

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
June 8, 2016  
7:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room**

Commissioners: Chair Alison Varian, Vice Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, Anthony DeLucia, John Hall, Ed Lombard

Absent: Eric Mull

Wardens: None

Commercial: K.J. Lee and Xin Hun, Meridian Support Company

Guests: None

At 7:40 pm Chair Alison Varian called to order the regular meeting.

**1. Public Forum**

Discussion was held on Lot 43 leased by K.J. Lee. There has been inactivity on these shellfish grounds due to a lack of personnel to work it. Mr. Lee has partnered with Bud Harris of LMH Charters LLC, to work the Lot. He will install cages, grow out seed oysters over three years, and will donate a portion to GSC. Bud has contacted Dave Carey, Bur. of Aquaculture (BoA) regarding DEEP permits. At this point, Mr. Lee and Xin Hun left the meeting.

**a. Public Notice on Lot 38, C.W. Shellfish**

Stephen Goldschmidt read the legal notice for renewal of Lot 38 :

NOTICE is Hereby given that the Guilford Shellfish Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its regular meeting, June 8, 2016 to hear the following application for renewal of a commercial shellfishing license agreement: Renewal of Lot Number #38

License agreement between the Guilford Shellfish Commission and Christopher Walston for the cultivation and harvest of round clams.

Licensee: Chris Walston  
CW Shellfish CO LLC  
426 State Street  
Guilford, CT 06437

Duration of Agreement: July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2021

Location: Inner Chaffinch Conditionally Approved Area

Clockwise from	NW	72°40'36.45"W	41°15'44.91"N
	NE	72°40'35.19"W	41°15'47.55"N
	SE	72°40'29.02"W	41°15'44.57"N
	SW	72°40'30.26"W	41°15'41.89"N

Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written communications will be received for entry into the record. Alison Varian, Chair

*Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to renew Lot 38 license agreement, for cultivation and harvest of round clams, for Chris Walston of C.W. Shellfish., seconded by Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

**2. Minutes of May 11, 2016 meeting**

Upon review,

*Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to approve the May 11, 2016, meeting minutes, seconded by John Hall.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

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

Stephen Goldschmidt reported :

- Lot 39, inside Sachem Head Harbor, leased by Chris Walston, C.W.Shellfish, is due for renewal in June.
- Two companies continue to have breached agreements and outstanding balances.

Discussion reviewed options for action regarding commercial Shellfish Partners LLC. Town Counsel Pam Milliman had been consulted on this issue. A citation could be given to the company.

It was decided that GSC will review the current license agreement language for all commercial fisheries. Existing commercial license agreements would not be required to adhere to any revised agreement language. Further discussion will be held at the July meeting.

**4. Bills and Correspondence**

Treasurer Eric Mull was not able to be present.

John Hall reported :

Bills

Dolan Brothers Shellfish	\$ 2,200.00
Atlantic Clam Farms of CT Inc.	\$ 1,770.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 400.00
Tony DeLucia : sampling mileage trips	\$ 122.00
Stephen Goldschmidt : sampling mileage	\$ 23.92
Data Entry Clerk: Kristen Elliott	\$ 83.75
Recording Secretary: Judy Anderson Castellano	<u>\$ 93.50</u>
 Total:	 \$ 4,693.17

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

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

### Correspondence

- DEEP notice : Regarding project at Great Harbor and Shell Beach.
- UCONN : Tessa Getchis - Sea Grant Notice : Living Shoreline Project, an aquaculture study to take place on Route 146 along a local crabbing area. The project is funded by a private donor as a concept model. It is hoped to provide information to improve water flow and enhance shellfish life in Guilford and throughout CT. Recently, at high tide and water volume, two kayakers were rescued by emergency services in a culvert at this location.
  - \*GSC will be included in discussions on this project along with BoA and Sea Grant officials.
  - \*Sea Grant funding is available for GSC collaborations with Boy Scouts and school groups.
- UCONN : Tessa Getchis - Public Education posters created by the CT Shellfish Initiative are available for commissions to distribute. These provide shellfish identification and commercial shellfishing information including the revenue impact of approximately \$50 million per year.
  - \*UCONN also plans to conduct similar studies on recreational shellfishing.

### 5. **Wardens' Report**

Chair Alison Varian reported that Warden Allyn Brown has been patrolling Great Harbor and Chaffinch Island areas.

Discussion reviewed the need for more volunteers to assist with GSC responsibilities.

### 6. **Subcommittees**

#### **B. Water Sampling – Ed Lombard / John Hall / Stephen Goldschmidt**

Ed Lombard reported that water sampling is up to date. He reviewed dates for scheduling the next sampling day.

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

Discussion reviewed the recent successful stocking project which included 100 bushel bags of oysters at Great Harbor and 8,000 clams: half at Great Harbor and half at Shell Beach. These were purchased from Ed Stilwag of Atlantic Clam Farms, Greenwich, CT.

#### **E. Finance - Eric Mull**

Treasurer Eric Mull was unable to be present. Chair Varian reviewed the May Operating Statement received from the Town Finance Dept., noting November funds were now listed.

#### **F. Special Projects – Eric Mull / John Hall**

John Hall reported that the \$1,220.26 quote from Bruce Beebe, Beebe Marina, for a replacement mooring buoy at Chaffinch Island's clamming area, includes labeling. This is significantly higher than the previous bulk rate for 7 buoys purchased last year at \$600 per buoy.

Discussion reviewed GSC options to do repairs instead of a purchase. John Hall will be contacting Beebe Marina to review possibilities for lowering the cost.

**C. Boat - John Hall / Alison Varian**

Discussion reviewed boat supply needs.

**G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia**

Tony DeLucia reported that all open/closed signs are in good condition and posted up to date. He requested a volunteer to assist with the Neck Road sign changes.

Chair Varian advised that she will purchase the ten new locks for signs from "U.S. Locks " this month at signs are \$5.67 per lock.

**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 for the public during the summer.

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

Chair Varian reported that about 150 people have paid to register their moorings.

**8. Old Business**

**A. License Enforcement** It was decided to defer discussion to the July meeting.

**9. New Business****A. Sea Grant reimbursement for supplies for Boy Scouts/School groups**

Reviewed under "Correspondence".

**B. Living Shoreline Project**

Reviewed under "Correspondence".

**6. A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt**

Licenses sold this month : 152 total  
 Fees to Vendors : \$420  
 Approx.Net total: \$5,915  
 Cash/Checks : \$3,232

Vendor :	Nonresident	Resident	Senior	Daily
- Town Clerk	21	39	27	-
- Capt. Morgan	26	17	3	-
- Dee's Bait	7	-	-	-
- GSC sold	-	3	-	-
- Warden Brown	1	5	3	-

## 10. Adjournment

*Motion: At 8:42 pm, John Hall moved to adjourn, seconded by Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary