

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 11, 2017

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, Eric Mull, John Sievec

Absent: None

Wardens: Peter Beauvais, Allyn Brown, Fred Hill

Commercial: Chris Walston, C.W. Shellfish LLC
Stephen Schaefer, Stella Mar Shellfish (formerly Hemlock)
Bud Harris, LMH Charters

Guests: Keith Harvey, potential member
Dana Regett, resident

At 7:30 pm Chair Alison Varian called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

Dana Regett introduced herself as a new resident of Guilford interested in volunteering for a commission.

2. Public Hearings

Stephen Goldschmidt displayed GSC shellfish ground locations for all to review on screen. Published legal notices for the public hearing read as follows :

NOTICE is Hereby given that the Guilford Shellfish Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its regular meeting, January 11, 2017 to hear the following applications for new commercial shellfishing lots:

New Lot Number # 51

License agreement between the Guilford Shellfish Commission and CW Shellfish LLC and LMH Charters LLC for the cultivation and harvesting of shellfish.

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| Licensees | CW Shellfish LLC | LMH Charters LLC |
| | 425 State Street | 70 Cardinal Drive |
| | Guilford, Ct. 06437 | Guilford, Ct 06437 |

Duration of Agreement:
February 1, 2017 to December 31, 2022

Location: 1.1 Acres in Guilford Creek adjacent to Guilford docks
Clockwise from 72° 39' 57.789" W 41° 16' 21.656" N
72° 39' 58.046" W 41° 16' 21.801" N
72° 39' 57.815" W 41° 16' 22.495" N
72° 39' 49.594" W 41° 16' 24.713" N
72° 39' 49.564" W 41° 16' 24.114" N Lot Number: #51

New Lot Number # 52

License agreement between the Guilford Shellfish Commission and Stella Mar Oyster Company, LLC for the cultivation and harvesting of shellfish.

Licensee: Stella Mar Oyster Company, LLC
PO Box 46
Cos Cob Ct. 06087

Duration of Agreement:
February 1, 2017 to December 31, 2022

Location: 1.6 Acres in the Upper West River

Clockwise from 72° 41' 12.589" W 41° 16' 27.626" N
72° 41' 11.368" W 41° 16' 27.583" N
72° 41' 4.826" W 41° 16' 26.951" N
72° 41' 5.729" W 41° 16' 25.776" N Lot Number: #52

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written communications will be received for entry into the record.

Alison Varian, Chair
Guilford Shellfish Commission, 31 Park Street, Guilford, CT 06437

Upon review of the new Lot proposals, the Public Hearing was closed BY CONSENSUS.

3. Minutes of December 14, 2016 meeting

Upon review,

Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve the December 14, 2016 minutes, seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

Vote: Carried - Stephen Goldschmidt, Ed Lombard, John Hall, Eric Mull, John Sieviec, Tony DeLucia

4. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

Upon reviewing details of the proposed commercial license agreement for Lot 51,

Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve the Lot 51 commercial license agreement with C.W. Shellfish LLC and LMH Charters LLC, seconded Tony DeLucia.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Upon reviewing details of the proposed commercial license agreement for Lot 52,

Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve the Lot 52 commercial license agreement with Stella Mar Oyster Company LLC, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Stephen Goldschmidt reported :

- Payments have been received from Dolan Brothers Shellfish, Stella Mar Oyster Co., C.W. Shellfish and LMH Charters.
- Stephen will contact the commercial fisheries that have outstanding invoices.

- He will email commissioners the January commercial license summary report.
 At this point, the license agreements for the newly approved Lots 51 and 52 were signed by all parties.

6. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported :

- Winter has decreased the number of shellfishers at Great Harbor and Chaffinch Island.
- He had encountered two people in a motorized unregistered dinghy, who appeared unfamiliar with safe boating. They said they were with the UCONN research program to collect data and monitor sea level rise along Route 146.

Warden Peter Beauvais reported :

- There were no issues of concern to report.
- Warden Fred Hill had joined Peter on some patrols as he learns the recreational areas.

Commercial fisherman Bud Harris expressed concerns that the Dept. of Transportation plans, to raise Route 146 at the crabbing area and install a larger culvert pipe, would impact water quality for his oyster beds close to this location. Discussion was held on this 2018 project. More information will be obtained for further review.

7. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt

Stephen Goldschmidt reported on January recreational license sales :

- He will email an updated data report to commissioners.
- Town Clerk's Office sold approximately twenty licenses.
- Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop sold approximately \$366 and had submitted sales from the fall.
- January revenue for commercial and recreational : \$1,052

5. Bills and Correspondence

Treasurer Eric Mull reported :

Bills

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| Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary | \$ 102.00 | December |
| Kristin Elliott, Data Entry | \$ 217.75 | Several months |
| Warden Allyn Brown | \$ 200.00 | |
| Warden Peter Beauvais | \$ 280.00 | |
| East River Marina : winterize boat | \$ 655.00 | |
| Schweitzer Trash Removal | <u>\$ 102.00</u> | |
| Total : | \$1,556.75 | |

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

There was no correspondence..

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

Ed Lombard reported that the Bur. of Aquaculture, which had planned to conduct (with federal observers) the December water sampling for Guilford's thirty locations, was unable to complete it. Ed conducted testing the remaining nine locations.

January sampling will be conducted using the loaner Fire Dept. Rescue Boat (while original boat is being repaired).

C. Boat - John Hall / Alison Varian

John Hall reported that the boat was winterized yet will need to be power washed in the spring. He and Ed Lombard will work on the boat trailer and Ed will order a pilot seat cover.

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

There was no information to discuss.

E. Finance - Eric Mull

Treasurer Eric Mull reported that he had not received the December Operating Report from the Town Finance Dept.

F. Special Projects – Eric Mull / John Hall

There are no projects at this time.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia

Tony DeLucia reported that all open/closed signs are posted up to date and in good condition.

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

8. 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 Sea Grant Advisory Board is in their annual planning cycle.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

Chair Varian advised that there was no new information to report.

9. Old Business**A. Review of Warden Guidelines Meeting**

John Hall reported that the January 5, 2017 meeting with the Wardens was very productive. GSC members and Wardens reviewed the variety of situations Wardens encounter while on patrol. Each Warden's patrol area is unique and requires a range of procedures or actions. The guidelines derived from these meetings will include general procedures and standards for relating to shellfishers and to enforce violations.

Further discussion took place on standards, safety, procedures and assistance from law enforcement agencies. Additional information will be obtained from CT State Statutes and the Federal Drug Administration which may have authority over local ordinances. The majority of shellfishers abide by the regulations, laws and area closures when water quality is deemed unhealthy. In some areas they report concerns to Wardens.

10. New Business**A. Review for 2017 License Maps and Guidelines**

Chair Varian requested that commissioners provide any further revisions for the 2017 recreational license.

Discussion included issues with recreational licensees unaware of regulations and laws. Chair Varian will contact all vendors to remind them to hand out the regulations sheet along with licenses.

Warden Allyn Brown recommended providing more information to those applying for a GSC position. This would include GSC responsibilities and expected commissioner participation. GSC could create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and review with a newly appointed commissioner. Applicants can be requested to attend GSC meetings prior to appointment. GSC should be able to review applications prior to appointment by the Board of Selectmen.

11. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:25 pm, Eric Mull moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary