



# Town of Chebeague Island

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Dear Chebeague Community,

The storms of January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 13<sup>th</sup> brought strong winds, high tides and flooding, impacting our community significantly. We have once again witnessed historic weather come through the state impacting our coastline and re shaping it like never before. At the direction of Governor Mills, Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment of both storms. While this is not an application for assistance, the information will help the State of Maine measure the full impact of the storm.

The Selectboard, Town Administrator, Staff and Public Works have worked closely together to collect information and submit appropriate assessments on the town's behalf. As many of you have seen, whether it's through drives around the island or photos shared by your friends or neighbors, the island experienced significant damage to much of our shore front. Many of you have shared photos or videos with us to help document the damage and we thank you for that. While the town is working to report damage to town owned infrastructure, there is damage that can be reported by individuals and businesses. That information can be found on the town website.

As we take the next steps in cleaning out the debris and figuring out how to rebuild what has been damaged, please be careful around the damaged areas. Please avoid climbing into newly developed caves on the shore and up or down the embankments. While there are many roads that need work, East Shore Drive and South Shore Drive are the closest town roads to the shore and there is erosion that is significantly close to both roads. The town is setting up barricades around those areas to prevent people or vehicles getting too close, especially where there may have been undermining of the roadbed. Please take extra caution.

In the coming weeks, the town will learn more about whether there will be funding available to replace some of what has been lost. In the meantime, please be patient and respectful as we work to clean up the debris that has been washed up in the town Right of Way areas. The town will not rush into rebuilding these areas without having a plan of what needs to be done and how to do it properly.

Together we will repair and rebuild our community. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Administrator