

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 11, 2016
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commissioners: Chair Alison Varian, Vice Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, Eric Mull, John Hall, Ed Lombard
Absent: Anthony DeLucia
Wardens: Allyn Brown
Commercial: Jay Fairty and Patty King, Dolan Brothers Shellfish
Steve Schaefer, LMH Hemlock Shellfish (aka Stella Mar)
Guests: None

At 7:35 pm Chair Alison Varian called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

Dolan Brothers Shellfish LLC owners Patty King and Jay Fairty reviewed plans to stock oysters with GSC. They will contact Bloom Nurseries to obtain approximately 100 bushels, which will be delivered to GSC later this week. The cost to stock them is \$22 per bushel. Ms. King advised that they will be working the East River soon.

Tessa Getchis, UCONN Sea Grant Office, had emailed information regarding surf clam shell which is used by some commercial fisheries. Jay Fairty advised that this shell is not suitable for their operations.

Steve Schaefer, LMH Hemlock Shellfish, advised that he will be deparating clams for GSC use and is changing their company name to "Stella Mar".

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to recognize the change of company name from "LMH Hemlock Shellfish" dba "Stella Mar", accepting this change as valid for the commercial license agreement on the West River, seconded by Eric Mull.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

2. Minutes of April 13, 2016 meeting

Upon review,

Motion: John Hall moved to approve the April 13, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

Stephen Goldschmidt reported :

- he had emailed GSC the monthly Commercial Summary Report.
- he had emailed Dr. Lee, Meridian Shellfish Co., regarding the May 31, 2016 expiration of their Lot 43 license agreement. Dr. Lee was requested to provide information regarding the inactivity on this Lot. GSC will not hold a public hearing to review a possible renewal until Dr. Lee responds.

Discussion reviewed the commercial license agreement with Shellfish Partners LLC., Dan Snyder and his breach of contract. Town Counsel Pam Milliman had been consulted on this issue and advised that GSC could not file a lawsuit yet a citation could be given to the company. Ms. Milliman advised that she

had contacted the Guilford Police Dept. who had spoken with Dan Snyder on this issue.

It was decided that GSC will review the current license agreement language for all commercial fisheries.

Discussion reviewed shellfish grounds on the West River.

The Lot 38 license agreement for C.W. Shellfish LLC, Chris Walston is due for renewal in June. Stephen Goldschmidt will contact Chris regarding renewal of this inner Chaffinch Island Lot. A legal notice will be posted for a June public hearing.

4. Bills and Correspondence

Treasurer Eric Mull reported that a letter was received from the Board of Selectmen (BOS) appointing Ed Lombard from alternate to a regular GSC commissioner.

Eric reported :

Bills :

East River Marine	\$ 901.52
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 320.00
Recording Secretary: Judy Anderson Castellano	<u>\$ 110.50</u>
Total:	\$1,332.02

Motion: John Hall moved to approve paying the bills, seconded by Ed Lombard.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Revenue : Recreational - Capt. Morgan	\$2,767
Town Clerk	<u>\$1,364</u>
Total :	\$4,137

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported :

- There was minimal recreational activity this month.
- Allyn had patrolled Great Harbor and Chaffinch Island areas.
- There are boaters who shellfish and cannot be reached to check their take. Allyn will contact the DEEP for assistance.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt

- Stephen Goldschmidt had emailed GSC the monthly recreational license sales report :
- 295 licenses sold this month.
 - A new data entry person was hired. Date of data entry will be added to the present recordkeeping format.

B. Water Sampling – John Hall / Stephen Goldschmidt

John Hall and Stephen Goldschmidt had conducted the April water sampling.

C. Boat - John Hall / Alison Varian

John Hall reported that the GSC boat is running well. (*Also see under "Signs")

D. Stocking – Eric Mull/Anthony DeLucia/Alison Varian/John Hall

Discussion was held on a schedule to stock oysters and clams. Stephen Goldschmidt will contact Chris Walston, C.W. Shellfish, regarding his schedule. Chair Varian had contacted Patty King, Dolan Brothers Shellfish, to stock oysters. Last year their cost was \$20 per bag.

E. Finance - Eric Mull

Treasurer Eric Mull reported that he had received the April Operating Statement from the Town Finance Dept. and a monthly report on the daily sales from the Town Clerk's Office.

F. Special Projects – Eric Mull / John Hall

Discussion was held on the missing mooring buoy at Chaffinch Island which denotes the clamming area. A new buoy will be purchased and include the same labeling used on the six previously purchased buoys. John Hall will obtain contact Bruce Beebe, Beebe Marina, regarding a quote and label.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia

Tony DeLucia was unable to be present. During discussion :

- Chair Varian reported :

+ New locks for signs are \$5.67 per lock. She will purchase ten from "U.S. Locks".

+ The Chaffinch Island recreational area sign and post have been stolen. Tony DeLucia installed a replacement sign.

- Ed Lombard reported that volunteers will help with signs on Neck Road.

* John Hall advised that he will purchase a new fire extinguisher for the boat to replace the current older model and a cooler will be added.

H. Website Ed Lombard continues to update the GSC website.

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

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

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that SGAB continues to work on the Shellfish Initiative Report which will be published during the summer for the public.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

Chair Varian reported that 95 people have paid to register their moorings.

8. Old Business

A. John B. Lust- Old Quarry Pier application for seasonal ramp and float

Chair Varian reported that fisherman Rick Greenleaf had requested a revision to the DEEP tentative approval form for a dock application submitted to the DEEP from Docko, Inc. for John Lust at 5 Rock Lane. GSC requested that the proposed dock not rest on the rocks at Tuttle's Point and noted that it is close to a GSC water sampling test site.

B. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Eric Mull reported that he had submitted the GSC 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Annual Report to the Selectmen's Office.

9. New Business

Warden Brown suggested supplying wardens with business cards which can assist in identifying them to shellfishers and use for violators. It was decided that Chair Varian will create a card and print 500.

Chair Varian reported that commissioner Ed Meaney submitted his resignation this past month.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:28 pm, Eric Mull moved to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary