

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**October 9, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor**

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, John Sievec, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, John Hall  
Absent: Vice Chair Bob Burger, Anthony DeLucia, Don Kowalsky (Alt)  
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh, Fred Hill (arrived 7:45)  
Commercial: None  
Guests: None

At 7:30 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting. The Chair and four regular members were present for a quorum.

**1. Public Forum** There was no one from the public present.

**2. Minutes of August 14, 2019 meeting**

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by John Sievec.*

*Vote: Carried - Keith Harvey, John Sievec, John Hall, Peter Charland*

**3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland**

Treasurer Peter Charland reported that GSC had received a refund from the Madison Shellfish Commission for paying their share of revenue twice. Dolan Brothers Shellfish commercial Lot 1 is in both towns which share collected fees. Chair Lombard reported that there was no updated information from commercial fisheries.

**4. Bills and Correspondence**

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Warden Allyn Brown - July	\$ 400.00
August	\$ 1,000.00
September	\$ 760.00
Warden Fred Hill - August	\$ 560.00
September	\$ 360.00
Sweitzer Trash Removal - Trolley Road	\$ 105.00
Route 146	\$ 105.00
Warden Greg Marsh May	\$ 240.00
June	\$ 400.00
July	\$ 400.00
Judy Anderson Castellano, Rec. Secretary	<u>\$ 87.50</u>
Total :	\$4,417.50

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve payment of the invoices, seconded by John Sieviec.*  
*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Correspondence      There was no correspondence.

## **5. Wardens' Report**

Warden Allyn Brown reported :

- Shellfishing at Great Harbor has been very busy in August and September with less rain and fewer people in October as expected.
- Requested whether DEEP had approved a 27 foot dock with float at Great Harbor. Chair Lombard will research.
- One shellfisher's continues to harvest a ½ bushel per day.

Discussion reviewed :

- Shellfishers are eligible to apply for a Guilford recreational license if they are property owners and pay taxes.
- One licensee harvests the quota several times a week and not violating regulations.
- Periodically, others have been cited or warned for violations such as violating the only one license per person, filling one five gallon bucket per day. The licensee can have one guest, or supervised children under 13, to help fill that same bucket per day. Wardens will continue to monitor for violators.
- GSC Bylaws will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Shellfishing trends will be monitored to assure that areas are not over harvested.
- Chair Lombard expressed GSC appreciation to the Wardens for their dedication.

## **6. Subcommittees**

### **A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey**

Discussion reviewed revisions to the 2020 recreational license :

- The attached information sheet will include safety guidelines recommend the "Buddy System" and clarify stipulations for licensees with children and their supervision.
- New bright license colors were chosen to make them more legible.

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that Bob Burger has done the water sampling and may be up to date. A nor'easter is expected tomorrow.

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

John Hall reported that a replacement door will be created and hardware will be purchased for the spring project.

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

Discussion was held on planning for the annual seed clam Stocking.

*Motion:* Keith Harvey moved to approve up to \$20,000 for Stocking seed clams next month, seconded by John Sieviec.

*Vote:* Carried - Unanimously

*Discussion followed.*

*Amended:* Peter Charland added to the motion to "pay ARC" up to \$20,000, for Stocking seed clams next month, seconded by Keith Harvey.

*Vote:* Carried - Unanimously

Stocking will take place the week of October 25-30. DEEP Permits will be obtained for that week.

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

Peter Charland reported on recreational license sales:

- Sales by GSC members : 10 annual resident, 1 daily	\$ 258.00
- Capt. Morgan Bait Shop : 37 annual resident	
10 annual resident senior	
17 daily	
54 annual nonresident	
5 annual nonresident senior	\$ 5,531.00
- Town of Madison (over payment)	<u>\$ 2,881.50</u>
Total Revenue :	\$ 8,670.50

Discussion reviewed the Town Finance Dept. August Operating Statement. There was no September available. Currently, budget is on schedule.

Total Revenue : \$13,082      Expenditures : \$6,424      Balance Surplus : \$6,658

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

There was no new information.

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

Tony DeLucia was unable to attend. Chair Lombard reported that signs will be changed by commissioners as needed. New keys for the locks have been received.

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

Peter Charland reported that the GSC Facebook page has increased in followers. He will work on adding public education information on safety tips, shellfish life cycle, GSC stocking activities and more. These sites can attract volunteers.

**7. Updates**

**A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC) - John Sieviec**

John Sieviec reported that the LAC is reviewing Open Space along the West River acquired from the Long Hill Road Estates development.

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

John Sieviec advised there was no new information to report.

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

Keith Harvey submitted a photo of an existing mooring pole for a dinghy and buoy off Mulberry Point.

*Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve the location of an existing pole mooring at Mulberry Point, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

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

John Sieviec reported there was no new information on projects.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Review Shellfish Management Plan**

John Sieviec reported that Alissa Darcan, of Bur. of Aquaculture, has been working on data and emailed a report to GSC members. Discussion will take place at the next GSC meeting.

**B. Adopt Wardens' Guidelines**

Discussion tabled to next month when Vice Chair Bob Burger can be present.

**9. New Business**      There was no discussion.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:27 pm, John Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Sieviec.*  
*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary