

CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Jan 7, 2002 at Old Lyme, Ct.

President Severance called the meeting to order at 4:45 P.M.

Members present: Joel Severance, Dave Dunavan, Al Grunow, Steve Hayes, Bob Sammis, Mary VonConta, Michael Griffin, Sen George L. Gunther, Peter Holecz, Geoff Steadman, Jim Downey

Minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved unanimously with no discussion.

Treasure's report was approved unanimously with no discussion.

It was reported by the Secretary that the response from the "wharfing out" questionnaire sent out in August of 2001 was minimal and much of what that was sent back was not very specific. Information will be compiled by the secretary and given to the president for future consideration.

Dave Dunavan reported on the progress of the Association's web page. It seems that information is still needed such as minutes of meetings, members of the commission and addresses. Some discussion was had as to whether or not to note officers' e-mail addresses and phone numbers on the web. The decision was made to list residence (by town) along with e-mail addresses.

Also to be noted on the web page will be the CHMA's by-laws, calendar, and harbormasters' report to include activities involving the harbormasters.

Discussion was had as to the next newsletter. Al Grunow stated that he would do his best to get the letter out so long as everyone gets the information to him in due time.

Geoff Steadman gave dredging up-date. Geoff stated that he has been getting information from various groups such as the Maritime Coalition and the Ct. Trades Association. He now has a draft that was reviewed by appropriate State agencies as well as the organizations mentioned above. A presentation will be made to the Lt. Governor in the spring.

Geoff's basic recommendation was to have a specific agency in the State coordinating dredging projects. It was also noted that towns involved in dredging met in Hartford before the end of last year.

Bob Sammis spoke of dredging that took place in the Housatonic River which had "good" material. The question was then raised "What do you do with it?" It seems that dredged material is treated all the same despite it's actual content.

Dave Dunavan read a letter from the DEP as to the third year of grants to towns in providing transient dockage and moorings. Some discussion was had as to the different experiences Norwalk and Stratford experienced concerning funds available.

An appeal from Rich Huntley was read concerning the availability of funds to provide pump out boats and stations.

Mike Griffin reported on the success of harbormasters to now have access to boat registrations. This is something that the CHMA has long advocated and is pleased with this ruling. Mike stated that he would be getting the message out to all harbormasters at the spring meeting.

Geoff Steadman reported that Greenwich is in contact with him as to dredging both the Mianus River and Greenwich Harbor.

President Severance raised the question as to the topic for the Spring Seminar. After some discussion it was decided that the topic would center on aquaculture. The seminar will take place in April but no date was set.

Sen. Gunther gave a most enlightening talk as to the laying of cable in Long Island Sound. It seems that there are a myriad of problems seen in the proposal now being considered for New Haven Harbor.

It was decided that CHMA would write a letter of non support of the proposal to lay cable from New Haven to Long Island. A copy of the letter is to be sent to the DEP, Army Corps, and the Office of Long Island Sound Programs.

Bob Sammis along with Mike Griffin and Steve Hayes will work together to put on the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

James J. Downey, Secretary