



CHEBEAGUE ISLAND *Maine*

TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF APRIL 6, 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is an emergency declaration?

- A. An Emergency Declaration gives the Town Administrator special emergency powers during a crisis such as the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Q. Who declares this State of Emergency?

- A. Our Town Administrator has the power and authority, upon consultation with the Selectmen Chairman, to issue an Emergency Proclamation. The Chebeague emergency is in line with similar declarations made by The State of Maine and Cumberland County.

Q. How long will the emergency declaration last?

- A. By law, it lasts five days and can be renewed by a vote of the Selectmen. The initial declaration of April 6th will last through April 11, 2020. On April 8th, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to extend the declaration until the end of the crisis as deemed by the Town Administrator.

Q. Why did Chebeague make this Emergency Declaration?

- A. In light of the global COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and in order to protect Chebeague Island and its residents, The Town Administrator, Marjorie Stratton on April 6th, 2020, proclaimed a State of Emergency in order to form an Emergency Management Team (EMT) as needed; allow all EMT forces and volunteers to be immune from liability. (Title 37-B MRSA Section 822 et seq.) In addition, it provides key authority and power for the Town Administrator to procure any assets the Town needs to deal with the Emergency.

Q. Is this declaration related in any way to an emergency on Chebeague with residents having the coronavirus?

- A. No, this is not in reaction to any island health emergency, nor to any suspected coronavirus cases on the island. The State of Maine, CDC and Cumberland County track the official record of cases. Chebeague cases are not separated out in the CDC reports.