

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**March 14, 2018**

**7:30 P.M.**

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

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, John Hall, John Sieviac, Keith Harvey,  
Peter Charland, Anthony DeLucia, Bob Berger

Absent: Ed Lombard

Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh

Commercial: Stephen Schaefer, Stella Mar Shellfish

Guests: Jack Evans, Guilford Yacht Club

At 7:30 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting.

**1. Public Forum**

Jack Evans, member of the Guilford Yacht Club (GYC), was present to provide information on the hydraulic dredging operation being conducted at the club. Before explaining he advised that during a personnel training session at the dock, the barge capsized and tragically a young man was killed. The incident is under investigation. GSC members expressed their condolences.

Hydraulic dredging uses biodegradable hydraulic fluid with no discharge or diesel fuel whether in water or on dry land. This method dredges straight down and vacuums silt and removes. GSC member John Sieviac is Liaison for this operation. GYC has applied for permits with DEEP, Army Corp. of Engineers, and Guilford Planning and Zoning. Dredging spoils will be placed upland in geo-bags which filters water which is then returned clean to the West River.

Discussion reviewed the need to test for heavy metal contamination. GYC is DEEP designated as a "Green Marina". Chair Stephen Goldschmidt will investigate whether or not the GYC third pier is in shellfish beds. The operation is now on hold until the investigation on the death of the young man is complete.

**2. Minutes of February 14, 2018 meeting**

Upon review,

*Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve the February 14, 2018 minutes, seconded by John Sieviac.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

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

Chair Goldschmidt reported that C.W. Shellfish, Chris Walston, had contacted him regarding a commercial Lot he would like to use for depuration, in approved waters and similar to his Lot in Shell Beach. Further discussion will be held when additional information is received.

### 4. Bills and Correspondence

#### Correspondence

A thank you letter had been received from The Guilford Foundation for the GSC donation in support of the establishment of the Annual Alison Varian Memorial Fund.

#### Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary (Feb.)	\$ 76.50
Nancy Matyasovsky, Data Entry (Jan. Feb. Mar.)	<u>\$ 102.00</u>
Total :	\$ 178.50

*Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to pay the bills, seconded by John Sievec.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

### 5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported that recreational areas have been "quiet" during the colder weather. He and the other Wardens are coordinating their Patrol hours to control cost to GSC.

Chair Goldschmidt advised that Warden Ken Ripley has resigned due to other commitments. Warden Fred Hill will have less hours for patrols due to taking the Guilford Assistant Dockmaster position at the Guilford Marina. Chair Goldschmidt suggested that Warden Brown contact Fred regarding his availability.

Discussion reviewed the need to retain Wardens who are available for patrols.

### 6. Subcommittees

#### A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt / Keith Harvey

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Recreational License Revenue received : \$ 933.00

Cash sales by Wardens: 10 annual non-resident, 4 annual resident,  
3 annual resident senior, 1 annual non-resident senior

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

Chair Goldschmidt reported that he and Bob Berger conducted sampling on March 20 to open, then due to rainfall totals the Bur. of Aquaculture (BoA) closed recreational areas. BoA will administratively open areas on Saturday, March 17.

**C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard**

John Hall reported that by April 1 he will have the supplier reupholster the boat pilot's seat cover for launch day. The boat bottom needs paint and wax before a test run. John will make an appointment with East River Marine and GSC will tow the boat there.

Discussion reviewed the need to replace the boat's original fourteen year old motor. It was decided to wait until the end of this season. GSC may be able to sell some motor parts.

**D. Stocking – Anthony DeLucia / John Hall / John Sieviec**

Upon review of the stocking schedule, it was decided that Tony DeLucia will contact Chris Walston, C.W. Walston Shellfish, regarding clams and/or oysters.

**E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard**

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

- February expenditures : \$3,595
- Fund Balance : \$130,710
- Alison Varian Scholarship funds raised this month : \$2,430

**F. Special Projects – John Hall / Peter Charland / Warden Brown**

GSC will participate in Guilford's "Earthfest" on April 21, 2018. Bob Berger will contact the Parks and Recreation Dept. regarding a display space and Allyn Brown, Peter Charland, John Sieviec will help to set up and be present that day.

**G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown**

Tony DeLucia reported some sign locks need to be replaced. He will research the cost and type of new ones from MasterLocks.

**H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey**

Ed Lombard was not present to report.

## 7. Updates

### A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC) - Stephen Goldschmidt

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

### B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB) - Stephen Goldschmidt

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that there was no new information this month on the Public Awareness Outreach programs for the Connecticut Shellfish Initiative.

### C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC) - Keith Harvey / John Sievec

Keith Harvey reported that the HMC found that the Guilford Yacht Club only has permits for two piers yet has installed a third pier. They will appear before the HMC again to request approval. GYC plans to install four new piers for a youth summer program.

### D. Docks, moorings and other potentially impacting projects - John Sievec/ Keith Harvey

There was no discussion.

## 8. Old Business

### A. Review of Warden Guidelines

Discussion was tabled to the April meeting.

### B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects

John Sievec reported that the below four projects are on hold due to a lack of funding from the State of CT.

1. Shell Beach Marsh Restoration
2. Seaside Ave. dock
3. Rt 146 road reconstruction
4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

### C. Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund

Discussion reviewed the status of the Annual Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund established February 7, 2018. At present, contributions total approximately \$9,000. Chair Goldschmidt has created a Facebook donation page to give the public the opportunity to contribute.

The scholarship is intended to be sustained in perpetuity once the fund reaches \$10,000 and by future donations. This is an ongoing collaboration among the Donors (Stephen Goldschmidt and Gary MacElhiney), the GSC, The Guilford Foundation and The Sound School.

Discussion reviewed plans for a fundraiser :

- A subcommittee includes Bob Berger as coordinator with John Sieviec and Peter Charland.
- Chair Goldschmidt submitted questions to develop a plan, location, food, music, etc. advising that Stephen Schafer of Stella Mar Shellfish has offered to supply oysters.
- Commercial fisheries will be asked if they would like to participate.
- Parks and Recreation Dept. will be contacted regarding information on Town property reservations, permits, fees.
- GSC will invite the staff and administrators at The Sound School and Guilford Foundation.
- Keith Harvey will provide musicians.
- Marina Commission requested a GSC letter regarding the joint fundraiser. Chair Goldschmidt will send them a letter and research necessary permits.
- Funds can be raised at the GSC Guilford Fair display booth.
- The first student scholarship will be \$500.
- Harbor Management Commission members have offered to assist.
- Chair Goldschmidt will contact Harbormaster Fred Brisbois.

## **9. New Business**

### **A. Chaffinch Island, Old Quarry Rd and Daniels Ave Road Projects**

John Sieviec reported that the Town Engineering Dept. is waiting for DEEP approval of the Town design and relocation plans for the Mulberry Point and Daniels Avenue road project, to raise and extend the water main.

GSC approved the project in February with conditions that the water be pumped north into the marsh to slowly disperse and clean. GSC sent the approval form with conditions to Public Works/Engineering Dept.

The Chaffinch Island Road and Old Quarry Road projects were approved at the February meeting.

### **B. Review Shellfish Management Plan**

Chair Goldschmidt had emailed GSC the Memo of Understanding (MOU) and 1991 GSC Shellfish Management Plan for their information. Guilford was the first in the State of CT to create such a plan, when Sally Richards was chairperson, which was called for in legislation she helped write. Peter Charland advised that he had saved historical records found in the GSC file cabinets.

The MOU was updated in 2012 which is signed by Guilford Health Dept. Director Dennis Johnson, State of CT DEEP Bureau of Aquaculture, Guilford Police Dept., and GSC. Review is called for every five years and will be done this year. The MOU pertains to sampling procedures, Warden enforcement practices, classification review of bay areas, and more.

**C. Other**

There was no discussion.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:44 pm, John Sieviec moved to adjourn, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary