

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 11, 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: None

Wardens: None

Commercial: Bud Harris, BMH Charters
Chris Walston, C.W. Shellfish
Bart Mansi, Guilford Lobster Pound
Steven Schafer and Jardar Nygaard, Hemlock (fishery)
Jim Markaw, Aeros Cultured Oyster
Doug Scheppach, Neck River Oyster Co.

Guests: Ed Lombard, potential GSC commissioner

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

1. Public Forum

Chair Brysh advised that Ed Lombard has submitted an application to the Republican Committee as a potential GSC member.

Chair Brysh explained that GSC will be accepting requests for proposals (RFP) for current available commercial lots. Interested commercial fisheries will be required to supply information on their business plans and commercial history. There will be no auction. All interested parties must submit an RFP to GSC by December 31, 2015. All are invited to attend the GSC December 9, 2015 regular meeting.

Fishery representatives asked several questions regarding the three 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.

2. Approval of October 14, 2015 Minutes

Upon review,

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve the October 14 minutes, as amended, seconded by Alison Varian.

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

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 7:54 pm Tony DeLucia moved to adjourn to Executive Session, inviting GSC commissioners and Ed Lombard to attend, to review commercial lots (real estate) and license agreement criteria, seconded by Alison Varian.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Motion: At 8:15 pm, Alison Varian 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.

Motion: Alison Varian moved to adopt the revisions to the RFP criteria and authorize Stephen Goldschmidt to send the final copy to commercial fisheries, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Chair Brysh expressed appreciation to all GSC commissioners for their hard work in creating the RFP document and Stephen Goldschmidt for producing and sending it.

4. Bills and Correspondence

Finance Chair Eric Mull submitted bills for review :

Bills

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| Eric Mull - | |
| Clam Stocking order : Round Trip to Intercoastal Fisheries in New Jersey | \$ 407.78 |
| TR Brysh - sampling mileage - fuel | \$ 70.73 |
| Stephen Goldschmidt - sampling mileage - fuel | \$ 17.94 |
| - sample test forms | \$ 34.96 |
| Warden Allyn Brown | \$ 280.00 |
| John Hall - sampling mileage - fuel | \$ 46.00 |
| Alison Varian - boat fuel / stocking with her boat | \$ 100.00 |
| Judy Anderson Castellano-Recording Secretary | <u>\$ 110.50</u> |
| Total : | \$2,912.91 |

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

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

- Email received from Tessa Getchis, UCONN Sea Grant office, re: dock fee questionnaire

*Alison Varian will respond to the questionnaire for GSC.

5. Wardens' Report

Chair Brysh advised that he had decreased warden patrols this fall. Patrol costs are currently on budget.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreational Licenses : Discuss 2016 Licenses

Ed Meaney and Alison Varian have proofread the updated recreational license for 2016. Discussion reviewed the areas' map and vibrio disease information. The 2016 licenses will be ordered tomorrow to be available for distribution to vendors for the public to purchase as annual gifts.

Motion: Alison Varian moved to authorize Ed Meaney to order the 2016 recreational licenses, seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

B. Water Sampling

John Hall reviewed the water sampling schedule.

Alison Varian advised she had requested use of the fire boat for GSC sampling this week. Commissioners will assist. The fire boat depth transducer had been damaged during the last GSC sampling run. Discussion followed on how to reimburse the fire department.

Motion: Alison Varian moved to donate funds to the Guilford Fire Department for 13 ACR emergency beacon lights to be installed on life vests, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

C. Boat

Alison Varian reported that the GSC boat has been hauled out for winter storage at the Town garage. The Town Dockmaster assisted GSC by hauling the boat with a trailer from Ron McLennon. Stephen Goldschmidt had removed equipment. Beebe's Boatyard will winterize.

D. Stocking

Eric Mull reported that the seed clam order from Intercoastal Nurseries in New Jersey has been broadcast from the GSC boat. He thanked commissioners for their participation.

E. Finance

Eric Mull submitted the October Finance Statement from the Town Finance Dept. for review. All accounts are currently in order.

F. Special Projects

Eric Mull reported that the bull rake will be sold as soon as there is a buyer.

G. Signs

Tony DeLucia reported that he provide winter maintenance for the sign locks this month to prevent corrosion. He will also purchase new locks to replace as needed.

H. Website

Chair Brysh reported that the GSC webpage will be updated with 2016 information.

8. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)

There was no new information from the LAC to report.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that the CT Shellfish Initiative Steering Committee had a four hour meeting this past week to cull recommendations from 18 months of collecting data. Sector issues were ranked. A final report will be done later this year. This report is hoped to spur activity to encourage the State of CT to conduct an economic evaluation, including commercial fisheries. Stephen will report to GSC as new information is obtained.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

HMC Chair Alison Varian reported that 152 moorings are now registered for 2015, not including the Sachem's Head Association mooring field of approximately 160.

9. Old Business

A. Chaffinch Island Buoys

Discussion reviewed condition of buoys. One of the Chaffinch Island buoys may have been lost due to weather and mud conditions. Chain links are wearing. Alison Varian will research whether a post can be installed to replace the buoy.

10. New Business Chair Brysh reported that he will compose and submit the GSC Annual Report.

11. Adjournment

Motion : At 8:52 pm, Stephen Goldschmidt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed Meaney.

Vote : Carried – Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary