Sunday, January 3, 2016

Dear Residents of the Town of Chebeague Island,

On Saturday evening, the Board of Selectmen met publicly in an emergency session to address three separate and unrelated topics.

- 1) To accept the resignation of Susan Campbell, Vice-Chair, who by written letter, resigned effective 22 December, 2015.
- 2) To accept the resignation of William Calthorpe, Selectman, who by email to the board, resigned effective 1 January, 2016.
- 3) To take action with law enforcement regarding unaccounted-for public funds and associated documentation.

It is an unfortunate coincidence that the topics in our meeting created a story that might cause some confusion. The resignations and the possible crime are separate.

Susan and Bill resigned for individual reasons. Their letters to the board are both in the public record at the town office. We will miss both of them a great deal. Each brought important perspective, skills, value, and good humor to the board. We all wish them well. Please take a moment to thank them for their service to our community.

Elections, preceded by the nomination process, will take place at the earliest time possible – likely by early March.

With regard to the unaccounted-for public funds, law enforcement has been contacted to investigate on behalf of the Town. At this time, we are not able to comment further, pending the investigation

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Chebeague Island, thank you very much for your patience and your support. Happy New Year.

Kind Regards, Christopher Loder

Chairman, Chebeague Island Board of Selectmen