

CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 20, 1997 at GUILFORD, CT

The meeting was called to order at about 4:15 PM by Chairman Sammis.

Members present: Bob Sammis, Stratford HMC; Joel Severance, Chester HMC; Karel denTex, Mystic HMC; Dave Dunavan, Norwalk HMC; Peter Holecz, Bridgeport HMC

Others present: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Al Grunow, Acting Exec. Sec't

The Treasurer's Report showed dues payments from 9 full members and 11 associate members. Balance as of Feb. 28, 1997 was \$1888.54. Expenses of about \$775 for stationary, newsletter editing and printing and postage were approved for payment.

The idea of changing the Associations fiscal year was discussed. The Secretary was requested to draft an amendment to the By-Laws for consideration at the 1997 annual meeting that would change the fiscal year to July 1 to June 30 to better match most municipalities.

Newsletter costs and publication schedule were discussed. The first issue of *The Harbor Times* cost \$635 which includes \$300 stipend for the Editor, \$265 printing cost for 500 copies of 8 pages, and \$70 postage. It was decided to publish two issues per year, spring and fall. The Chairman will send a letter mailing to all members twice a year also, between issues of *The Harbor Times*.

The next Board of Director's meetings were set for June and September. Topics for discussion include issues of common concern and interest and a survey regarding interests for breakout sessions at the Annual Meeting in October. The idea of holding the Board meetings at various locations east and west along the coast was also discussed. This might facilitate looking at Harbor of the Year candidates.

A request from the Connecticut Marine Trades Association to schedule a joint annual meeting was discussed. The consensus was we should not do this, but might do a joint forum on a subject of common interest.

Bob Sammis suggested two locations in Branford for the annual meeting, The Woodwinds on Thursday, Oct. 16 and Bill Miller's on Wednesday, Oct. 15. There was discussion on facilities, breakout sessions and program. Bob will talk to The Woodwinds about use of the whole facility to provide more separation for breakout groups. He will ask Ron Aliano to call Micky Brown about a speaker who would talk about plans for a high speed ferry.

A proposal to add 2 members to the Board of Directors was discussed. This would be done by changing the Bylaws to call for 5 "other directors" rather than 3 as at present. The Secretary will draft a proposal for the Annual meeting.

The process of selecting the next "Harbor of the Year" was discussed. The Chairman will include a request for nominations in a letter to all Harbor Management Commissions. We also need to find another small bollard for the award.

The meeting was adjourned about 6:00 PM.

David S. Dunavan
Secretary