

**TOWN OF CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**TO: Christine Auffant, a resident of the Town of Chebeague Island, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine,**

**GREETING:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the town of Chebeague Island in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Chebeague Island Hall Community Center, 247 South Road, Chebeague Island, Maine on **Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 at 9 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 4;**

**OPEN TOWN MEETING – April 10, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.**

Article 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$55,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account, authorize appropriation of up to \$55,000, to be used toward the purchase of a backhoe for use by the Town's Public Works Department, and to authorize the Select Board or its designee to take all actions necessary to complete this transaction, including but not limited to the completion and execution of any and all contracts, notes, and other documents..

*Explanation: The Town's primary backhoe is currently out of commission, and the remaining equipment is aging, unreliable, and has caused extended service disruptions, limiting Public Works' ability to perform essential seasonal and routine tasks. This purchase will allow the Town to replace failing equipment with a single, modern backhoe that improves reliability and efficiency while reducing downtime and ongoing repair costs.*

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of two existing Public Works backhoes, either through trade-in, sale, or surplus, as they are no longer serviceable or cost-effective to repair with any proceeds received through such disposition to be appropriated against the purchase price of a new backhoe authorized to be purchased in Article 4.

*Explanation: The two existing backhoes are obsolete and have become operationally unreliable, making replacement the most prudent option.*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Town Administrator to enter into a three (3)-year lease-to-own agreement for the acquisition of a CASE 580SNWT Loader Backhoe, for a total purchase price not to exceed \$150,000, and to authorize the Select Board or its designee to take all actions necessary for the completion of this transaction, including but not limited to approval of all related financing and related documents.

*Explanation: The lease-to-own agreement provides a fiscally responsible means of replacing essential Public Works equipment in a timely manner while maintaining predictable, multi-year budgeting and avoiding a major upfront cost.*



Carol White, Chair

Eliza Jane Adams- Vice Chair



Ehrhardt Groothof




Richard Hackel

David Hill

Chebeague Island Select Board

A True Copy, ATTEST

 4/3/2020

Krista Hayward, Town Clerk  
Town of Chebeague Island, Maine

## RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Chebeague Island, Maine

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chebeague Island, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the following locations:

Chebeague Island Town Office, Chebeague Island Hall Community Center, Chebeague Island Library, Chebeague Island Recreation Center, Island Market, Stone Wharf bulletin case and Chebeague Transportation Company vessel "Islander"

All being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the 3rd of April, 2026 being at least seven days before the meeting.

  
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Christine Auffant, Resident of Chebeague Island