

**Island Commons Resource Center
Board of Directors FY 2023/2024**

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Susan Stranahan

Board President

Susan Stranahan spent 28 years on the staff of the Philadelphia Inquirer and has written for a number of national publications. She is the author of “Susquehanna, River of Dreams,” an environmental history, and co-author of “Fukushima: The Story of a Nuclear Disaster.” She has lived full-time on Chebeague since 2008 and currently serves as president of the Island Commons board.

Sharon Rent

Board Vice President

Before retiring, Sharon Rent was a Pa. licensed Real Estate agent for 18 years. She has been a Commons volunteer for over 10 years before coming on the board.

Vicki Emery

Board Secretary

An 8th generation native of Chebeague, Vicki moved to Westford, Massachusetts in 1979 with her husband Chip where they worked and raised their three children.

They moved back to Chebeague in 2016 where they live full-time.

Vicki was a dental hygienist and has worked in various office settings. She spent her last 16 years before retiring at a pediatrics practice, working her way up to office manager for 9 years. Her aunt, uncle, grandmother and both parents have all been residents of the Island Commons. It goes without saying that she is devoted to its’ mission and sustainability. She enjoys tennis, gardening and her eight grandchildren. She currently is serving as secretary on the Island Commons board.

Kevin M. Brunelle, CPA

RCC Business Services, Inc.

Corporate Treasurer

Kevin graduated from Colby College in 2003 with a degree in Economics. Prior to purchasing Milliken, Perkins & Brunelle, Kevin worked for Dawson, Smith, Purvis & Bassett in Portland for approximately six years. Kevin earned his CPA license in 2010 and now specializes in tax planning and compliance to clients in various industries. Kevin purchased RCC Business Services in 2016 and now also specializes in MaineCare accounting. He is passionate about learning the intricacies of the tax law so he can help his clients lower their taxes and build wealth. Kevin especially enjoys helping small Maine business owners and entrepreneurs grow their enterprises. Kevin lives in Falmouth with his wife Kate and his three daughters – Sydney, Brooke, and Charlotte. He enjoys spending time with his young family as well as watching all of New England’s sports teams.

Carla Clarke

Carla Clarke moved to Maine in 2009. After six corporate moves, she and Corky made an impulsive decision to move to Portland.

Her commitment to the Island Commons comes from helping to negotiate for the care of aging loved ones.

Her most notable employment was the role of Estate Manager/Personal Assistant for one of the world's wealthiest families. After ten years of 24/7 the move to Maine was a perfect escape. Both retired, Carla and Corky spend eight months on Chebeague and the other four in Portland where they enjoy easy access to both of their grandchildren.

Dr. Kip Webb

Kip is a lifelong Chebeague summer resident, growing up on Cottage Road. Kip and his wife, Clare, bought their own house on South Road in 2011. They live the remainder of the year in San Francisco, California. Kip has enjoyed a long career in healthcare, beginning as an academic pediatrician on the faculty of Stanford University before pivoting to a career in healthcare management consulting. For the past 12+ years, he held leadership roles at Accenture including running their North American Provider Healthcare practice and serving as their Chief Clinical Innovation Officer. Kip retired from Accenture in 2019. He now teaches Healthcare Strategy and Innovation at the University of California, Berkeley. Kip and Clare have two grown sons, Ryland and Gordy, and a little white dog, Bix.

Jim Lunt

Jim founded two construction companies in the Bay Area and is now retired but continues to consult with his former company. He has over forty years of experience in construction, primarily residential, specializing in plumbing, heating and fire sprinkler systems. He helped found and guide several business management discussion groups and lectured on best practices to business groups and energy efficiency forums. Jim now serves as treasurer on the board for a non-profit emergency communication group that works with the cities of Berkeley and Albany and UC Berkeley, and sits on the board of the Island Commons. Jim is a third-generation, lifelong summer resident of Chebeague. He enjoys swimming, sailing, travel and time with family.

Meg Greene

Meg was introduced to Chebeague in 1974 by Dana Bourgeois; Meg and Dana are now part time residents of the island's "Massachusetts Colony" for nine months of the year. Meg's experience with the needs of island elders precedes the Commons. Her memory of Dana's grandmother, Lelia Curit Hale Phipps, writing to her childhood Penobscot friends who had summered on the golf course, asking them to "save" her from spending her final days in a skilled nursing facility on the mainland because there was no alternative for care. Meg's professional life is devoted to helping clients legally prepare for incapacity and arrange for the transfer of assets on death. She lives in Brunswick when not on Chebeague.

Denis Johnson

After being adopted from Russia, Denis spent the remainder of his childhood on Chebeague where he was involved in several of the great organizations on the island during that time. Upon receiving a BS in Criminal Justice, he moved to North Carolina to pursue a career in medical billing/recovery. After eleven years away he moved back to Maine to be closer to family. He is thoroughly excited to be asked to become an Island Commons board member and teammate. “I look forward to creating an even more enjoyable environment for its residents and staff.”

Norma Drew

Norma and her husband, Jeff, are recent arrivals to Chebeague Island. Norma recently retired after a 35-year career in marketing and strategy for some of the world’s most famous brands. Norma is honored to join the board for the Island Commons and is a passionate advocate for the concept of “close to home” care which the Commons delivers so wonderfully and effectively. When not on Chebeague, Norma and Jeff make their home in Switzerland and are enthusiastic hikers, paddleboarders, and travelers.

Scott Sawyer

Scott grew up in Falmouth, Maine, and attended Bowdoin College. He and his wife, Ellen, are based in Providence, Rhode Island, and have been spending summers on Chebeague since 2003. Scott has had a long career as outside counsel or in-house counsel for several start-up telecommunications companies including MCI, Brooks Fiber, BayRing, segTel, Sovernet, Onvoy, Voyant and Inteliquent. For the last few years, Scott has served as general counsel to the agency in Rhode Island that is responsible for economic development in the state. Scott and Ellen have two daughters, Lily and Elizabeth, who live in Brooklyn, NY.

William Kerrigan

Bill grew up in central Massachusetts and was first introduced to Chebeague in 1998 through his wife Dani, a third-generation summer resident. Bill and Dani currently spend summers on Chebeague with their 3 children, Sawyer, Riley and Helen. The whole family absolutely loves their time on Chebeague each year and have worked to build professional careers that enable them to spend summers on the island. When not on Chebeague, Bill lives in Portland, Oregon where he owns and operates a plumbing company that he has spent the last 18 years growing. Bill finds passion in building and developing people. Being both a father and an entrepreneur allows him plenty of opportunities to practice this passion. His hope is that he can be of service to the Commons in many different ways.

Sarah Swann Van Fleet

Sarah is a 3rd generation summer resident. She and her husband Jim moved to Yarmouth in 1988 with their daughter Becca and son Jeremy. Sarah taught in the Yarmouth Schools for many years and then became a Class Teacher at the Maine Coast Waldorf School. She retired in 2015 after 30 years of teaching. She now spends several months at the family cottage on the East End; walking Halo, sailing Casco Bay, vegetable gardening, and building castles on the beach with her grandchildren. Chebeague continues to be her favorite place on earth.