

Minutes of CHMA Board of Directors Meeting September 19, 2012

President Dr John Pinto called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present were: Lou Allyn, Mike Griffin, John Henningson, Peter Holecz, Don Landers, John Pinto, John Roberge, Joel Severance, Geoff Steadman and Mary von Conta. Chief Murray Pendleton, Waterford Police department and Harbor Master for Waterford was present as an invited guest.

1. Financial Status – The Treasurer reported that there was \$17,078 in the checking account as of September 19, 2012. There was a discussion of possible uses of some of the funds. John Henningson agreed to draft a newsletter. Geoff Steadman agreed to draft an Annual Report to give to local officials and others. He will also draft a CHMA brochure and research publication options. A motion was made, seconded and passed to explore publishing of a newsletter and brochure not to exceed \$1,000. The IRS status of CHMA was discussed; Lou Allyn will research and send a report ~~to~~ to the Board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report.
2. Waterford Police Chief and Harbormaster Murray Pendleton presented his experiences with harbormaster training programs and recommendations for CHMA to pursue. His basic theme was to find out what people need to do their jobs and provide it to them” perhaps working with the eastern and western parts of the state. It was felt that a future possibility of more regulations regarding harbormaster training could be averted if CHMA takes a leadership role in providing such training. The possibility of applying for a NOAA Sea Grant or other funding source was mentioned. Although “enforcement” is important to many harbor masters and commissions the point was made that each town needs to decide what kind of enforcement they want to have. No decision was made but Mike Griffin said he would collaborate with Chief Pendleton to acquire additional information on identifying needs of harbor masters around the state.
3. Discussion of the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Woodwinds
John Pinto will contact Woodwinds to choose a date and make the reservation.
Candidates for speakers were discussed. A theme for this year’s annual dinner meeting is to address the continuation of “Doc” Gunther’s legacy in effective harbor management and have speakers focus on the future of harbor/coastal management in Connecticut.
Suggestions/nominations for the Ron Aliano Leadership Award and other awards are to be sent to the Board for comments.

Respectfully submitted, Louis Allyn, Acting Secretary

