Dear Taxpayer:

With this tax billing cycle, the Town is implementing its new valuation process. Much effort has been put into capturing data and developing property values that are closer to market value. A few things to note:

> **Tax rate:** While values have gone up because it has been a long time since the last revaluation, the tax rate has gone down from $20.90 to $15.50.

> **Ongoing Process:** We will continue to make adjustments (both up and down!) when data corrections are needed. Something of this size and complexity is never perfect. Before commitment, we met with many, many folks. We continue to meet with people as they contact us. You can reach us at gdaigle1@maine.rr.com.

> **Homestead and Veterans’ exemptions:** Please note that because of the revaluation, homestead and veterans exemptions have increased to $10,000 and $6,000 respectively. Folks are eligible for homestead exemption if their Chebeague property is their primary residence and they have owned it for more than a year. A veteran must be a resident, own the property, be over 62, and honorably discharged to be eligible for the veterans’ exemption.

> **Commitment book:** The Town Clerk will post the commitment book (the official record that the tax bills are based on) to the website once the bills are delivered.

> **Appeal:** As noted above, adjustments can be made after commitment, and annually as well. Formal appeal is allowed by law within 185 days after commitment (approximately 6 months). Generally, informal discussions suffice.

Sincerely,

Bob Konczal, Town Assessor
Gerry Daigle, Appraisal Consultant