

CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 15, 1999 at OLD LYME, CT

The meeting was called to order at 4:25 PM by President Sammis.

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

The minutes of the January 21, 1999 Board meeting were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. The balance on 3/31/99 was \$4257.78 after payment of about \$645 in expenses for the last issue of The Harbor Times. Pending expenses included \$115 for Compass Rose plaques and about \$300 for stationary, membership cards and certificates.

**Old Business**

A summer issue of The Harbor Times was discussed. The content would be primarily a summary of the Save the Sound Dredging Forum plus any updated information on dredging in Long Island Sound.

It was noted that six persons used the \$10 vouchers provided by the association for registration at the Dredging Forum.

Mike Griffin reported that the High Speed Ferry Task Force was studying the problems created by Flare Craft, a new type of vessel resembling a very low flying aircraft.

**New Business**

Mike Griffin reviewed two meetings of Harbormasters and Deputies. There was strong support for organizing as a part of CHMA to share information and address issues of common concern. Assistant Attorney General Paul Pernerewski will attend the next meeting to discuss insurance and liability issues related to Harbormaster's duties.

Bob Sammis announced the Annual Meeting will be held at the Woodwinds in Branford on September 30. Suggestions were sought for a keynote speaker. Pete Marnane, formerly Director of the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, presently Director of the Yachting Museum in Newport, was suggested.

There was considerable discussion of how best to proceed with a public discussion of "Issues of Common Concern in Dealing with the DEP". The consensus of the meeting was to document issues by communication with member commissions and then arrange a meeting of CHMA Officers with the DEP Commissioner Arthur Rocque to begin a dialog on how best to resolve specific issues.

There was a discussion of the need to recruit additional Association members and to fill the two open positions on the Board of Directors as well as find a permanent Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

David S. Dunavan  
Secretary