

Chebeague Island Historical Society's
Ellsworth Miller Memorial Lecture Series

Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 7PM
at the Chebeague Community Church and via Zoom

Nick Wessell*

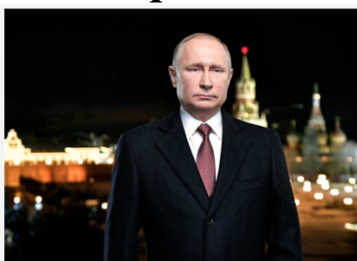
“Vladimir Putin: Should We Fear Him?”

What explains Putin and his attack on Ukraine? Is there worse to come? Is this country in Putin's crosshairs? Why have our Presidents underestimated the man?

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