

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 8, 2020

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, Vice Chair Bob Burger, Treasurer Peter Charland,
Keith Harvey, John Hall, John Sieviec
Absent: Tony DeLucia, Don Kowalsky (Alt)
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh
Commercial: Kim Granbery
Guests: Rob Sonnichson, Engineer, Waldo & Associates, for resident Bennett Hall

At 7:34 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting. The Chair and five regular members were present for a quorum. There was one alternate.

1. Public Forum

Rob Sonnichson, Engineer for Waldo Associates, submitted copies of a Coastal Site Plan to retain a below mean high water portion of an existing dock. Originally, an owner had not obtained a permit to construct and install the dock. A current application has been submitted to the DEEP Long Island Sound Program, for his client Bennett Hall at 135 Old Quarry Road, at Narrows Island. An existing 11 ft. by 4 ft. pier, 20 ft. by 3 ft. ramp and 12 ft. x 8 ft. float would also be retained. He submitted aerial photos for review. DEEP Bur. of Aquaculture, Dave Carey, has provided written comments that the work described in application would not significantly impact the shellfish bed area and that the owner must seasonally remove the floating docks from November 15 through April 15, nesting period for Terns.

Discussion reviewed :

- Mr. Sonnichson will appear before Guilford Harbor Management Commission and Town of Branford this month.
- GIS Charts were reviewed.
- Clarification is needed to determine whether the proposed offshore location is under Guilford or Branford jurisdiction as it is on town lines.

More information will be obtained from DEEP before GSC can approve or deny.

2. Minutes of December 11, 2019 meeting

Motion: Bob Burger approved the December 11, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Keith Harvey, Bob Burger, Peter Charland, John Hall, Peter Charland

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland

Chair Lombard and Peter Charland reported that they had reviewed the leases for commercial license agreements. They will contact fisheries for leases that have expired and need renewal.

GSC manages 142 acres of farmed shellfish grounds. Two-thirds of the Lots grow and harvest clams with sixty to seventy acres of oyster grounds.

4. **Bills and Correspondence**

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 190.00
Rec. Secretary Judy Anderson Castellano	<u>\$ 70.00</u>
Total :	\$ 260.00

Motion: Bob Burger moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

Email received from Rob Sonnichson, Engineer for Waldo & Associates requesting Public Forum for Bennett Hall dock application.

5. **Wardens' Report**

Warden Allyn Brown reported that winter recreational shellfishing at Great Harbor had slowed. Areas are closed now due to high rainfall. Warden Greg Marsh requested that, in addition to their badge, wardens be provided GSC shirts to identify them to the public. Chair Lombard will obtain purchase information.

6. **Subcommittees**

A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey

Chair Lombard reported that he has received the 2020 Shellfish Recreational License forms from Tyco Printing. Due to the lengthy delay in printing, GSC will look for another supplier for 2021.

Annual license sales totaled about the same as last year even though weather conditions caused most areas to close more often.

B. Water Sampling – Ed Lombard / John Hall / Warden Fred Hill / Bob Burger

Bob Burger reported that water sampling was done today noting waters were rough. Chair Lombard expressed GSC appreciation to Bob for his work and dedication to sampling this year.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

John Hall reported that the new boat engine has been installed. He provided a video of the boat running well. The former boat engine is in storage until the Town hold its'

annual equipment auction in the spring. The boat will need cleaning and trailer repairs. Electrical work will be done during spring. Bob Burger will contact the Town Clerk regarding the auction.

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

Stocking oysters will be done in April 2020.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Recreational License Sales : \$116.00 from Capt. Morgan Bait Shop
1 Daily, 1 Annual Nonresident, 1 Annual Resident

Finance Dept. GSC December Operating Statement was reviewed noting total expenditures at \$44,625, which includes the annual seed clam purchase and new boat engine. End of Year Fund Balance is \$145,784. Oysters for spring Stocking will be approximately \$2,500.

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

Discussion decided that Chair Ed Lombard will contact the Town Natural Resource Dept., Environmental Planner Kevin Magee regarding adding a GIS weblink to the GSC shellfish beds to be included on the Town Website.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Chair Lombard will change recreational shellfishing area signs for Tony DeLucia this week.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Peter Charland reported that he will continue to monitor the GSC Facebook page for the number of followers, last month at about 100. He will add the new information for recreational shellfishing and 2020 licenses.

7. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC) - John Sieviec

John Sieviec reported that the Twin Bridge Road project is underway.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB) - John Sieviec / Bob Burger

John Sieviec reported that SGAB remains in the process of restructuring and has not held meetings.

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

Keith Harvey reported that there was no new information from HMC.

D. Docks, moorings and other potentially impacting projects / John Sieviec/Keith Harvey

There was no report.

8. Old Business

A. Review Shellfish Management Plan

Discussion will be held when further information is obtained from the DEEP.

B. Adopt Wardens' Guidelines

Vice Chair Burger and John Hall will continue to review Warden Guidelines and provide a draft at the February meeting.

C. Selling of old Boat Motor

Discussion held under 6. C. Boat.

D. Meeting of Commissions

The January 11, 2020, Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions has been relocated to the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven.

9. New Business There was no business.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:22 pm, John Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Burger.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary