

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 8, 2017

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, John Hall, Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, Tony DeLucia

Absent: None

Wardens: Allyn Brown

Commercial: Kim Granbery

Guests: Greg Marsh, GSC volunteer
Bob Berger, GSC volunteer and potential commissioner

At 7:34 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

There was no discussion.

2. Minutes of October 11, 2017 meeting

Upon review,

Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes, seconded by Keith Harvey.

*Vote: Carried - Ed Lombard, John Hall, Keith Harvey, John Sieviec, Peter Charland
Abstention - Tony DeLucia (Absent in October)*

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

A. Public Hearing : Granbery Lot 54 in Hoadley Creek

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reported that he and Kim Granbery had discerned the coordinates for a new Lot 54 to grow oysters. Stephen had prepared a commercial license agreement. The following legal notice had been published in the Guilford Courier :

NOTICE is Hereby given that the Guilford Shellfish Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its regular meeting, November 8, 2017 to hear the following application for a commercial license agreement :

Licensee: Kim Granbery dba Hoadley Creek Oyster Farm, 982 Leetes Island Road
Guilford, CT 06437

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

Location: 0.29 Acres in the Hoadley Creek

Clockwise from the NW	41° 15' 49.926" N	72° 43' 48.578" W
	41° 15' 49.926" N	72° 43' 48.203" W
	41° 15' 47.014" N	72° 43' 48.342" W
	41° 15' 45.419" N	72° 43' 47.785" W
	41° 15' 45.376" N	72° 43' 48.096" W
	41° 15' 47.003" N	72° 43' 48.717" W

Lot Number: Lot #54

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

Stephen Goldschmidt
Chair

Motion: John Sieviac moved to approve a commercial license agreement with Kim Granbery for oysters on Lot 54, seconded by Keith Harvey.

Vote: Carried - John Sieviac, Ed Lombard, Tony DeLucia, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, John Hall

Both Chair Goldschmidt and Kim Granbery will sign the license agreement.

Mr. Granbery reported that he had received the Relay Permit from the DEEP which expires November 15, 2017. He will provide approximately 1,000 oysters for market. Fourteen days later he will depurate. There is a natural set and berm at his site. He will send test samples to the DEEP and harvest the remainder for the holidays. The Army Corp of Engineers has given approval for him to use bottom cages at his Thimble Island Lot in Branford. Hoadley Creek Lot 54 will be used to grow out. The one and two year old oysters are doing well.

Chair Goldschmidt will be sending commercial invoices this month.

Correspondence

Commissioner updated answers to a UCONN Sea Grant Survey sent to all CT Shellfish Commissions. Chair Goldschmidt will email the final copy to Tessa Getchis of the UCONN Sea Grant office.

8. Old Business

C. Annual Report Discussion updated the 2016-2017 draft GSC Annual Report.

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported that this month has had low recreational activity. Most winter shellfishers will harvest from Great Harbor. He had purchased 30 clam sizing rings for 31 cents each to provide to shellfishers at recreational areas.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt / Keith Harvey

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Revenue : Total recreational license sales - \$2,248

Captain Morgan : 21 resident, 18 nonresident, 2 nonresident senior, 8 resident senior,
11 daily, 2 replacement,

Treasurer Charland advised that Capt. Morgan's continues to submit late reports.

Chair Goldschmidt advised that he and Nancy Matyasovsky are working on updating categories for vendor sales to provide GSC with improved information.

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

Ed Lombard reported :

- Sampling will be done next week to open some areas.
- Three open samples are needed by the end of the year.
- APC (Adverse Pollution Control) samples are up to date.
- GSC must give the Fire Dept. three days notice when requesting use of their Fire Boat. Winter samples must be conducted with the Fire Boat, which is not always available when GSC commissioners are available. A "Good Faith Agreement" will be used between the two Town agencies.
- Bureau of Aquaculture (BoA) laboratory has limited hours only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Tide and wind forecasts are monitored for safety in obtaining water samples.

During discussion :

- Peter Charland will research information on using a drone to assist GSC with safe winter sampling.
- Keith Harvey recommended sampling for PH balance. Acidity has been known to destroy shellfish shell. He is able to conduct the testing and obtain the results.
- Tuttle's Point and Chaffinch Island are treacherous for sampling. Fisherman Kim Granbery offered to assist.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

John Hall reported that he had ordered brackets for the boat trailer. Bunks will be built by commissioners. John will check with Warden Peter Beauvais regarding the use of old fire hose for bunks and have the pilot seat reupholstered.

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

Discussion reviewed Stocking activity and Plans :

- Several commissioners and Warden Hill had broadcast a total of 420,000 seed clams (purchased from Intercostal Fisheries, New Jersey) of which 300,000 were 17 to 20 milliliter and 120,000 were smaller.
- On Thursday, November 3, Ed Lombard and Greg Marsh will stock 40 bags of clams from and with Fisherman Chris Walston : 5 in Little Harbor, 5 in Chaffinch Island, 15 at Shell Beach and 15 at Great Harbor.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland had emailed the October Operating Report from the Town Finance Dept. as received just prior to this meeting. Finances are in good standing at this time.

4. Bills and Correspondence

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Bills

Warden Fred Hill - October invoice	\$ 120.00
Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary	\$ 119.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 240.00
Ed Lombard - Van rental and fuel (New Jersey seed clams)	\$ 289.37
John Hall - Boat Trailer supplies	\$ 22.49
Brown's Boatyard - fuel	\$ 76.85
Slip rental - Town Marina	\$ 60.00
Stephen Goldschmidt - fuel	\$ 11.13
- fuel	\$ 20.32
Shell....??	\$ 104.00
Donation for Boat in honor of Gil Lombard	\$ 40.00
C.W. Shellfish (Chris Walston)	<u>\$ 2,200.22</u>
Total :	\$ 3,285.16
Revenue : Recreational licenses	\$ 2,248.00

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Peter Charland.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

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

There was no discussion on Special Projects.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Ed Lombard and Warden Fred Hill changed the open and closed signs as needed. There were no broken locks.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Ed Lombard reported there was no new information to add to the GSC website.

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 to report for the UCONN Sea Grant Advisory Board.

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

Keith Harvey reported :

- The HMC would like to donate \$1,000 to the Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship.
- Guilford Yacht Club has not addressed installing a piling without a permit.

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

Discussion held under "Old Business".

8. Old Business

A. Review of Warden Guidelines

Discussion was tabled to the December meeting.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects

1. Shell Beach Marsh Restoration

John Sieviec reported there he had contacted Assistant Town Engineer Mark Damiani for an update on the Shell Beach Marsh Restoration project. DEEP has control over when the flood gate is opened or closed and the Town is waiting for funds from the State of CT. Tuttle's Point Road permit has been approved.

2. Seaside Ave. dock

John Sieviec reported that the Seaside Avenue dock proposal has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and is under construction. The Sluice culvert will be replaced with a larger one. There is no new information on the Sluice gate project.

3. Rt 146 road reconstruction

John Sieviec advised that design plans have not been submitted to the Town. for the Rte. 146 road construction project.

4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

John Sieviec reported that he has not heard from Jack Evans of the Guilford Yacht Club regarding where the Guilford Yacht Club will be disposing of dredging spoils during their marsh restoration along the West River.

C. Annual Report

Reviewed the 2016-2017 Annual Report earlier in the meeting.

9. New Business

A. Annual Sound School Scholarship in Alison's name

Discussion was held on details of the Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship and whether to use an external Foundation, such as the Guilford Foundation, or a fund within The Sound School for direct contributions by GSC and others. Chair Stephen Goldschmidt had spoken with The Sound School (New Haven) Principal, Rebecca Gratz. He explained options, requirements, pros and cons, and nonprofit status of the school and the Guilford Foundation, which is under the purview of the New Haven Foundation.

Further information :

- GSC would like the scholarship to be sustainable for successive commissions.
- There are agencies which are willing to donate.
- GSC could sponsor a community event such as a chowder contest to raise funds.
- Secure funding is the priority.

- Peter Charland, Stephen Goldschmidt and Ed Lombard will contact the school to continue to review options.
Further discussion will be held at the December meeting.

B. Discuss Printing the 2018 Recreational Licenses

Ed Lombard and Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reported that the printing order for 850 "2018 Recreational Licenses" from K & G Graphics is not ready yet.

C. Other

Chair Goldschmidt will sent a GSC letter to the Town Democratic Party recommending that Bob Berger be appointed to the GSC to fill a vacancy.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:40 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary