CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 12, 1999 at OLD LYME, CT

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President Sammis.

Members present: **Bob Sammis**, Stratford HMC; **David Dunavan**, Norwalk HMC; **Mike Griffin**, Norwalk HM; **Peter Holecz**, Bridgeport HMC; **Geoff Steadman**, Consultant; Staff: **Al Grunow**, CHMA Exec. Sec.

The minutes of the April 15, 1999 Board meeting were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. The balance on 6/300/99 was \$4833.52. For April, May and June expenditures were \$630.40 and income was \$1040.

Old Business

Plans to publish an issue of the Harbor Times in September were discussed. Geoff Steadman will write a report of the meeting on dredging he attended in Los Angeles, there will be a section of information for Harbormasters as well as information on the Annual Meeting and a membership application.

A brief discussion of Long Island Sound dredging noted the recent Clean Harbor Action mailing and that Save the Sound will be issuing a position paper shortly.

The question of how to proceed in discussing "Issues of Common Concern" with the DEP was considered. It was decided to convene a meeting of the Chairman (or representative) from each Member Commission to define and document a limited number of problem areas. The Association will then request a meeting with senior DEP officials to discuss the problem areas and possible solutions.

New Business

Mike Griffin reported on the Harbormaster meetings that have been held over the past several months. He noted the support from Dave Rositer, Al Stevens and Capt. Nelson from the DOT. There was a discussion of the relation ship between the DEP, DOT and Harbormasters. Steadman and Griffin will write a letter to Dave Rositer thanking him.

Plans for the Annual Meeting at the Woodwinds on Sept. 30 were reviewed. The Chairman was authorized to invite a maximum of 5 or 6 special guests. The exhibits will focus on the major cities, Hartford, Bridgeport and New London. There will be no Harbor of the Year award this year. The speaker will be Neal A. Overstrom, President of the Mystic Aquarium. His topic will be ~ "Why Waterfront Development is Important to Connecticut & How to do It" The agenda for the Annual Business Meeting was reviewed.

It was noted that there are 36 Harbormasters and 14 Deputy Harbormasters.

It was further noted that the amounts of Boating Registration Fund money returned to the cities has not changed since 1978 and needs to be revised to account for the increased number of boats.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

David S. Dunavan Secretary