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Chebeague Island Hall Community Center

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

A lot happens at the Chebeague Island Hall and Community Center: Town Meetings, elections, dinners/brunches (our last one was the 20th of Sept.), receptions/birthday parties, emergencies (Patriots Day storm and power outages), adult and children's theater, group gatherings—the list of uses is endless. The Hall is a focal point in our new town.

The Hall is not owned by the Town, but it is owned by all of us and represented by an active Board of Trustees. Working closely with the other two occupants of the building, the Library and the C.I. Council, your Board's responsibility is to assure that this structure continues to be available to everyone.

Over the past few years, we have chosen to invest a considerable sum in the upkeep and improvement of our structure. Thanks to your help, the Library and Hall roofs have been replaced last year. We are in the process of repainting the building. We have also had to upgrade our old septic and water systems. Add to this the refinishing of the floor, the painting of the walls, replacing an old dishwasher with a commercial one, and purchasing a better sound system for plays and concerts, our cash reserves have been reduced to where we need to ask for help for our next project—replacing the two old residential-style stoves with a commercial grade range and a code-compliant air exhaust system. The stoves are used for our very popular brunches, emergency meals, and many private functions.

Our goal is to raise \$11,000 to accomplish this task, and we are more than half way there. We have had many memorial gifts in memory of Jane Abrahamson, who was our president until she passed away last spring. We would like to thank the family for their generosity in helping this project come to life.

Please assist us in this effort by returning the enclosed proxy with a donation. We appreciate your past support and hope that you'll be able to enjoy the benefits of our current campaign.

Tad Runge, president CIHCC

