

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**December 9, 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, Ed Meaney

Absent: Alison Varian

Wardens: None

Commercial: Bud Harris, LMH Charters  
Chris Walston, C.W. Shellfish  
Bart Mansi, Guilford Lobster Pound  
Steven Schafer, Hemlock (fishery)  
Jim Markaw, Aeros Cultured Oyster  
Doug Scheppach, Neck River Oyster Co.  
Patty King/Jay Fairty, Dolan Brothers Shellfish  
Peter Consiglio, Poppa-C (fishery)

Guests: Ed Lombard, potential GSC member

At 7:34 pm Chair TR Brysh called to order the regular meeting.  
(Note: Meeting did not follow Agenda order)

**2. Approval of November 11, 2015 Minutes**

Upon review,

*Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve the November 1, 2015 minutes, as amended, seconded by  
Alison Varian.*

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

**1. Public Forum**

There were no comments.

**3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt**

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that the annual commercial invoices will be sent this month.

Upon discussion,

*Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved that the (annual) commercial invoices will state that payment is due  
no later than April 1, 2016, seconded by Ed Meaney.*

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

#### A. Commercial RFP Question and Answer Session

Discussion was held with commercial fishery representatives on 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.

The GSC process, criteria and fair market value for commercial proposals were reviewed along with DEEP requirements.

Stephen Goldschmidt will email the exploration requirements and forms to commercial fisheries who will return filled out forms by email. A Public Hearing will be held after applications have been reviewed and explorations been conducted. GSC desires commercial fisheries to be successful, prioritize stewardship of Guilford's grounds and farm healthy shellfish without stripping the sea floor.

GSC will be accepting requests for proposals (RFP) for these available commercial lots. Interested commercial fisheries are required to supply information on their business plans and commercial history. There will be no auction. All interested parties must submit a Request For Proposal (RFP) to GSC by December 31, 2015.

*Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to authorize Stephen Goldschmidt to sign exploration forms and applications, which he will send to David Carey, Bureau of Aquaculture (BoA), seconded by Ed Meaney.*

#### B. Possible Executive Session to discuss Commercial RFP

It was decided that there was no need for an Executive Session.

#### 4. Bills and Correspondence

Finance Chair Eric Mull reported :

##### Bills

Warden Peter Beauvais	\$ 160.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 240.00
Warden Bob Kazden	\$ 240.00
Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary	\$ 178.50
Brown's Boatyard - boat fuel	\$ 183.87
Beebe's Marina - buoy repair	<u>\$2,543.35</u>
Total :	\$3,546.72

*Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

##### Correspondence

- Notice from DOCKO Inc. regarding their submission of a dock application to DEEP for the Weissman family.

\* Chair Brysh advised that he had sent the form from GSC to the DEEP advising no interference with shellfish grounds.

**5. Wardens' Report**

Chair Brysh advised that Warden bills reflect that he has decreased patrols for the winter.

**6. Subcommittees**

**A. Recreational Licenses : Discuss 2016 Licenses**

Ed Meaney submitted the new 2016 recreational licenses which he had distributed to vendors which included an updated information sheet on vibrio disease and shellfishing practices. GSC members received licenses to sell. Ed advised that several people have requested licenses for holiday gifts.

License sales : \$2,070 revenue from 22 nonresident, 20 resident, 1 senior, 1 daily.

**B. Water Sampling**

John Hall reviewed the water sampling schedule for this week. Some members will assist.

**C. Boat**

Chair Brysh reported that Alison Varian had emailed her report :

- The boat is being winter stored at the main Public Works garage.
- Warden Beauvais has picked up GSC's donation of the thirteen ACR Life Preservers for the Fire Dept.

**D. Stocking**

There was no new information to report.

**E. Finance**

Eric Mull advised that he had received a Finance Statement from the Town Finance Dept.

**F. Special Projects**

Discussion was held on whether or not to pursue a buyer for the bull rake, use Craigslist.com or to donate to The Sound School. Eric Mull will research and report at the next meeting.

**G. Signs**

Tony DeLucia reported that sign and locks are in good condition at this time.

**H. Website**

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

**7. Updates**

**A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)**

Stephen Goldschmidt advised that he was unable to attend the LAC meeting this month.

**B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)**

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

**C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)**

HMC Chair Alison Varian was unable to be present to report.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Annual Report**

Chair Brysh reported that he will compose and email a draft GSC Annual Report to members prior to submitting to the Selectmen's Office.

**9. New Business**

**A. Annual Gathering of the CT Shellfish Commissions**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the CT Shellfish Commissions will take place in New Haven on January 23, 2016, at The Sound School, from 9 am -2 pm. GSC will pay the \$20 per person for all GSC commissioners to attend.

**11. Adjournment**

*Motion :* At 8:41 pm, Stephen Goldschmidt moved to adjourn, seconded by Eric Mull.

*Vote :* Carried – Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary