

CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2000 at OLD LYME, CT

President Severance called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Members present: Joel Severance, Chester HMC, Jim Downey, Old Saybrook HMC, Dave Dunavan, Norwalk HMC, Mike Griffin, Norwalk Harbor Master, John Roberge, -----, Bob Sammis, Stratford HMC, Jeff Steadman, Consultant AM, Bill Tallman, Norwich, City Mgr., Mary Von Conta, Fairfield HMC

Staff: Al Grunow, CHMA Exec. Sec.

The minutes of the Sept. 7, 2000 meeting were approved unanimously – no discussion.

Treasurer, Bob Sammis reported a balance of \$4235.12 as of this meeting. It was also reported that only one (1) HMC (Clinton) had not yet paid their dues for this year.

The treasurer also asked for permission to purchase, in advance, three (3) recognition plaques for next year in order to maintain continuity with previously given plaques. The request was approved.

Old Business

Discussion was had concerning the impressive turnout at the Annual Meeting held on October 19, 2000 in Branford, Ct. This was the largest audience (est. at 130) of any previous meeting. The guest speaker, Dr. Claire Gaudiani, President of Connecticut College did not disappoint with her terrific talk on the development of the New London waterfront. Also noted in attendance was Commissioner Art Roch from the DEP.

Jeff Steadman spoke of the recognition given to Southport at the Annual Meeting for their waterfront improvement project. He passed out copies of local newspaper clippings citing this award given by the Connecticut Harbor Management Association.

President Severance asked for suggestions as to making next year's meeting even better. Jeff Steadman expressed one point of confusion, that being with the DEP officials as to who was chairing the Harbor Masters' segment of the program.

New Business

Election of officers for the coming year followed. The results were President, Joel Severance, Vice President, David Dunavan, Treasurer, Bob Sammis, and Jim Downey, Secretary.

The schedule for the quarterly meetings was discussed. Some members liked the idea of holding the quarterly meetings at different locations. Pres. Severance will try to pick one (1) alternate spot to meet for the coming year.

A review was had of last winter's meeting in Chester that centered on interaction with various Federal and State Agencies as to management concerns such as Harbor Management Commissions being able to contact boat owner through their registration numbers. Jeff Steadman stated that this issue maybe resolved in the near future.

Also discussed were the duties and authority of harbormasters.

Priority issues that will be discussed with the DEP by Joel Severance, David Dunavan, and Bob Sammis were reviewed. Bob Sammis will list concerns that will be sent to the all Board Members before being sent to the DEP.

The lack of study of Economic Development impact, as it pertains to the waterfront and harbors was discussed. Neither the State nor the DEP has done any studies in this area. A discussion followed as to CHMA's possible involvement in such a study. It was decided that any studies in this area should come out of the Governor's Office or the DEP.

Mike Griffin discussed the Harbor Masters' Focus Group. The workshop for all harbor masters will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2001 at the Naval Facilities in New London. Of the surveys sent out a very high 67% were returned. Good progress has been made to date with various State agencies in developing language for the training sessions.

Bob Sammis made a motion to give \$500 to the Harbor Masters' Training Program. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Steadman discussed dredging. Information will be forth coming in a report to be given to the CHMA.

Joel Severance discussed a workshop on the management of docks and piers to take place some time in the spring of 2001.

The last item discussed was the possibility of establishing a Web site for the CHMA.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Jim Downey
Secretary

