

CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING Oct 4, 2001 at Branford Ct.

The 2001 Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association was called to order by President Joel Severance at 5:35 P.M. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the Spring Forum were approved unanimously with no discussion.

Treasure Bob Sammis reported a balance of \$6386. Included in the report were descriptions of revenues from Harbor Commissions, Associate members and individuals such as Sea Tow and people from the trades associations.

Treasure Sammis also reported monies paid out such as for conferences (i.e. the Spring Forum in Guilford), the Harbormasters Workshop in New London, mailings, the new web site and the dinner held that evening.

The Treasure's report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to continue Steven Hayes as Director until the next regular scheduled meeting at which a vote is to be taken to extend his position another term.

President Severance announced that there was an empty seat on the Board of Directors due to a resignation (Wm. Tallman). There was a request from the President Severance for someone to fill the vacancy, looking for someone from the eastern part of the State. Louis Allyn from Mystic volunteered. He was nomination was made, seconded and passed most expeditiously.

President Severance spoke of the C.H.M.A. web site that is presently being set up. There will be links to the DEP, Army Corp. and other marine organizations. All notes will be posted on the web as to meetings, workshops and points of interest to members. The web site will be interactive and member participation is encouraged.

Also mentioned was the Wharfing Out survey. All towns were encouraged to respond so that a clear picture can be had as to what is being done with the build of wharfs, docks and the like throughout the state.

Harbormasters' Report – was given for Mike Griffin by Geoff Steadman. It was reported that the training seminar that took place in February at the Naval Reserve Training Center was a great success. It was also taped should anyone wish to view it. Geoff raised a question about the future funding of such programs. Funding for this year's seminar came from C.H.M.A.

The problem of not being able to access boat registrations by harbormasters in cases of the emergency was again raised.

Associates Report – was given by Geoff Steadman. Geoff stated that he along with a handful of other directors are working on the issue of Federal dredging. The process is long and drawn out causing much frustration throughout the State. One of the main concerns at present is that there is no State agency actively working with this problem. Geoff cited Maine and New York as having plans in place worthy of note and consideration.

New business – President Severance asked for any ideas as to what areas may be pursued by C.H.M.A. in up coming year. In the past dredging and wharfing were addressed. Aquaculture and water quality were both discussed as possibilities.

It was announced that Mike Griffin from Norwalk would continue as Chairman of the Harbormasters Association.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

James J. Downey
Secretary