

CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 21, 1999 at OLD LYME, CT

The meeting was called to order at 4:25 PM by President Sammis.

Members present: **Bob Sammis**, Stratford HMC; **David Dunavan**, Norwalk HMC; **Joel Severance**, Chester HMC; **Mike Griffin**, Norwalk HM

Others present: **Al Grunow**, CHMA Exec. Sec.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting in October and the Board meeting in September were accepted. It was noted that the Annual meeting minutes incorrectly refer to the President and Vice President as Chairman and Vice Chairman.

As allowed by Article V, Section 5 of the By-Laws, Mike Griffin and Geoffrey Steadman were appointed to the Board of Directors to fill the new positions for a Harbormaster Director and an Associate Member Director created by the By-Law amendments adopted at the past Annual Meeting.

Old Business

The President discussed correspondence with the High Speed Ferry Task Force regarding the appointment of Mike Griffin as a liaison between the Task Force and the Association. The Task Force has appointed Mike as an alternate member to substitute for Joe Savino, Bridgeport HM. They wish to limit the number of persons involved in their meetings.

There was a discussion concerning the continuing availability of considerable money for pump out stations and boats from the Clean Water Fund. There will be short article in the next Harbor Times.

Al Grunow distributed draft copies of next Harbor Times. A few minor corrections were noted. Eastern Graphics will print it, same charge as before for 500 copies. Griffin will assist in getting material to printer as Dunavan will be away.

New Business

There are presently two vacant positions on the Board of Directors plus we need a Treasurer. There was discussion of the best way to find people to fill these positions. The President will write letters to member HMC Chairman requesting nominations.

Joel Severance proposed the Association sponsor a forum on "Challenges in Working with the DEP". Members would be asked to submit write ups of situations that have actually occurred. A number would be selected for discussion and identification of changes to DEP procedures or policies that could reduce the headaches and frustrations that are often part of the permitting process. Dunavan will draft a letter to go to all Commissions requesting them to assist the Association in "Identifying Issues of Common Concern" per our By-Laws.

Mike Griffin presented a draft letter inviting all State Harbormasters to a meeting on Feb. 25, probably at the CG Station in New Haven. The objective of the meeting is to create an active Harbormaster's group within the Association to address their common needs and concerns.

Financial Report

Acting Treasurer Sammis submitted a report showing a balance on hand Dec. 31, 1998 of \$5115.51. It was further noted that we can expect income from membership renewals of about \$5000 by next summer. The President suggested this would allow us to provide expenses and a fee for a speaker for this years Annual Meeting dinner. Board members will attempt to identify possible speakers. Dunavan suggested that we publish more editions of The Harbor Times as it is our primary means of communication with members.

There was a discussion of sources of material for additional issues of the Harbor Times. Ideas included:

Republishing noteworthy articles from other publications.

Requesting each member Commission to submit a brief report of their major projects/activities/concerns for the past year or 6 months. Grunow noted this is the basis for another news letter that he edits.

Use of paid freelance writers.

Spring Forum in Conjunction with Save the Sound It was agreed that each member Commission and each Associate or HM Member will receive a letter entitling them to one free registration for the March 19 Forum on Dredge Material Disposal being arranged by Save the Sound.

Annual Meeting

There was a consensus that the Annual Meeting be held at the Woodwinds in Branford again on either September 30 or October 7.

The meeting was adjourned about 6:20 PM.

David S. Dunavan
Secretary