

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

October 14, 2015

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commissioners: Chair TR Brysh, Vice Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, Eric Mull, John Hall, Anthony DeLucia, Alison Varian, Ed Meaney

Absent: Anthony DeLucia

Wardens: None

Commercial: Bud Harris, Chris Walston (C.W. Shellfish), Patty King and Jay Fairty (Dolan Brothers Shellfish)

Guests: Ed Lombard, potential GSC commissioner
Keith Neilson, DockCo.

At 7:35 pm Chair TR Brysh called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

Chair Brysh advised that Ed Lombard had shown interest in joining GSC. Discussion reviewed GSC priority to collect water and meat samples to be tested by the Bureau of Aquaculture (BoA). Mr. Lombard's family has a long history with shellfishing and past GSC membership.

Due to the recent availability of shellfish grounds previously licensed by other commercial fisheries, those present advised that there are interested in being considered to license these Lots. Bud Harris is interested in the West River Lot and others and Dolan Brothers Shellfish is interested in three Lots, especially in the East River.

The GSC continues to review the procedures for licensing commercial shellfish grounds.

2. Approval of September 9, 2015 and September 30, 2015 Minutes

Upon review,

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to Table approval of the September 9 and September 30 Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Eric Mull.

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

3. Richard Weissmann – Dock project revisions- Keith Neilson to present

Keith Neilson of DockCo, consultant for resident Richard Weissman, presented a diagram of the revisions to the location, ramp, pilings, chain for his client's proposed dock installation. Revisions to the original application were required by GSC, DEEP, Town Zoning regulations, and Army Corp of Engineers.

Upon review,

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to send the DEEP consultation form, noting that GSC has no objection to the revised dock installation as presented by DockCo consultant Keith Neilson for Mr. Weissman, seconded by Tony DeLucia

4. 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 7:58 pm Stephen Goldschmidt moved to adjourn to Executive Session, inviting GSC commissioners to attend, to review commercial lots (real estate) and license agreement criteria, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: At 9:15 pm, Ed Meaney moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

It was decided that Stephen Goldschmidt will provide a draft document with questions for commercial fisheries and email it to GSC members for comment. A Special Meeting will be held November 4, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Motion: Ed Meaney moved to authorize Stephen Goldschmidt to update the revised draft document (to email to GSC members for further comment), seconded by Tony DeLucia.

4. Recreational Licenses : Discuss 2016 Licenses

Discussion reviewed the wording for the 2016 recreational license to clarify requirements for shellfishers. Revisions were suggested for an updated fee schedule. The priorities are public health and safety and protecting the shellfish resource from violators, including abuse of daily limits and that commercial use is prohibited. Ed Meaney and Alison Varian will work on revisions and include some DEEP verbiage. Further discussion will be held at the October meeting.

5. Bills and Correspondence

A letter of resignation was received from Bob Gould and accepted, with regret, By Consensus. A notice was received from NOAA announcing the Annual Open House, October 17, 2015, 9 am to 1 pm.

Bills

Warden Allyn Brown	\$360.00
Warden Bob Kazden	\$400.00
Tony DeLucia - sampling mileage	\$ 71.50
Stephen Goldschmidt - sampling mileage	\$ 34.96
Judy Anderson Castellano-Recording Secretary (3 mos)	\$280.00
Laurie Kelly - Data Entry	<u>\$117.25</u>
Total :	\$1,263.71

6. **Wardens' Report**

Chair Brysh advised that he had decreased warden patrols this fall.

7. **Subcommittees**

A. **Recreation**

Alison Varian and Ed Meaney have worked on revising the recreational shellfishing license information sheet and area map.

Discussion was held on additional changes, including fees and parking areas.

Motion: Alison Varian moved to increase the resident license fee by \$5.00 and leave the shellfishing limits the same and aggregate, seconded by Eric Mull.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Discussion continued on map revisions. Stephen Goldschmidt and Alison Varian will review the area map this month for further revisions. This topic will be added to the November 4th Special Meeting Agenda. Alison will contact the printer regarding updates to the 2016 recreational license.

Ed Meaney reported that 101 licenses had been sold this month with income at \$4,360.

B. **Water Sampling**

John Hall reviewed the water sampling schedule to take place this week. An Adverse Pollution Control (APC) sample will also be taken.

C. **Boat**

Alison Varian reported that the boat is working well yet the meter is not registering properly. The boat will be hauled out for winter storage the week of November 1.

D. **Stocking**

Eric Mull reported that he had contacted Intercoastal Nurseries in New Jersey and he will drive there tomorrow to pick up the seed clam order for broadcasting from the boat. He will contact Alison Varian with the bag count. Members reviewed the schedule to participate.

E. **Finance**

Eric Mull reported that the July statement was the most recent report from the Finance Dept. and accounts were in order at that time.

F. **Special Projects**

There are no special projects at this time.

G. **Signs**

Tony DeLucia advised that all signs are posted with no maintenance issues.

H. Website

Chair Brysh reported that the website was up to date.

8. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)

There was no new information from the LAC to report.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)

There was no new information from the SGAB to report.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

HMC Chair Alison Varian report that 152 moorings are now registered for 2015.

9. Old Business

A. Chaffinch Island Buoys

Discussion was held on sampling test results received from BoA where some stations had failed with Chaffinch Island adversely effected and other areas had good results. Three more APC samples are required by BoA.

Upon reviewing the buoys at Chaffinch Island, Alison Varian advised that Beebe's Marina will hold last year's price to pull and repair the buoys.

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to approve Beebe's Marina (to pull and repair the buoys), as presented by Alison, seconded by Eric Mull.

10. New Business

A. Friends of GSC

Chair Brysh reported that, upon his request to establish a Friends of GSC group, he had received commitments from three former GSC members.

11. Adjournment

Motion : At 9:05 pm, Stephen Goldschmidt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote : Carried – Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary