rich, Jarrod Smith with assistance from David Campbell, Wayne Dyer, Susan Campbell, Med Bowen, Bill Shane, and Dickey Clarke (Long Island)

Waste Management, Mark Dyer, chair:

Mabel Doughty, Roy Jackson, Peter Maher, Herb Maine, Peter Olney

Celebration (ad hoc, unofficial committee), Ester Knight, chair:

Deb Bowman, Glenn Coombs, Donna Damon, Rachel Damon, Carolyn Davis, Mabel Doughty, Althea Dugliss, Bob Earnest, Jane Frizzell, Deb Hall, May Hall, Karen Hamilton, Martha Hamilton, Beth Howe, Cathy MacNeill, Gail Miller, Mimi Moulton, Billy and Marjorie Munroe, Mac Passano, Joan Robinson, Ruth Slagle, Susie Stavropoulos

Once the sub-committees were organized, each developed its charge, which was reviewed and approved by the committee as a whole.

A general philosophy was also developed – We would seek to continue to provide the same level of municipal and educational

services without a significant increase in the level of taxation – in other words, *status quo*, as much as possible. In general, any new programs or services would be left to the new town government to consider.

At this point, the committee realized the need to provide information to the general public regarding its proceedings. We knew we would be producing a massive amount of paper and that the public would be interested in our activities. So, to the consternation of our less tech-savvy committee members, we established a "virtual library" hosted on the Chebeague Library server to serve as a repository for information regarding minutes, actions and the budget. The Library also kept hard copies of proceedings.

In addition, Beth Howe took on the task of compiling our minutes into a monthly narrative for the *Island Calender*. It is my personal hope that Beth will expand these articles, accompanied by her earlier work, into the definitive record of the founding of the Town of Chebeague Island.

With our sub-committees formed and our charges in hand, we set out to design our town. We established a system for considering and accepting (or modifying or rejecting) proposals from the sub-committees and the autumn and winter were consumed with putting it all together.



In parallel with the functional development of the government structure came the budget development. Cumberland Town Manager Bill Shane provided us with all of the Microsoft Excel spreadsheets that he used to develop his town budget. This helped in three important ways - first, we didn't have to "reinvent the wheel" in developing a financial framework; second, this provided a reference for the level of Cumberland's past spending; and, third, it ensured that we didn't miss any critical budget items. Again, the objective was not to duplicate Cumberland, but to be certain that nothing "fell through the cracks." We are indeed grateful for Bill's kind assistance in this area.

In fact, Bill and all of his Town staff were of tremendous assistance to our sub-committees as they worked through their assignments.

A similar process developed for the school budget. Unfortunately, Carol White and her sub-committee had nowhere near the level of assistance from MSAD #51 in the development of the

school budget as the rest of the Transition Committee received from the Town on the municipal side of the budget. Thus, the Education sub-committee's task was that more difficult..

Our committee and sub-committees tirelessly met with banks, insurance agents, barging and trucking companies, state offices, the Education Department, accounting firms, attorneys, waste disposal companies, police and rescue departments, and others with whom the new town may have dealings with in the coming first year of town existence and beyond. They negotiated and drafted memoranda of understanding and letters of intent to seal the deals they made.

Slowly, the work came together. We were certainly not without our disagreements, but we respectfully worked out our differences and came to consensus around the critical elements of our local government-to-be.

We also were not without our moments of levity. In fact, I believe that the group's ability to maintain a sense of humor was instrumental in our ultimate success. One memorable moment occurred when Leon Hamilton remarked that Chebeague's family tree was more like a telephone pole.

Finally, with almost-complete budgets and close-to-complete job descriptions and still-working-on benefits, it came time to hire staff. The plan was to hire our Town Administrator and School Superintendent and bring them on board early to assist the weary committee with the rest of the staff hiring and preparing for the first Town Meeting.

We were fortunate in that our island uniqueness attracted a large field of very qualified individuals for both leadership positions. We were thrilled to bring on Ron Grenier as our first Town Administrator and Alton "Bump" Hadley as our first School Superintendent. Both Ron and Bump bring a huge amount of experience and energy to their jobs and we are confident that they will help us get the new Town of Chebeague Island off to a great start. Please see Page 17.

Much credit is also due to Peter Lowe of the law firm of Brann & Isaacson. Instrumental in the secession effort, Peter and his associate Kevin Beal have been of tremendous assistance in shepherding us through the minefield that is municipal law.

As this article is being written, other articles are under development - our warrant articles - which will shape the future of the Town of Chebeague Island for a long time to come. The Transition Committee is justifiably proud of the job it has accomplished and hopes that it has lived up to the expectations of those who elected us.

— David R. Hill,
Transition Committee Member

Editors' Note: Documents associated with the Transition Committee and referenced in this article may be viewed at www.chebeague.org/transition.



Meet our New Town Leaders

On June 24, Chebeague Island elected it's first town officials. Voting took place at the Recreation Center under a town meeting format. Candidates were nominated from the floor and gave short (mostly) speeches about why the citizens should choose them to lead their new town.

Elected to Chebeague Island's first Board of Selectmen were:

- Donna Damon
- Herb Maine
- Chris Rich
- Mark Dyer
- Leon Hamilton



Elected to the first School Committee of the Chebeague Island School Department were:

- Bev Johnson
- Jerry Wiles
- Ken Pelton
- Carol White
- Jen Belesca



We congratulate our new leaders and are confident that they will serve us well!

— The Editors

Meet our New Town Employees

Ron Grenier, Town Administrator

Ron Grenier is a Biddeford, Maine native. He served in the armed forces and is a certified Vietnam Era Veteran. He matriculated and completed his bachelor's degree requirements at a four year liberal arts college in Maine, with double majors in business administration and political science. He pursued these disciplines further in graduate study and research at the Maxwell School of Public Citizenship of Syracuse University that culminated in the award of a Master Degree in Public Administration. The Maxwell School is the nation's oldest graduate program in the training of public servants.



Bonnie and Ron Grenier

the Senate Budget Committee to examine the feasibility of implementing the concept of Zero Based Budgeting in the federal government. As part of his professional advancement at GAO, Ron was also assigned to the Boston Regional Office to complete his field office requirement. While in Boston Ron was nominated by his regional manager to be an Intergovernmental Program Recipient. As the sole recipient of this award in federal region I, Ron earned the opportunity to assist in the establishment of the first Office of Inspector General at a state level. Following this two year

assignment, Ron accepted an appointment to stay on as a Senior Management Analyst and later became the Executive Assistant to the Inspector General of Massachusetts. His work was instrumental in the office becoming a strategic and important overseer of state agencies and programs.



Following his distinguished service with the State Inspector General, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis appointed Ron as Deputy Superintendent to the Bureau of State Office Buildings. In this capacity, he managed a comprehensive and diverse campus complex of state buildings and facilities, including the day to day operations of the State House complex, two twenty - story office building towers, as well as the 24 hour operation of a large inpatient/outpatient mental health hospital and clinic. He managed 160 professional, technical, support, and consultant staff including union and non - union employees and managed a \$52 million annual operations budget, as well as managed a \$200 million capital program.

As a result of his broad facilities management experience, the Governor's Office recommended and Ron subsequently accepted a high level appointment in another New England state as Director of the Office of Planning and Capital Budgeting on the senior staff of the Connecticut Commissioner of Higher Education. Ron managed the Consolidated Five - Year Facilities Plan for the entire facilities system of Connecticut Public Higher Education totaling in excess \$500 million and covering 30 individual campuses, containing more than 750 buildings, and facilities situated over 5,500 acres. In addition, Ron advised and made recommendations to the Connecticut Board of Governors on how to address short and long term public higher educational facilities needs of the state and played a major role in development of the overall strategic plan for higher education. Ron is especially proud of his membership on the Strategic Planning Committee for Persons in Connecticut Higher Education with Disabilities, which help plan, implement and promote statewide efforts and capital projects to increase accessibility to campus facilities.



In 1992, Massachusetts undertook the largest and certainly the most complex Interstate Highway project in the state's history, the Central Artery project. Due to its cost and scope the state needed an experienced hand to implement and oversee the appropriate financial, contractual and administrative controls and safeguards for a project of this size. Ron's reputation for integrity brought him to the attention of Governor William Weld as the right person to head up the state's administrative oversight effort and operations for the state's largest public works and transportation and infrastructure project, the Central Artery/Tunnel Project. As the project's chief administrative officer, Ron was a member of the senior management cabinet team and oversaw a large staff of various professionals, which monitored and reported to Federal and State authorities how the Project was being managed, controlled, and administered. During this period Ron particularly distinguished himself and was widely recognized by key enforcement authorities such as the Attorney General, the State Auditor, the U.S. Attorneys' Office, the U.S. Department of Transportation Inspector General and others for ensuring transparency and disclosure of the project's compliance with laws and regulations, financial safeguards and controls and the implementation of auditing standards.

Ron also made significant public service contributions to his Marblehead residential community. He was elected to the town's school committee. As its' Vice Chair Ron led a one year planning effort to produce "A Strategic Plan for the Marblehead Public Schools", the operating document that guides the goals and objectives of public education in Marblehead to this day. As Chairman of the Marblehead School Committee Facilities Subcommittee, he also authored a facilities planning position paper, "Are Buildings and Grounds Failing Students and the Community" This document subsequently became the pivotal document, which gained town - wide support to begin the process of a facilities master plan for Marblehead Public Schools and an infusion of state funds to improve district schools. Lastly, Ron was appointed member of the Town of Marblehead Capital Budget & Planning Committee, which reviewed capital proposals and projects by Town departments and

recommended final approval to the Board of Selectman and Town Meeting.

On a number of occasions Ron has been invited to speak or lecture at conferences or institutions with respect to his oversight experiences in the public sector. Notable among these are being a panel member and presenter at the Federal Highway Administration's "Conference on Oversight of Mega - Size Transportation Projects". Ron was also invited and lectured at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to graduate students in the Department of Engineering on the subject of "Effective and Ineffective Financial and Project Management Controls" on large scale construction projects.

Ron currently resides on Maine's mid -coast in the village of Damariscotta. Ron has been married to his wife Bonnie for 36 years. They have two adult sons Benjamin and Christopher and a grandson recently.

When asked to say a few words to the Chebeague community for inclusion in this newsletter, Ron had this to say:

"The good citizens of Chebeague Island have decided for themselves the government they wish, the services they want provided under their governmental structure and who they desire to have as their elected municipal and school officials. I sincerely consider it a distinct privilege and honor to have been selected as the first Town Administrator to work on everyone's behalf in this next important phase of Town history and governing."

Alton "Bump" Hadley III, Superintendent of Schools

June 19, 2007 Alton L. Hadley, III is an Eddington, Maine native. Since an early age, he has been known as "Bump." He has a Bachelor's Degree and a Certificate of Advanced Studies from the University of Maine, majoring in Education. He earned his Master of Science Degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Massachusetts.

Bump began his teaching career at Brewer High School. Following three years of teaching and coaching at his alma mater, he moved to the University of Maine as an instructor in Physical Education and Assistant Football Coach.



After five years at Maine, Bump served as an Immigration Inspector with the Department of Justice for two years full-time and over 10 years as a part-time officer. During that time Bump continued his association with Education while serving as a member of the Brewer School Committee. The call to return to teaching and coaching finally brought Bump to Old Town High School where he taught physical education and coached football and baseball for 5 years. He also served as the Department Chair.

In the spring of 1977, Bump returned to Brewer High School as Assistant Principal/Athletic Administrator. He served in that capacity until he was asked to transition the Brewer Junior High School into a Middle School. This was accomplished two years later when the 6th graders entered and a student-centered curriculum approach was introduced to replace the old subject centered curriculum.

Six years later Bump was selected to lead the 1400 student body at Bonny Eagle High School in SAD 6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, and Standish). Bump served with distinction for 13 years. He served on many state and local committees. He served a term on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Secondary Principals. During his tenure at Bonny Eagle, he introduced and implemented Block Scheduling, arranged for individual parent-teacher meetings during conference time, and began a school advisory committee

made up of parents, teachers, students, administrators, and business leaders in the community.

Bump became a part-time Superintendent of Schools in 1998 on North Haven Island. The Principal and the staff, with full support of Bump, opted to have the K-12 school go through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process. This was successful and North Haven Community School became fully accredited and was one of two Island schools in New England to be so recognized. Bump supported the request for a Pre-K program for NHCS and the community voted to adopt in 2000.

Bump was elected the Superintendent of Schools in Gilmanton, NH. This was the community's first Superintendent since they had been a part of a larger district and that district was breaking up. The district had a single K-8 school and tuitioned the high school students to a nearby high school. The district thrived, established its own business office in year three, and educated students in a highly efficient manner.

The Town of North Haven called again and the love of the Islands and its people compelled Bump to become the Town Administrator. Following many accomplishments on North Haven, Bump returned to the mainland as Part-time Superintendent of Schools in Arundel, ME, a small community in York County with a K-8 School and tuitioning out the high school students to several local and private schools. During his first year, Bump oversaw the transitioning process of sending Middle School students to Thornton Academy Middle School (private).

Bump noted in the spring that Chebeague Island was in the process of seceding from the Town of Cumberland and the school was withdrawing from MSAD #51. This looked like an exciting and challenging opportunity as Superintendent of Schools. And here he is and feels fortunate to be an active participant in a historical event.

When asked to say a few words to the Chebeague community for inclusion in this newsletter, Bump had this to say:

"I look forward to the July 1 Town meeting. I anticipate that on July 2, 2007 the Chebeague Island School Department will be up and running. The first School Committee will have been seated and the

first official School Committee Meeting will be scheduled and I hope everybody will see fit to elect me to work with them in making our school system the best it can be.

One of my first duties as your school consultant was to include in our first budget funds to support a Pre-K Program for 4 year olds. I support this venture because I believe that it better prepares young children to come to school ready to learn. It also assists in identifying children that may have special needs and research shows that the earlier that needs can be identified the more potential for the student to be successful in school. And that really is our goal- to prepare the students as best we can for success at the next level of education."

Town Employees

We haven't included biographies of the other people who will be working in our new town and school district, as they are very familiar to most of us.

We congratulate our new employees on their (sometimes) new positions with every confidence that the Town of Chebeague Island is in very good hands.

Municipal:

Town Administrator/Treasurer: *Ron Grenier*

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: *Susan Campbell*

Deputy Town Clerk: *Karen Hamilton*

Public Works Equipment Operators: *David Campbell, Tom Calder*

Assessor: *To be determined*

Code Enforcement Officer: *To be determined*

Electrical, Building and Plumbing Inspectors: *To be determined*

Shellfish Warden: *To be determined*

Harbormaster: *To be determined*

Animal Control Officer: *Pam Pulsifer*

Health Officer: *Ginny Ballard*

Transfer Station Attendant: *To be determined*

School:

Superintendent: *Alton L. Hadley, III*

Pre-K Teacher: *To be determined*

Multi-Age Teacher, Grades K-2: *Ruth White*

Multi-Age Teacher, Grades 3-5: *Kristin Rohrbach*

Part Time Special Education Teacher: *Mary Holt*

½ day per week Art Teacher: *Louisa Wickard*

½ day per week Physical Education Teacher: *Virginia Tatakis-Calder*

½ day per week Music Teacher: *To be determined*

½ day Guidance: *To be determined*

Educational Technician III: *LeeAnn Robinson*

Educational Technician II: *Marty Trower*

Bus Driver/Facilities: *Virginia Tatakis-Calder*

Custodial/Food Service: *Ann Long*

Administrative Secretary: *Althea Dugliss*

School Nurse: *Nancy Hill*

— The Editors

Chebeague Chronicles

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The 11th Hour

I had a plan for this particular column, a best laid plan, that in the end (you guessed it) went astray. It was to be more about the nuts and bolts of our succession and the birth of Maine's newest town-to-be.

But then, at the eleventh hour, I overheard a conversation between two folks standing by the "free newspapers" in a mainland grocery store; two folks who thought that the local newspapers had made just about as much hay out of Chebeague's succession as was humanly possible. "Why don't they just get on with it," one of them said.

I suppose looking from the outside in, it might seem that our David and Goliath story should have played itself out by now. I could have spoken up and told them that, indeed, the best was yet to come; that our upcoming "independence celebration" would include but not necessarily be limited to a historical play, band, sunrise service, contradance, lecture, house decorating contest, pot luck supper, parade, picnic, ice cream social, concert, boatyard movie, blessing of the fleet, quadathalon and fireworks. But I didn't. I knew they'd be reading all about it soon enough.

Most of us on the Island have been living this story from the inside out. Committees and sub-committees and no end of meetings have dominated many Islanders' lives for the past few years. It began with the Chebeague Island Community Association and the subset "Gang of Five" working together with the Town of Cumberland and then with the state senators and representatives who, on April 5, 2006, gave us their yeas to separate from the mainland and then their blessings. Five months later nine transition representatives were elected to begin the daunting task of building our town; of restructuring the government, organizing the school, and recommending persons to fill all the jobs needed to maintain our community.

But the idea of service is not new to any of us.

Two Sundays ago, Reverend Glenn Coombs preached his last Chebeague sermon. As the parishioners entered the church, he approached Donna Damon and asked her if she would end the service by listing all the community organizations that voluntarily contribute to the upkeep and well being of the Island. And then he cautioned her not to leave anyone out. So Donna rustled up a pencil and scratched out her list on the back of a few offering envelopes. Folks to the right



Thanking the legislators at Katmandu

and left and those to the front and back of her knew her charge and throughout the next hour, whispered intermittently the names of volunteer groups to make sure none would be left out. And so the list grew until her tiny script filled the backs of three envelopes. She began with a brief, quickly penciled introduction and then read the names of over two dozen Island organizations.

“The community of Chebeague,” Damon said, “has sustained itself for more than 250 years, because of the generations of people who have lived on the Island and committed themselves to this place.

Life is not the same on Chebeague Island as it was when it was first settled in the late 1740s. Over and over again the Island has reinvented itself as circumstances changed and in doing so has preserved its viability as a year-round community.”

“Never has the future of Chebeague been more challenged than it has during the past two years,” Damon said. “When the Island faced the school crisis not everyone envisioned the same solution to the problem, but despite that the people continued to talk to each other. As we move forward to create a town, we are on a firmer footing, because no matter what our thoughts, we are all committed to Chebeague’s survival as a community. We are all in the same boat, and we each have an oar in the water to keep us on a steady course. Throughout it all, Chebeaguers have continued to maintain a complex network of volunteerism that continues to be the foundation of the community.”

“From the oldest Island institution, the Methodist Church, to the new Second Wind Farm, the people of Chebeague have shown over and over again how they can work together to strengthen the community,” Damon said. “Whether year-round or summer resident, we work together and continue this heritage of service. But just as important are the Islanders’ personal random acts of kindness: words of concern, the apple pie, the advice that is as hard to give as it is to get. We do it all because we care about each other and this place we call home.”

Later, when I saw the list of organizations, I realized that what we refer to so often as the infrastructure of any town is both tangible and intangible. It is a kind of framework that evolves from its peoples’ desire to maintain what they already have and value, while addressing the demands imposed by the changing world around them. The church, school, fire and rescue, community center, transportation system are just some of the tangible assets (that) make up our island’s infrastructure. And the intangible? For us, that would be our fellow Islanders’ random acts of kindness. And these would make up a list that would fit on no amount of envelopes. This bodes well for a small island very soon to become its own town.

— D.J. Colbeth

Patriots Day Storm, 2007

One of the fiercest and most destructive storms in recent history struck Chebeague Island on April 16 of this year. Far worse than the ice storm of 1998, power was out for four days and the community had to literally band together to get through this challenging period.

Hundreds of trees came down, homes and cars were damaged, cellars were flooded, telephone and ferry services were interrupted by the hurricane force winds and torrential rain.

Our miniature version of *Katrina* can best be described by the pictures people took during and after the storm.

— The Editors





Almost unrecognizable, this is the boatyard wharf



Election and Town Meeting Highlights

Forty years ago: 1967

Editors' Note: This is reprinted from the Chebeague News Letter of 1967. Note that the budget figures mentioned were for the entire Town of Cumberland, not just Chebeague Island!

On March 3, 1967, Earle Doughty was elected to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cumberland as the Chebeague Island representative.

About 200 voters, including 35 from Chebeague, attended the annual Town Meeting on March 4. The voters appropriated \$567,432, which included a \$450,900 school assessment from the new School Administrative District, which includes Cumberland and North Yarmouth.

Following the recommendations of the Budget Committee, the tax rate increase was held down to between \$2 and \$3 per thousand. The tax rate for the year 1967 will be \$50.50 per thousand at a 50% valuation.

The following amendments to the proposed Council-Manager Town Charter were debated at length, but were finally defeated by a large majority: (1) to insure area representation on the Council, (2) to retain the Town Meeting, (3) to give the Council power to confirm appointments, and (4) to make it easier to initiate a referendum.

The \$10,000 appropriated last year for landing and docking facilities on Casco Bay was held over in case the Committee, with State cooperation, can find a location on the mainland or on Chebeague Island where such a facility can be built.

\$1000 was appropriated for further repairs to the Stone Pier and for the installation of bumper guards for parking. One other significant appropriation of \$1200 was voted for the construction of a new float for use at the Stone Pier. \$2800 was also appropriated for the services of the Chebeague Island physician.

— The Editors



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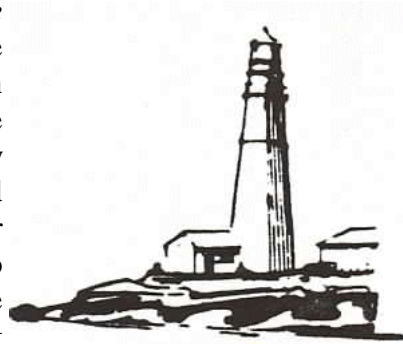


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Casco Bay Island Development Association

*Casco Bay Island Development Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 94, Cliff Island, Maine 04019*

An introduction to his *The Wicked Big Todelah* by Maine author-illustrator Kevin Hawkes was a high point of the May Book Event arranged by the Casco Bay Island Development Association for the school children of Casco Bay. Kevin Hawkes visited the Peaks Island School to meet with the children. Those from Cliff, Chebeague and Long traveled to Peaks by the specially chartered Casco Bay Lines Island Romance to join their grade level peers at Peaks.



Mr. Hawkes entertained four separate groups - grade one, kindergarten, grades two and three, and grades four and five. An illustrator of more books than his own, his presentations included



drawing pictures starting from a squiggle as one young Chebeaguer described it - and explaining where he gets his ideas, how he develops them, and the whole process of producing a book. One illustration shows the Wicked Big Todelah (toddler for those who can't read Maine-speak) having a bath with Casco Bay as his tub and a lobster boat as a bath toy in his hand.

The Wicked Big Todelah is so new that its release date was not until June 12 - a real preview for the young Islanders. The children were able to have books signed and to ask questions - impressing their new author-friend with the quality of their questions.

While each group was enjoying its time with the author, the others were busy with various activities including reading books and writing their own, based on the one just read. After a bag lunch together the down bay children were picked up by the *Aucocisco III* - also specially chartered - for the trip to their respective islands. In

preparation for the day's events CBID presented each school with eight books for their classroom libraries.

CBID's stated mission is to protect and enhance the island communities of Casco Bay. It has provided protection over the years by battling, successfully, such dragons as totally inappropriate development, as well as the former private owners of the Casco Bay Lines, who proved to be more interested in profits than in service. While CBID is proud of the quasi-municipal Transit District as well as the developments that have not happened, it has been a pleasant change to do a little enhancing for the 82 island schoolchildren who participated in the Book Event.

CBID Steering Committee meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal in Portland. bay-wide civic association, CBID also includes Little and Great Diamond Islands*.

For more information contact Jean Dyer at 846-4188 or Mac Passano at 846-7829.

* Be it noted that Little Diamond has no year-round children; Great Diamond's one K-5 child was invited to the Book Event but, understandably, decided not to miss the day at his Portland school.

— Jean Dyer



Chebeague Island Community Association

The Chebeague Island Community Association's mission is "to ensure the survival and long-term viability of Great Chebeague Island as a year-round community." This past year has been a little quieter for the Association. Many board members are participating in the transition to self-government. The Association has focused its efforts this year on housing issues.



We had our first annual meeting on June 28th, 2006, and welcomed new members: Beth Howe, Ruth Slagle and Cheryl Stevens (who was treasurer last year but not on the Board). John Wilson was voted in as president by the Board to replace outgoing president

Herb Maine.

Outgoing Board members are: Donna Colbeth, Phil Jordan, David Stevens and Carol White. We wish to express our thanks to outgoing members for their dedicated service in the first (very busy) year of the Association.

Current Board members are: John Wilson (President), Bob Earnest (Secretary); Cheryl Stevens (Treasurer), Mabel Doughty, Mark Dyer, Beverly Johnson, Ester Knight, Herb Maine, Jeff Putnam, Beth Howe, and Ruth Slagle.

If you have an interest in joining the Board to work on housing, economic development, or any other issue relevant to our year-round community please contact a Board member.

On July 25th, 2006, the Association sponsored a well-attended lecture by Frank Bryan (Professor of Political Science at the University of Vermont and noted author and lecturer). He is the author of *Real Democracy: The New England Town Meeting and How It Works* (2004). Professor Bryan is an advocate of the town meeting form of government and has compiled an extensive database of how they work in Vermont.

With the addition of Beth Howe to the Board came a wealth of experience and information relative to housing issues. Beth formerly chaired the Islands Committee, a committee of the Town of Cumberland. It was responsible for the considerable effort involved in developing an island-specific comprehensive plan several years ago and also for engaging consultants to perform a housing study. These efforts have jump-started the Association's effort to address housing concerns on Chebeague. Beth now chairs the Association's Island Housing Committee which has developed a strategic plan and defined a pilot project and follow-up. You will be hearing more about these in the near future.

— John Wilson and Herb Maine



Chebeague Island Community Sailing School

Two thousand six was another great year for the Chebeague Island Community Sailing School (which is sponsored by the Yacht Club). Fifty participants braved the icy waters of the Boatyard for their first day swim test, and we quickly moved on to the boats for lots of sunny days with perfect winds. Our instructors in 2006 were Jay Cox-Chapman as lead instructor, ably assisted by Bobby Marsee, Taryn McGovern, Isaak Julien and Kyra Freeman. The students ranged from boating basics to advanced sailing, and learned everything from rowing technique to knots to racing strategies - and how to play sponge tag on the water (a sight not to be missed).

An end of school reception was held at the home of Mally and Jim Cox-Chapman for the July session, and at the home of Nancy and Bob Earnest for the August session. Each reception was well attended with over 40 parents and students taking part at each gathering.

For 2007 Jay is moving on to other summer employment, and our other four instructors will be backed up by three junior instructors (Persephone Bennett, Nate Richards and Hutch Hurwitz, who will assist in the beginner/intermediate classes). It is early May and sailing school is already full for the year (52 students plus a waiting list); we are looking forward to great days on the water again this summer. Stop by Rose Point Beach and check out the sailors when you get a chance.

— Bob Earnest



Chebeague Island Council

Oh, what a year it has been! Transition has been the buzz word for the community and for the Council. Keeping up with minutes from the many active committees has been a challenge for us all. Thinking of our new town and the future of the Council has brought some lively discussion at board meetings.

The Council has a long history of supporting Chebeague residents in so many ways. Council board members bring experience, imagination, good humor, tireless enthusiasm and dedication to the Council's stated purpose: "improving conditions for the inhabitants of Great Chebeague Island".

The Health Center experienced several transitions of its own this year. Ginny Ballard PA who for years has kept office hours two days a week (but spent countless hours at the Commons and home visits) had to cut back for surgery and subsequent recuperation. The Council looked for a replacement (not easy to do) and was fortunate to have Mr. Christopher Silva PA agree to stand in for Ginny.

Chris comes to us from York County, but has fit right in at the health center and provided office coverage for patients so Ginny can mend knowing people are being taken care of. Office hours have been reduced to one day weekly with Council



"Maxine" just hanging out



BINGO!! exclaims Leona Boxer

board member Nancy Hill handling the blood draws. The Council understands full well the importance of accessibility to health care on the Island and works hard to maintain services.

Stef Martin, Licensed Massage Therapist uses the health center to see her clients.

In addition to tending to patients, Ginny, with help from Pastor Glenn Coombs, manages our Fuel Assistance Fund to assist those who need fuel to keep warm.

Ginny also oversees the Samaritan Fund which pays for much needed medications for people without insurance or resources.

The Council supported the ongoing swim program at the Recreation Center. Barbara Hamilton continues to produce, edit and mail the important Island Calendar. Your annual dues supports this important community service. The flu clinic and health clinic held at the Hall, makes it convenient to keep current with shots, blood pressure and cholesterol checks. We help support, and provide services to, Chedemption, the Island's beverage deposit redemption scheme, reported elsewhere in this volume.

The Council hosted Dr. Diane Cowan from the Lobster Conservancy who spoke about the danger of global warming on lobsters. Children painted rocks to act as a visual reminder that we need to think about solutions for global warming. Both activities were part of a national movement called StepItUp which called upon Congress to cut emissions by 80% by 2050.

Chebeague Island Fire Department

The Council awarded its first Seabury Award to Marlene Bowen for her years of service as leader and member of the Rescue. The Council intends to make this award each year to a member of the community who has made a difference in the lives of all Chebeaguers.

The Council has been in existence since 1946 and I fully expect that in 2046 the Council will be providing even more services to the Island community.

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| Deborah A. Bowman, President | Nancy Hill |
| Louise Doughty,
Vice President | Carol Lynn Davis |
| Mac Passano, Secretary | Gina Ross |
| Gail Miller, Treasurer | Peter Rice |
| Ester Knight | Ginny Ballard |
| Charles Hall | Barbara Hamilton |
| | Beth Putnam |

— Peter Rice



Joan Robinson, Chris Silva, Ginny Ballard, and Nancy Hill

This has been an active and exciting year, first with the arrival of the first new fire truck since 1972. We have spent a good deal of time learning to run and use the new engine. It was custom built for us to fit our needs and should last a good long time. It would not have been purchased except for the persistence and determination of Cumberland Town Manager Bill Shane and Chebeague’s Town Counselor Donna Damon; we thank them both for their support and trust in the department.

The Fire Department has been active in getting us ready for the transition to the new Town of Chebeague Island. Under the direction and leadership of Doug Ross of the Transition Committee, Ralph Munroe, Joe Ballard, Dick Calder, Don Buxbaum, Nancy Hill and I, along with Binkie Boxer, Bob Earnest and Dave Stevens have all worked for many hours covering all aspects of public safety for our new town. Thumbs up to Doug. The Fire Department will continue to function very much as it has in the past.



Starting in July dispatching will be through the Cumberland County communications division of the Sheriff Department. We will be sharing the radio frequency of the Town of Long Island.

Cumberland Fire Department held its annual banquet in March. Ken Hamilton received his 50 year pin for continued service; Jason Hamilton and Ralph Munroe received pins for 25 years of service. Well done, guys.



The separation will end many years of direct contact with the mainland crews. It is a bit sad to slip out from under their wing, but rest assured we will continue to have a great and capable Fire Department, and

will continue to work with them through training and mutual aid agreements.

I would like to thank the families of our volunteers. They do a great job supporting us though we must be gone for training and must, sometimes, break away from family gatherings to go and help people in need. Your Fire Department would not be the same without your support. Thank you all.

As we take a major step ahead in our community, let us all be dedicated to work together to keep our town safe.

— Tom Calder, Fire Chief



Nancy Hill welcomes Long Island firefighters providing coverage while Chebeaguers attend the Cumberland banquet

Chebeague Island Grange #576

Island cleanup in the Spring and the Memorial Day program went off as usual last year. Sprays for decorating the graves were made at the Grange Hall under Master Fran Calder's supervision and we had lots of help after the service at the church - adults and children - getting them in place at every flag which Joan Robinson places at all the veterans' graves, from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Korean and Vietnam conflicts as well as for servicemen and women who were not in combat anywhere, but took their turn serving their country.



Sarah (Swann) Van Fleet took over the management of the Thrift Shop last year and will be in charge again this coming summer

with the help of some of our regular volunteers. Please donate good, clean used clothing and household items - nothing ripped, stained or broken, or small appliances that do not work. Larger items should go to the Island Commons Yard Sale. Watch for those Super Bargain Days at the Thrift Shop!

Pre-Christmas shut-in or thinking-of-you boxes were distributed in December to anyone we could think of who does not get out-and-about very often or to families who have had a hard year, lost loved ones or have had bouts of sickness or recovery from accidents, etc. If you know of someone we should put on our list at Christmas time, please let Fran Calder, Jane Abrahamson or Di Calder know.

Many, many thanks to all who help keep this Grange alive and well.

— Martha O. Hamilton, correspondence secretary



Chebeague Island Historical Society

The CIHS is looking forward to participating in and recording Chebeague's history-making events and celebrations of the summer of 2007. Many first annual celebrations may be created this year which can then be used as an excuse to get together for years to come. And as we look forward, let us all give some thought to those



of our relatives and friends who are no longer with us and would have so enjoyed the party.

The CIHS has remained enthusiastic, pretty much in the black, and till proud to show off our great buildings and grounds. In 2006 we featured an exhibit about the descendants of Ambrose and Deborah Soule Hamilton, which includes all the Hamiltons and all the Rosses and a myriad of others

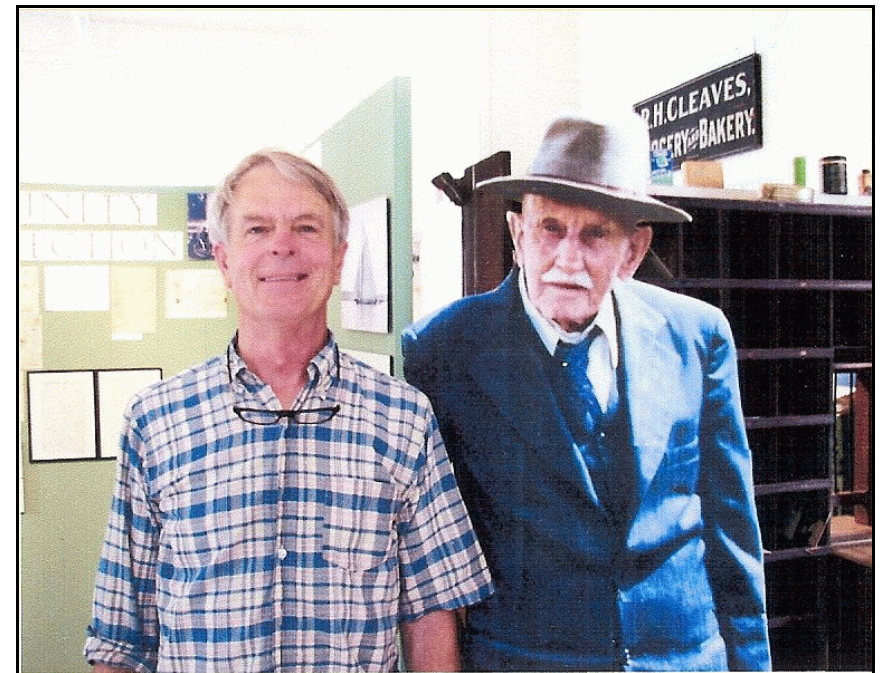
from the East End to the West End with disguises and names such as Calder or Doughty or Brewer or Dyer or Munroe, et al. Many of these aforementioned and their relatives from afar helped us to celebrate a Hamilton family reunion last summer. Everyone who came had a wonderful time checking out the exhibit, looking at

picture albums at the Hall and listening to Donna Damon's genealogy talk at the cemetery.

Our Island Institute Fellow, Carly Knight, remained with us throughout the past year and she will be sorely missed come September. As she has recently discovered that she is related to many people here through the Soules, perhaps we can talk her into hanging around. Sarah Brown, our intern, helped us out last summer for a second year and will join us again. CIHS has benefitted greatly from Sarah's able assistance.

I hope you become a member of the Chebeague Island Historical Society and join the 525 members that we recorded in 2006.

— Jane Frizzell, Vice President



*Richard and Great-Grandfather Henry Bowen
(which one is really a cardboard cut-out?)*

Chebeague Island Library

The Library is the heart of our community. There is a steady flow of people coming and going from the building. These people might carry books, movies, music, magazines, raffle tickets, bumper stickers, posters or bubble wrap. Sometimes they will buy a book bag to carry out the many things they find at the Library. There is constant chatter, and if you can find a quiet corner, then you are lucky.

In the course of 303 open days in 2006, 13,865 patrons came through the doors. Those patrons carried out 16,302 items. Some of them stopped to use the public use computers; we counted 3,715.

The Library benefits from the time volunteers spend in the Library. They changed light bulbs, weeded the garden, updated our collection catalogue, assembled computers, installed software, stamped books and children's hands, cleaned the gutters, gave presentations and brought fresh vegetables for a giveaway basket on the counter. Unbelievably, these volunteers spent 447 hours at the Library. This doesn't include the many hours the Trustees put in throughout the year. We are so thankful for the time and expertise you all bring to the Library.

We strive to bring diverse programming to inspire learners of all ages. This year was no exception. In conjunction with a unit of



Mabel Doughty and Deb Bowman

study at the Island School, we were treated to Egyptian musician and drummer, Karim Nagi who had everyone dancing around the stacks.

Jerry Wiles gave an informative lecture on environmentalist and writer, Rachel Carson, in early July. Storyteller Len Cabral told tales at the Hall and had breakfast with some sleepy kids after our summer sleep over.

Four year diplomas and movie lists were handed out at Groovy Movie in October by our resident movie commentator, Mark McGee. This past holiday season we held a community cookie swap and tea. It was a pleasant, relaxing and yummy respite from busy Christmas preparations. Save your tins for next year!

Art and table displays continue to entertain visitors and staff alike. Cathy MacNeill put together a library-wide display of photographs of flora and fauna of the Island. We were all amazed at the variety of plant and animal life here on Chebeague. Alexandra Perry Weiss, Jane Hahn, BJ Abrahamson, Sandra Rice and Kim Martin all exhibited their artwork around the Library.

The Library Board of Trustees is involved and very interested in keeping the Library an active, evolving institution. In response to a community wide survey, Board members reviewed many aspects of collection development, programs and accessibility to ensure that more people are reached by the services offered at the Library.

The community has a voice in what happens at the Library.

The beat goes on and on and on at the Chebeague Island Library. Come and dance with us! It's fun!

— Deborah A. Bowman, Director
Sheila Putnam, Children's Librarian

Chebeague Island Rescue

This year has been a busy and bitter sweet one. We have had new members arrive and a staple of the Chebeague Rescue retire. Through all of the comings and goings we still have one common goal that has and will be met: the goal of caring for our patients in the best possible way. We have had 48 rescue calls and a few public assists.

The Cumberland Rescue held a class this winter. It began as a first responder class and then became a bridge class to EMT for those who had the energy left over from the earlier class. The new first responders include Beth Howe, Gail Miller and Mac Passano. Our new EMTs are Carly Knight, Tina Runge Jarrod Smith and Kevin Wentworth. The next time you see any of these new members please send some congratulations.. The Chebeague Rescue is very lucky to have a great new crew. We are all excited to share our knowledge with the public and care for them to the best of our ability.



The Chebeague Rescue, as well as the entire Island, said goodbye to the one true staple of this rescue. Deputy Chief Marlene Bowen retired after 31 years of service to this island. She gave herself to the well being of this island and none of us will ever forget her. At Marlene's party she received the Seabury Award from the Island Council, a plaque from the Fire Department, and an engraved clock and a gift certificate from the Rescue. All of the plaques were thanking her for all of her dedication.

Keep your eyes open for community awareness signs and Chebeague's version of the vial of life. This vial is an important tool that the Rescue will be sharing in the coming months. We also would like to thank everyone who continuously supports the Rescue; we truly appreciate all gifts.

— Polly Wentworth, Interim Chief
Rescue 2, Chebeague Island



Marlene celebrates her retirement

Chebeague Needleworkers

The Chebeague Needleworkers, a.k.a. the Quilters, are as active as ever, meeting the second and fourth Tuesday's of each winter month at the Hall for a day of quilting, rug-hooking, knitting and embroidery. In the summer meetings are once a month. But this year their scribe has had only spotty attendance because of Transition activities, so she has fallen down on her job of documenting the past year's projects and activities.

Despite this temporary lapse, anyone who does needlework of any kind is welcome to join us. Bring your sewing machine, knitting needles, embroidery floss or whatever to the Hall. Work sociably thorough the day and enjoy a fine collective supper. Beth Howe

— Beth Howe



Chebeague Parents' Association

Our current officers are: Jen Belesca, President; Vicki Todd, Vice President; Kelley Rich, Treasurer; and Althea Dugliss, Secretary. Officers are elected at the first meeting of the new school year in September. We meet the first Tuesday of every month and strongly encourage parent participation.

The Preschool was again our primary program. We were very lucky to have Lisa Schumarcher back again to teach six very busy three and four year olds. Mrs. L's class met Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs L was very excited about integrating the Montessori

philosophy and methods into her classroom. Next year it is very possible that the Chebeague Island School will include a Pre-K program for the 4 year olds. But as this goes to print, the CPA remains committed to continuing a preschool "type" program next year and we are exploring various ways of making this happen. It is

our hope that Mrs. L will continue to help us with such a program.

We kicked off our fundraising year starting in July with a lot of lobster picking and preparing for the 4th of July Picnic and Celebration. We sold lobster



rolls and ice cream. We remain extremely grateful to Dropping Springs Co-op for donating over 125 pounds of lobster. We also hosted a Kids Fun Park at the picnic with face painting, a puppet show, clay table, “wall of sound,” mural painting and a hammer and nail station. We had a lot of help and everyone had a great time. We plan to sell lobster rolls and have the Kids Fun Park again this year with a few added surprises.

During the summer, we also had a very successful Calendar Raffle and continued to sell note cards, cookbooks and Sally Foster Wrapping Paper. During the off season we had a Thanksgiving Pie Sale and a Spring Flower Power Bulb Sale. All this work helped CPA fund the Preschool program in the form of scholarships and over \$700 in new teaching equipment. We also continued to support the Books for Babies program through the Library, and we purchased new equipment for both the K-2 and the 3-5 classes in addition to providing \$500 to continue the Healthy Lunch program. We sponsored two Walk-to-School Days and helped fund several field trips that would not otherwise have been possible due to a district wide budget freeze.

We sponsored the annual Halloween Party, which had to be postponed a night, after a bad storm caused a power outage. We might have been low on the dry ice, but we were well stocked with ghosts, goblins and tons of fun.

Along with PROP, the CPA sponsored another Giving Tree this year and were again amazed by the generosity of this community to help provide gifts and gift certificates to a needy mother and son in the Portland Area for the holidays. Our annual Christmas party was held at the church. With the donation of lots of past and present



“pictures with Santa”, we put together a fabulous collage to give to Santa for his 20th anniversary of spreading Christmas cheer. He again handed out books to all the children and in return received a lifetime supply of smiles.



In May, the CPA sponsored Education Appreciation Night at the Chebeague Rec Center. The Chebeague Island School students’ art

and unit projects were on display while they entertained everyone with singing and violin playing. We recognized and congratulated graduating high school seniors, Katie Phipps and Zac Doughty as well as Bradley Putnam who just graduated from Harvard University. Also recognized were the graduating 5th graders, Evan Boisvert, Genny Dyer, Anna Hamilton, and Brennah Martin. Sam Birkett, our volunteer coordinator, tallied over 100+ volunteer hours for the school year. In addition to teachers and staff, the volunteers were each recognized with a small gift. We were also pleased to help Lida Munroe with a unique opportunity this summer. Lida was selected as a People to People Ambassador for the international volley ball team which will take her to Vienna for two weeks this summer. The CPA gave her \$1,000 toward the cost of the trip.

This has been a year of uncertainty for Chebeague. How will things be next year? Will there be any changes? One thing that has never been uncertain is the level of commitment and support from our community to find answers to these and many, many other questions. The Chebeague Island School is the cornerstone of this island and the Chebeague Parents Association remains committed to supporting all Island kids and any and all efforts to make our school one of the best.

— Jen Belesca, President

Chebeague Recreation Center



The CRC opened its doors for the community February 28, 1998 and believe it or not we are entering our tenth summer of operation. We will be making a scrapbook of the past ten years this fall so please send us pictures, memories or

memorabilia from the past ten wonderful years. Along with the CRC going into its tenth year of operation Beth Dyer has dedicated ten years to the CRC as our Administrative Director. Sarah McKinnon is entering her second summer as Recreation Director and Pam Pulisfer continues to work hard to keep us clean as her fourth year as our Custodian. Gail Miller will once again throw her energy into being our Pool Director this summer. We said good bye to our Youth Director May Hall, we miss her energy and her dedication to the pre-teen and teens.

The CRC had 26 employees in 2006 serving as program instructors, office helpers, teen centers supervisors, lifeguards, camp counselors and more, 17 of whom are year round Islanders. The CRC would not be able to function without



our numerous volunteers. These volunteers serve as groundskeepers, program instructors, board members, coaches and more.



This year the kids were busy in several different programs. In the fall the CRC teamed up with the Great Chebeague Golf Club for an after school golf clinic with 20 kids keeping the GCGC volunteers on their toes. Island Institute Fellow Carly

Knight coached a popular soccer program and we even played 2 games against the Long Island Recreation Soccer team. The fall also had the kids making some great crafts with Gail Miller, carving giant pumpkins for Halloween and of course, the annual Scavenger Hunt.

The big hit this winter was Sanford's Pond. We had a grand total of 33 skating days this winter and kids of all ages were out there enjoying the weather and the great ice. Big thanks to Stephen Todd for clearing the ice after our snowstorms and to



all of the community members who volunteered to supervise, and of course to Sanford and Mabel for allowing us to take over the Pond. There are several future hockey stars and figure skaters out here. Early Release is still popular and this spring T-ball has taken off with



the younger kids with every child in the K-2 class participating. We have 5 new runners this year for the Coastal Spring Running program. The kids practice two days a week on the Island and then go off Island to participate in meets

against other children from Bath all the way to Scarborough. Pre-teen Center is going strong and we anticipate both Pre-teen and Teen Center taking off this summer. Adults continue to use the facility for



walking, working out in our fitness room, rug hooking and more.

Circuit Training still happens 6 mornings a week and everyone is welcome to join in at any time. Last summer we had a successful investment workshop led by Eldon Mayer and we are looking forward to having him back for some more sessions this summer.

The Take Pounds Off Sensibly ("tops") program is still going strong and the dedicated members meet once a week at the CRC. The pool was open for 91 days last summer with a daily average of 31 swimmers, not including the day campers and kids in



swim lessons, adding around 40 kids more per day. We had 15 adult lap swimmers who kept track of their mileage and together swam around 190 miles. We had 5 people take our Red Cross Life Guard training course and 4 of them joined the Collins Pool staff. We



teamed up with the Rescue under the guidance of Polly Wentworth to provide our lifeguards with ongoing training and to make sure our patrons have the best safety care available. This summer we anticipate another good season and we will have a new

group of lifeguards at this pool this summer. Camp Chebeague



opened for its seventh season and our soccer camp Play Soccer! was once again hugely popular with kids ranging from 6 to 17. Children's Theater Director Rachel Damon helped turn our children into fairy tale actors and actresses with the production of Into the Woods. Stacy Stewart amazed us all with her direction of Hello Dolly! while being pregnant. The Teen Center and the Pre-Teen Center were open 6 days a week with lots of activity. The Recreation Center was once again supported by many Chebeaguers and friends by donating expertise, time, material goods, and money. We had a successful Golf Tournament, Golf Like an Egyptian, thanks to our tireless fundraisers and generous sponsors. Our annual holiday appeal brought over 70 donations, the CRC is thankful to everyone who responded to that appeal. Once again we had a fun filled Winter Carnival in February. The weekend was kicked off with 5 pre-teen girls rocking the night away in the Rock-a-thon, collectively they raised over \$1,200 for the Teen Center. We had 5 plungers brave 39° icy waters of Casco Bay at the Chebeague Island Boat Yard for the Polar Bear Plunge. The Chili Chowder Challenge was great fun; this year we added face painting for the kids and a pie eating contest. The top winners for the

challenge this year were: Jen Horner for her Chili; Arlene Dyer for her soup; and Polly Wentworth for her Chowder. Thanks to all who entered their culinary creations to the challenge. We are excited for this summer and anticipate lots of fun and activity here at the CRC. Once again Rachel Damon will be directing the Children's Theater productions of The Music Man and the Chebeague Players under the direction of Stacy Stewart will bring us comedic relief with Dearly Beloved. We are looking forward to our new camp program and all signs point to another successful season. This year we will have a Great Gatsby Croquet Tournament and Silent Auction. Please join in the fun. We are also happy to host the Town of Chebeague Island's first town meeting this summer. Thank you to the dedicated Board of Directors who support the CRC in too many numerous ways to count. This year's Board members are: Bob Earnest, President; Laura Summa, Vice President; Beverly Johnson, Treasurer; Leah McDonald, Co-Secretary; Kim Bogle, Co-Secretary; Zach Doughty, Teen Rep. Board members: Tom Adams, Pam Brewer, Glenn Coombs, Linda Ewing, Theresa Kauffman, David Keyes, Gail Miller, Stephanie Miskell, Stephen Todd, Nils Wessell.

— Beth Dyer and Sarah McKinnon



Chedemption

It appears that Chedemption has pretty much hit its stride. This year we distributed \$510 to each of 12 non-profits on the Island. This compares with \$550 in 2005 and \$554 in each of the two years before that. With the new Town, we will all probably be more aware of where our tax dollars go, and one place they go is to take trash and recyclables off the Island. So any bottle or can that you can redeem saves a smidgen of money by being handled by volunteers and taken



off the Island, free of charge, by the Casco Bay Lines. So let's see this summer if we can get back up to \$554 or more.

This is a good opportunity to thank all of our volunteers. First among them has been Frankie Doughty who has not officially been responsible for Chedemption at all, but, out of the goodness of her heart has packed bottles and tied up plastic bags through the falls, winters and springs when volunteers for the Island non-profits were not around to help. And we are very grateful to the help provided in

2006 by those volunteers during the busy summer months. We never succeed in mentioning everyone.

And the entire system would not work without the ongoing support of the Casco Bay Lines and of our intown receiver, East End Redemption, Jane Abrahamson, Lola Armstrong, Sally Ballard, Ann Belesca, Jen Belesca, Hartley and Dianne Brewer, Dick Bowen, Deb Bowman, Binkie Boxer, Sue Burgess, Cheryl Buxbaum, Dianne Calder, Dot Colbeth, Glenn Coombs, Mabel Doughty and daughter, Althea Dugliss, Frank and Marianne Durgin, Nancy and Bob Earnest, Jane Frizzell, Melanie Gustafson, Charles Hall, Karen Hamilton, Ken and Jeanette Hamilton, Martha Hamilton and grandson, Steve Harris, Pommy Hatfield and granddaughter, and Suzanne Hurwitz, Sue and Roy Jackson, Beverly Johnson, Peggie Jones, 2 Julian teens, David Keyes, Theresa and Peter Kaufman and daughter, Herb and Julia Maine, Barbara Marks, Sarah McKinnon, Jim Millinger, Stephanie Miskell, Marilyn Squires Nicklas, Peter Olney, Sheila Putnam, Malcolm Rice, Peter Rice, Betsey Ross, Doug Ross, Tad Runge, Susie Stavropoulos, David and Cheryl Stevens, Ann Thaxter.

— Thank you all, Mac Passano and Beth Howe



They not only recycle, they count baby lobsters!

Friends of the Library



Library Friends do much to assist at the Library. While frequently calling upon Friends to organize fundraising activities, sometimes Friends can simply weed the garden or stuff envelopes for mailings. Friends frequently contribute time and expertise to Library staff for special projects. The Friends raise funds through an annual appeal letter, phone book production and sales, library merchandise sales, raffles, and events. The committee is made up of Library board members, Library staff and interested people from the community. If you love libraries, you are a Friend!

— Suzanne Rugh



Great Chebeague Golf Club

The Golf Club enjoyed a particularly successful season in 2006. From the official opening Swatfest Tournament (held on July 4th weekend) until the season ending Frost Tournament (held on Columbus Day weekend), the Golf Club hosted more than 20 tournaments. These include the Club Championships (for men, women and juniors), the numerous Handicap Championships, the several Scotch Twosome Tournaments, the Scrambles held each year in conjunction with Family Barbeque and the Lobster Bake, as well as the Blanchard Tournament open only to full-time Island residents.



Almost all of these tournaments were contested in 2006, and a great time was had by all. Jim Van Fleet currently reigns as the Men's Club Champion (the Spalding Cup) and Sue Boggle presides as the Women's Club Champion (the Brown Cup). Tyler Fasanella is our Junior Champion (the Driscoll Cup). In the tournaments contested on the basis of golf handicaps, Will Sharp was the

winner of the Zaugg Cup, and Linda Grant prevailed as the winner of the McCall Cup. Bob Buxbaum did a great job in overseeing the men's tournament activity and Barbara Marshall and Sue Boggle provided similarly great oversight for the women's tournaments.

The Family Barbeque and the Lobster Bake highlight the Golf Club's social calendar. Jim and Anne Gallagher, and Theresa and Peter Kaufman superbly hosted the Family Barbeque, and David and Sandy Whiston performed equally as well as the hosts of the Lobster Bake.

The Golf Club maintains a Junior Golf Clinic to help youngsters on the Island to become proficient at the game of golf. This year the program was ably headed by Jackie Cross, with assistance from Beverly Johnson, Donna Colbeth and Bob Jones.

And, each year, the Club's Women's Committee conducts a grand Bake Sale during the first week of August. This year's Bake Sale, headed by Linda Ewing and Mary Ellen Webber, was no exception.

The Golf Club offers a convivial group for lighthearted competition, social gatherings and the opportunity to partake in one of the most challenging games for all ages. If you have considered undertaking such an enterprise, the membership of the Golf Club encourages you to join. You won't regret it.

— John Layng, President



Great Chebeague Tennis Club

The year two thousand six was a busy year for the Great Chebeague Tennis Club. As always, our courts were ready for play by Memorial Day weekend and we also had a new "look". Our storage shed was refurbished and our landscaping updated. During the summer we had a couple of painting parties which spruced up the newly squared off shed and the stands. Our very antiquated roller, affectionately known as "the Beast", was repaired and we now have a team of dedicated members who roll the courts every week.



As usual the men's round robin was on Monday mornings and women's round robin was on Thursday morning. In addition to those events we had three mixed doubles tournaments: Vickie Emery and Jerry Johnston won the Perkins Cup; the

Lessing Cup and the Brown Cup were both won by David and Molly O'Donnell. We had our first late afternoon Mixed Doubles Barbecue/Round Robin in July, which was a huge success, and we will continue this as a new tradition. Our August Mixed Doubles Round Robin was held in the morning as had been our custom. All events are listed in the Calendar.

Junior Clinic was held every Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 1 PM. It is free to all participants and we provide instruction and rackets. We had a great response from the local Island kids and we hope this continues. In 2007 we plan to organize a "teen time" for those players who can serve, keep score and are used to playing full games. Look for a notice on our sign up board.

At our annual meeting in August we accepted four new families as full members and three families as provisional members. We also passed an amendment to our bylaws which will enable provisional members to become full members in a more timely fashion. We welcome all who wish to play tennis. If you are just visiting for a weekend please pay the guest fee and if you are here for a longer period of time please contact a member so that you can join our club. Members are obliged to see that all houseguests and non-members pay the posted fee.

A special thanks goes out to the board who work diligently to ensure that everything runs smoothly, to Scott Phillips our court keeper, instructor (and anything else he's asked to do) and to the many members who stepped up to help us when asked. And we also take a quiet moment to remember our late Treasurer, Tom Rothschild, who loved our sport and our island.

— Hobey Hinchman, President



<http://www.chebeague.org>

I've been chronicling events, births, deaths, marriages, etc. on Chebeague Island on the Internet for more than ten years now (since 1996) – even before the term “blog” was invented!

I want to thank everyone for their support and contributions of photographs and information over the years – that's what makes our Island Internet information source work!

This year, chebeague.org was joined by chebeague.net, a new company formed by local residents to provide broadband Internet service to the Island.

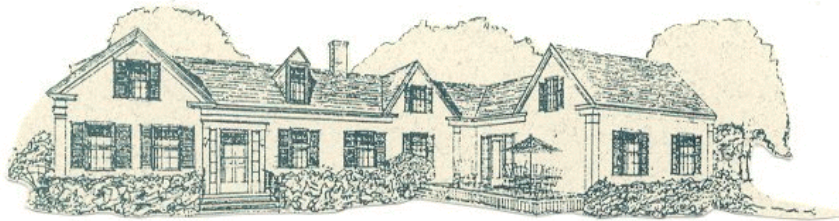
We have about sixty households online now and hope to build out the network to include anybody who wants high speed Internet in their homes.

It hasn't been easy and we beg for everyone's patience as we do our best to overcome all the technical hurdles (and rock ledges!) that we find in our way.

— Beverly Johnson, Webmaster



Island Commons Resource Center



“A PLACE TO CALL HOME”

The Island Commons has been as busy as ever this past year, filled with the smiling faces of our dedicated staff and generous volunteers. In addition, there have been visits from family members, the school, and the community to keep things lively and fun. Recently, residents attended the Whalers concert where an original song about the Commons debuted. They also have taken van tours around the Island, sung karaoke, and had conversations over lemonade with visitors. If you find yourself with time on your hands thinking about something to do, simply come by and say hello.



RESTRUCTURE: On a business note, the ICRC Board, Administrators, Volunteer Committee members, and Staff have worked hard this past year. As a result, there are changes afoot. Here are the most notable:

- ! 2007 Board -- Suzy Hurwitz, President; Sally Ballard, Vice President; Lynne Priest, Treasurer; Althea Dugliss, Secretary; Lew Holman; Mary Cushman; Ann Thaxter; John Wilson; Pam Curran; Steve Harris; Nancy Olney
- ! Special recognition goes to Kelley Rich as she takes on the new title of Executive Director. She will continue her role as Administrator of the Island Commons, but will take on responsibilities overseeing the Corporation.
- ! Another special recognition goes to Vicki Todd as she leaves the position of Director of Development for a more hands-on role as CRMA.
- ! New Positions -- Welcome to Amy Rich as bookkeeper, Frankie Doughty as CRMA, and myself Leanne Krudner, as Volunteer and Community Relations Coordinator.

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED - Up-coming Events:

- ! Yard Sale -- The yard sale to benefit the Island Commons is always a hit. 2006 was no exception, and there were many great items to be found and wonderful attendance. As a testament to its success there is a special twist this year - it is the 10th anniversary! Please join us on August 4th from 10:00-4:00 to celebrate this annual tradition.
- ! Wine Tasting -- This past year's wine tasting was a very successful event that our residents enjoyed, and which raised over \$20,000 for the organization. For 2007 we will be holding the wine tasting on August 19th at Katmandu.

WAYS TO HELP US CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK

Our annual giving increased significantly this year and the Endowment fund support continues. The Endowment Fund is an investment fund designed to work for the future of the Island Commons, while the annual fund finances the day-to-day activities of the organization. Both are integral to the success of Island

Commons Resource Center and we thank you for your continued support!

Quick Note: Up until the end of this year, there is unique way to donate to the Endowment Fund using IRA assets. For more information, please visit the following web address: www.mainecef.org/becomedonor.aspx

Thank you to all the friends and the community of Chebeague Island for your support, interest, and involvement in Island Commons.

— Leanne Krudner, Community Relations Coordinator



Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid Society of the United Methodist Church meets regularly from 11 AM to 2 PM on Thursdays at the Parish House, for general sociability and to plan and work on various items for our two annual fairs in August and November. Crafts of all kinds and knitted, crocheted and sewn items, as well as food, fudge, stationery, cutlery, etc., make up our sales items at the fairs. We welcome all donations of miscellaneous goods or the materials for making them.

Income from these events allow us to help to maintain the parsonage and parish house, donate to Island organizations and events which might need our support in emergencies, as well as distribute “good cheer” locally and by regular correspondence with distant Islanders needing a touch of home, a word of cheer or sympathy. Betsey Ross maintains a very long and remarkable mailing list. Lost track of anyone? Ask Betsey.

Plans for more storage room in the parish house are still on hold but we have a new roof this winter and will be working on some of the foundation soon. Actually the Parish House has been in constant use by the Aid, the Sunday School, Choir rehearsals, the Senior Citizen Lunches, the Co-Op Group and most of all in the past year by many of the Transition Committee meetings and their numerous sub-committee meetings. It also serves as a gathering place after funerals, and is the scene of many happy occasions such as birthdays, weddings and baby showers. Our kitchen is often used by caterers as an off-site work place. It is always a busy place!

The Aid also manages many little celebrations ... Member’s birthdays are observed as well as significant occasions, holidays or just an outing or two for a change of scene. Nancy and Woody Chamberlin usually entertain us at their home in Brunswick in the Spring and we like to find a new place to eat on the mainland after our August Fair.

Anyone is welcome to come join us ... We all get along quite well and have many fun times together. Bring a sandwich; the coffee pot is always on.

— Martha Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Stephen Ross Scholarship Fund

On behalf of the Ross Scholarship Fund it is my pleasure to share with everyone the results of many years of asking for your support in aiding the kids from Chebeague in their quest for a college education. After Steve's death approximately \$1400 was given in his name to the Island church. It was then decided to set up a Scholarship Fund in his name with conditions that only the interest would be awarded each year. The result of this is that we now have a sum of \$88,882.82 working for us with the Maine Community Foundation. This has been achieved by not a lot of people's donations. Can you imagine how much more we could help the kids if a majority of our citizens would make a small donation each year.

Maybe it is time to recognize those who do contribute. This last year it went like this:

Less than \$100

Ruth Bradish
Dianne Calder
Ralph Christian

\$100 to \$200

Susan Stranahan
Willoughby Sharp
Betsy Ross
Ken Hamilton
Doug Ross

\$200 to \$300

William McCuskey
Marianne Brenton
Chebeague Parents Association

Chebeague Island Council

Ronald Malony

\$1000 or Over

James Millinger

This past year we awarded Jon Miller \$2400 and Tom Damon \$2000. This Scholarship appears to be more important this year than ever due to our breaking away from Cumberland and therefore losing their town related awards.

Thank you everyone for keeping the Scholarship in mind.

Committee Members:

Hartley Brewer, Susan Burgess, Dianne Calder, Mabel Doughty, Betsy Ross, Douglas Ross.

— Respectfully, Kenneth Hamilton, President

United Methodist Church



A beautiful Easter sunrise on the East End

This has been a year of growth for our church. Not only have we had more attendance at church, but more of the community has been involved with activities sponsored by the church. This all started with our pastor Glenn Coombs announcing that our church was a community church first, a Methodist church second. It was decided that all monies received as donations and/or "missions" were to be returned to the community to help the needs of our community. This money was referred to as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and/or Island Missions.

Many people have benefitted from this change. We have been able to donate to the Samaritan Fuel Assistance Fund, help establish Alcoholics Anonymous on the Island, start a food pantry to help people with their groceries, and aid many people in different ways as the needs arose. The more we gave on the Island, the more we

seemed to receive from people in our community to keep these programs funded ... a little like the loaves and fishes story in the Bible!

It is with regret that we say good-bye to our pastor. Glenn Coombs is not going to be with us after June. It is time for him to move on to other adventures, Glenn brought us the hope and encouragement that we could grow in this new direction. It has been a building process over the last four years and Glenn feels that his goals have been met. Our church needs to continue to grow and Glenn feels that new leadership will help us on our journey. So, as our island begins its new life as part of the Town of Chebeague, the church will also be starting a new life. As Glenn would say, may we all have fair winds and following seas!

— Peggie Jones



Whalers



Our 2006 Spring Concert, featuring choral arrangements of songs by George Gershwin and Cole Porter, was particularly well received so we repeated it in early September. The combination of familiar songs, good arrangements,

some funny solos, duets and trios, and our guest star Tyler Putnam, helped make this one of our better efforts under the leadership of our director John Howard. It was also the first spring concert in which we have been abetted by our “friends” who usually only join us at Christmas.. They are great to work with and we truly appreciate the added range of voices. Sally Tubbesing was our very dedicated accompanist, coming from the mainland for rehearsals ... and rehearsals, and rehearsals! And taking on the staggering number of arrangements.

Keeping track of the reams of paper for each song was a gargantuan task.

In the late Fall a former pastor here, Tom Merrill, asked us to sing for a group of retired ministers on the mainland. They





gave us a wonderful luncheon and we hope that they enjoyed the pre-holiday theme as well as a preview of some of the songs selected for our December concert: Christmas Music from Stage and Screen and More . Once again Sally Tubbesing stuck with us as accompanist. We had our efficient “production crew” : Tom Adams, Mal Rice, Steve Todd and Doug Ross for sound and lighting; in the kitchen Judy Doughty and Pat St. Cyr handling refreshments. Martha Hamilton is the stage designs for both concerts.

We are now working on a June concert and have some welcome additions to the blend of voices. Membership for 2006 concerts and 2007 concerts to come include: sopranos - Jamie Calthorpe, Cindy Coombs, Jane Frizzell, Martha Hamilton, Bonnie KomLosy, Cathy MacNeill, Sue Sawyer, Vail Traina and Susie Stavropoulos; altos - Sally Ballard, Cheryl Hillicoss, Mimi Moulton and Tina Runge; tenors - Leila Bisharat, Bob Brown, Dianne Calder, Mal Rice and Joan Robinson; bass - John Ash, Doug Clark and Jim Millinger.

We are fortunate to have John Howard still directing us as our “fearless leader” and sometimes soloist also. Besides his hard work whipping us into shape for the stage presentations, he spends may

hours selecting music, adapting music, taping our individual parts so that we may rehearse at home and giving us the benefits of is remarkable music talents. We truly appreciate the time and effort he devotes to us. Many, many thanks, John.

— Martha O. Hamilton



Chebeague Census and Vital Records

A quick census of Chebeague was done in January, 2007. There were approximately 353 people on the Island at that time.

WEDDINGS...

Heather Buxbaum to Jesse Brand
Jeffrey Putnam to Beth Dyer
Jaedra Lynn Emery to Brandon Rideout
Kirsten Abrahamson Steele to Mark Voegler
Brooks Traina to Lauri Morin
Lindsay Crapser to Peter Klorer
John Oderda to Katie Murray
Brian and Brianne Martindale

ENGAGEMENTS ...

Carol Munroe to John Allen
Amy Sidor to Troy Wilkins

BIRTHS...

Mabel Sophia to Laura Trask and David Tyler
Sadie Mae and **Aiden Phillip** (twins) to
Mary Taylor and Andrew Todd
Cali Suzanne to Heidi (Goden) and Dave Pomerleau
Phillip Joseph and **Shawn Albert** (twins) to
Brooks and Lauri Traina
Catharine Grace to Amy and Jon Rich
Emery Kate to Jaedra and Brandon Rideout
Lilly and **Luke** (twins) to Jani and Phil Johnson
Ruthanna Kern to Rebecca Grunko and Alex Kern
Ozric Hassan to Stacy (KomLosy) and Matthew Stewart
Adrian Philip to Jing and Phil Jordan
Connor Thorenson to Hugh and Danielle Bowen
Malcolm David to Jill (Trower) and Darren Sparling
Evelyn Nancy Wilhelmina to Elizabeth Hill and Tom Schutte
Campbell Rebecca to Rebecca (Towle) and Michael Benson
Alexandria Marie Rideout to Danielle Rich and John Rideout

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Granddaughter to Linda and Schuyler Grant -
Ainsley Elizabeth Grant
Granddaughter to Beth and Michael Grunko -
Lucia Annabelle Grunko
Grandson to Nancy and Woody Chamberlain -
Garrett Bard Chamberlain
Granddaughter to Sam and Sally Ballard -
Flannery Jane Poon
Grandson to Leona Boxer and Jeffery Herman

DEATHS...

Cynthia (Cynn timer) Sheketoff
Richard Stayner Graves III
Elizabeth (Lib) (Stelphen) Ross
Donald F. Whitney
Nils Y. Wessell
Allen Douglas Dobson
Betty Louise Dyer Johnson
Vernon Ingram
Virginia Semple Kane
David Adams
Gladys (Bowen) Bennett
Nuna Wood
Theo Stavropoulos
Jean Ross Stickney
Robert ("Bob") Parker
William T. Galey III
Thomas A. Rothschild
Lloyd Parker
Geneva (Bennett) Bowen
Alexander H. ("Mort") Morton
Phyllis MacArthur
Virginia Woolfry Shattuck

CONDOLENCES TO...

Ann Bowman, death of her Dad, Anthony Betts
Cindy Riddle, Julie Doughty and Kathy McNeill,
death of brother in law, George Droggitis
Paula Libby, death of her Dad, Vernald Mason

We apologize if we have left someone out of these statistics.
Please send notices to Marjorie or Dianne as they occur so we can
include them in the next Newsletter. Dianne Calder and Marjorie
Munroe

— Census data provided by Dianne Calder
and Marjorie Munroe



