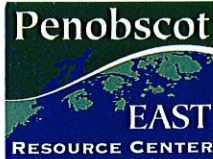


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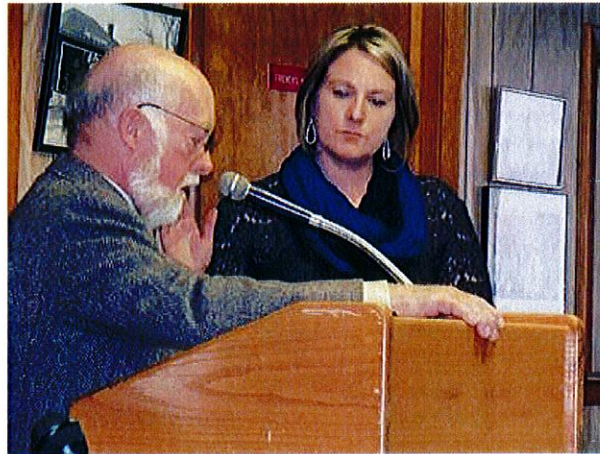
New officials in Deer Isle and Stonington

Island residents cast votes on election day

by Monique Labbe

Voters in Deer Isle and Stonington combined forces to vote in new blood to the CSD #13 School Board, electing Elizabeth Steele and Jane Osborne to take up three-year terms with vote totals of 533 and 424, respectively. Steele and Osborne were running against Elliot Shepard Jr. in a three-person race for the two seats. Shepard received 355 total votes.

Deer Isle residents elected Twyla Weed to a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen. Weed, who previously served on the board from 1998-2013, won a close race, 297-284, over Peter Perez.



Deer Isle town meeting moderator Loring Kydd swears in Becky Knowlton as the town's town clerk.

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In a contested race for road commissioner, Bert Schmidt beat out incumbent Ken Eaton, 306-250. Eaton was seeking reelection after serving as road commissioner for the previous two years. Schmidt has been plowing for the town since 1992 and has lived in Deer Isle since moving from Massachusetts at age 18.

Running unopposed, Myra P. Weed was elected to a one-year term as treasurer and tax collector, receiving 564 votes. Rebekah Knowlton received 566 in an unopposed race for a one-year term as town clerk.

A total of 585 ballots were cast in Deer Isle, with 138 of them being absentee.

In Stonington, John Robbins won a contested race for a one-year term on the board of selectmen over William Shepard, 93-67. Robbins previously served three terms on the board from 2001-2010.

Donna Brewer, running for a three-year seat on the board of selectmen, was unopposed on the ballot and received 152 votes.

Allison Edinger won an uncontested race for a three-year in-district seat on the sanitary board, receiving 40 votes.

Papers for a three-year at-large seat and a two-year in-district seat were not taken out prior to elections, leaving both seats available for write-ins on the ballot. Jeannine Buckminster had the most write-in votes for the three-year at-large seat with five, while Benjamin Pitts received the most votes for the two-year in-district seat with three.

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