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Stonington to Host Legislative Candidates Breakfast

STONINGTON, MAINE, June 7, 2022 -- The Stonington Economic Development Committee (SEDC) and Deer-Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that both State Legislative House District 15 candidates, Holly R. Eaton of Deer Isle and Jason Joyce of Swans Island, will be joining citizens for an "Eggs & Issues"-style informational breakfast on Thursday, June 23 from 8-9 AM. A listening session and not a debate nor endorsement event, both candidates will have a chance to hear what is on citizens' minds and to share their thoughts and positions on the issues most pressing to the island community, including but not limited to economic development, workforce development and housing, sea level rise, and fishing industry changes and impacts.

Eaton and Joyce are running for the seat held by Genevieve McDonald of Stonington, who resigned in May.

Holly Eaton was born and raised on Deer Isle, attending and graduating from Deer Isle/Stonington schools. She received her BA from Regis College in Weston, MA. While living in the Portland area, Holly received her Massage Therapy license and operated a Massage Therapy practice while also working at Martin's Point Healthcare. She returned to Deer Isle in 2008 to be closer to her family and raise a family in the same community she grew up in. Since then she has held numerous positions, working for Penobscot East Resource Center (now the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries) and as a sternman and serving on the boards of HIP (Healthy Island Project) and IFWA (Island Fisherman's Wives Association) as well as two terms on the school board and on the Deer Isle Appeals board. Holly is a member of the Deer Isle Sunset Congregational Church, and a founding member of Deer

Isle Stonington Pride. She is married to Trisha Eaton and they have two sons. Holly is currently self employed as a Massage Therapist and Home Organizer.

Jason Joyce is an eighth generation lobster fisherman from Swans Island who has worked in multiple fisheries for many years. He says his "desire to protect coastal communities and a deep sense of civic duty to faithfully represent working waterfronts are the driving force for his candidacy." He is married to his high school sweetheart and they have four children and two grandchildren.

Doors will open at 7:30 am and a breakfast buffet featuring coffee and items from local restaurants and vendors will be provided. The program begins at 8:00 AM and will run for one hour.

The event will be held on the second floor of the Stonington Town Hall. Parking is available in the Memorial Lane and Pink Street lots; accessible parking and entrance are at the rear of the building.

For more information please contact the Town of Stonington at 207-367-2351 or econdev@stoningtonmaine.org.

Your safety is the Town of Stonington's primary concern. Please protect yourself and others. If you are unwell and exhibiting any cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay home. If you are unvaccinated or have other health vulnerabilities, please wear a mask. Thank you!