

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 13, 2016

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commissioners: Chair TR Brysh, Vice Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, Eric Mull, Alison Varian, John Hall (arrived 7:55)

Absent: Ed Meaney, Anthony DeLucia

Wardens: Wayne Vetre

Commercial: Bud Harris, LMH Charters, 70 Cardinal Drive, Guilford
Peter Consiglio, Poppa-C, LLC, East Haven, CT
Steven Schafer, Hemlock Oyster Company, 1 Harbor Pt., Stamford, CT
Jay Fairty/Patty King, Dolan Brothers Shellfish, 231 Harbor St., Branford, CT

Guests: Ed Lombard, potential GSC commissioner

At 7:40 pm Chair TR Brysh called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

Chair Brysh expressed appreciation to all the commercial fisheries who had submitted business plan proposals to be considered to license the three currently available Lots, located at Lot 32 eight acres on the West River, Lot 42 for 6.6 acres at Island Creek, and Lot 3 for fifteen acres on the East River to Neck River.

There were no further comments by the commercial fishermen. At this time they left the meeting.

2. Approval of December 9, 2015 Minutes

Upon review,

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to approve the December 9, 2015 minutes, as amended, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Goldschmidt, Mull, Varian, Meaney

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

Stephen Goldschmidt advised that there was no new information to report.

A. Executive Session: Discuss Commercial Lot License Real Estate

Motion: At 7:47 pm, Stephen Goldschmidt moved to adjourn to Executive Session, inviting GSC commissioners, Ed Lombard and Warden Wayne Vetre to attend, to discuss commercial lot license real estate, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: At 7:50 pm, Stephen Goldschmidt moved to close the Executive Session, awaiting John Hall's arrival, and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

4. Bills and Correspondence

Finance Chair Eric Mull submitted bills for review :

Bills

Sweitzer Trash Removal (formerly Waste Tech Removal) 3 months	\$ 102.00
Stephen Goldschmidt - sampling mileage - fuel	\$ 75.44
Town Marina Commission : Slip Rental	\$1,464.00
Port Supply : Emergency Beacons for Guilford Fire Dept.	\$ 373.01
Warden Wayne Vetre	\$ 280.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 360.00
Warden Peter Beauvais	\$ 160.00
Warden Bob Kazden	\$ 160.00
Judy Anderson Castellano-Recording Secretary	<u>\$ 102.00</u>

Total : \$3,076.45

Revenue : Alison Varian reported that she had sold the GSC outdated Garmin GPS for \$300 online on E-bay.

Motion: Ed Meaney moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Wayne Vetre reported that he had given a verbal warning to some shellfishers and had found people shellfishing on Christmas Eve. Resident Hank Graver who lives in the Tuttle's Point area offered to alert GSC if he saw any violations.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreational Licenses : Discuss 2016 Licenses

Ed Meaney advised that there was no report this month.

C. Boat

Alison Varian reported that the \$300 payment for the Garmin GPS sold on Ebay will be received next month.

D. Finance

Eric Mull submitted for review the December Finance Statement from the Town Finance Dept. A November report had not been received and the figures from November are missing from the December report. Eric will contact the Finance Dept regarding this matter and the \$10,000 that GSC has agreed to donate to the Guilford Fire Dept. toward the purchase of the new fire boat.

B. Water Sampling

John Hall arrived and reviewed the upcoming water sampling schedule, noting that areas had been closed since December 24, 2015. Discussion was held on the need to retrieve samples with good test results to reopen areas as soon as possible.

F. Special Projects

Chair Brysh reported that there has been an offer for the bull rake. He will contact the proposed buyer regarding the final price.

G. Signs

Open and Closed recreational signs had been changed, as needed, this month.

H. Website

Chair Brysh reported that he had submitted the GSC 2016 meeting schedule to Town Webmaster, Traci Brinkman.

At this point,

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:06 pm, inviting GSC commissioners, Ed Lombard and Warden Wayne Vetre to attend, to discuss commercial lot license real estate, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Goldschmidt, Hall, Mull, Meaney, Varian

Motion: At 9:14 pm, Stephen Goldschmidt moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to offer the East River Lot 42 license agreement to Dolan Brothers Shellfish, at a rate of \$175 per acre for the first year, with an increase of \$5.00 per year per acre until the five year agreement expires, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to offer the West River Lot 3 license agreement to Hemlock Oyster Company, at a rate of \$175 per acre for the first year, with an increase of \$5.00 per year per acre until the five year agreement expires, and use gear and other equipment to determine what they can use in the river, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to offer Lot 32 to LMH Charters, at a rate of \$175 per acre for the first year, with an increase of \$5.00 per year per acre, until the five year agreement expires, with the lessee at their own risk to license gear, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: Eric Mull moved to authorize Stephen Goldschmidt to execute the above motioned offers and notify all parties. Upon a positive response, GSC will hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to hold a Public Hearing for Lot 1 to increase the license agreement fee to \$175 per acre for the first year, with an increase of \$5.00 per year per acre, until the five year agreement expires seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

8. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that there was no new information from the LAC.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that there was no new information from the SGAB.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

HMC Chair Alison Varian reported that she had received an email from Guilford resident Kevin Swatslow requesting whether he could legally access the water for shellfishing at Bloody Cove, per a Town document he had found.

Chair Brysh reported that he had contacted Selectman Gary MacElhiney and Warden Allyn Brown on the issue, who advised that there is no parking area and portions are private property. It will be necessary to contact the Guilford Police Dept. for further information.

9. Old Business

A. Annual Report

Chair Brysh reported that he had submitted the GSC Annual Report to the Town Clerk.

B. Annual Gathering of CT Shellfish Commissions

Chair TR Brysh reported that he had submitted the commissioners' names and registered for the January 23, 2015, Annual Gathering of the CT Shellfish Commissions, to be held at the New Haven Sound School. TR will be facilitate a "round table" discussion regarding Warden Patrols and Procedures.

10. New Business

John Hall advised that he received a call from the Town Democratic Party to change John's affiliation from Republican to Democrat in order to fill a GSC position.

Chair Brysh advised that his term expires next month (February 2016) and that he will not seek another term due to other commitments. Elections will be held in February. GSC positions for Ed Meaney and Ed Lombard will be updated at that time. TR will be given a lifetime recreational shellfish license in appreciation for his many years of service to the Town.

11. Adjournment

Motion : At 9:30 pm, Stephen Goldschmidt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote : Carried – Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary