

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 14, 2018
7:30 P.M.
Relocated to Fire Headquarters

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Bob Burger, Peter Charland,
Tony DeLucia, John Hall
Absent: Don Kowalsky
Wardens: None
Commercial: None
Guests: None

At 7:40 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

There was no discussion.

2. Minutes of October 10, 2018 meeting

Motion: John Sieviec moved to table approval of the October minutes, seconded by Bob Burger.

*Vote: Carried - Keith Harvey, Bob Burger, Peter Charland, Tony DeLucia, John Hall,
John Sieviec*

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland

Chair Lombard reported that he and Peter Charland are working on processing the commercial invoices and reviewing the spreadsheet. The invoices will be sent the first week of December.

4. Bills and Correspondence

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Nancy Matyayovsky - Data Entry	\$ 69.00
Judy Anderson Castellano - Recording Sec. October	\$ 112.13
Ed Lombard - Stocking expenses : Van rental, room, fuel to New Jersey to Intercoastal Fisheries	<u>\$ 455.97</u>
Total :	\$ 637.10

Motion: Bob Burger moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Keith Harvey.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

Chair Lombard reported :

- He had received a call from Carl Harvey a member of the local chapter of The Audubon Society. Mr. Harvey is working with the New Haven Sound School and inquired whether GSC would be interested in their oyster bed project and installing wave attenuation reef berms. Chair Lombard invited Mr. Harvey to attend a GSC meeting to review his design options to hold silt and slow erosion.
- An email was received from Dockmaster Fred Brisbee requesting that the GSC boat be removed from the slip for winter storage.

The public is reminded to call the Town Hotline number directly for the most up to date information on openings and closures of recreational areas.

5. Wardens' Report

Shellfishing areas have been closed most of this month due to heavy rain. Bur. of Aquaculture (BoA) opened areas to conduct water sampling. Areas were again closed today due to yesterday's rainfall.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey

Peter Charland reported on Recreational Licenses Sales :Total \$2,100

The Lobster Pound : \$832

- 7 annual resident, 3 annual senior resident, 7 annual nonresident, 4 daily

Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop: \$1,268

- 9 annual nonresident, 5 annual senior nonresident, 7 annual resident

Discussion reviewed licensing procedures and revisions to the 2019 license, including "white" as the new color. Peter Charland will create an updated form to improve recordkeeping of vendor sales. He will send the form to Chair Lombard for approval and then to GSC commissioners. The 2019 licenses will be sold prior to January so the public can purchase as holiday gifts.

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that the BoA will prorate samplings for the year because areas were closed more often due to weather conditions.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

Chair Ed Lombard reported that Dockmaster Fred Brisbee had requested that GSC remove its' boat from the slip by December 1, 2018 for the winter.

Discussion reviewed the need to replace the Garmin GPS. John Hall advised that he will research new GPS depth finders and report when he has information.

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

Chair Lombard had received an email from Intercoastal Fisheries advising that seed clams will be smaller than last year and to the total would be 750,000 instead of 500,000.

Bob Burger reported that when researching other suppliers in Massachusetts he found the cost to be comparable to Intercoastal Fisheries. Long Island Sound and Cape Cod fisheries will also be contacted.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland reported on the September and October financial statements. Stocking expenditures were above \$20,000. The remaining stocking budget is \$5,000 until the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2019.

Previous Balance :	\$140,658	
Deficit :	\$ 8,488	
Fund Balance :	\$132,170	Stocking Designated Reserve : \$40,000

While reviewing charts, discussion focused on possibly reactivating unclaimed Lots. Commercial fisheries would be notified if any Lots are available. Each Lot's grounds has specific conditions. There has been expansion in oyster grounds. Further discussion will be held during winter meetings under "Special Projects".

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

There was no discussion.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Tony DeLucia reported that at this time recreational areas are posted with closed signs.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Chair Ed Lombard reported that the GSC webpage is updated and he will continue to update the open and closure information.

Shellfishers are again reminded to call the GSC Hotline number for the most up to date open and closed information.

7. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)

John Sieviec reported that LAC did not meet in November.

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

John Sieviec and Bob Burger reported that SGAB did not meet in November.

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

HMC Liaison Keith Harvey reported :

- HMC warned Oceanco that the company would be fined if they did not redesign a seawall and landscape to prevent erosion at 485 Whitfield Street. They redesigned the area and DEEP approved the changes.
- HMC objected to the Sachem Head Yacht Club Association installing a floating dock for dinghy boats. Discussions are working on a resolution.

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

Discussion was held earlier in the meeting.

8. Old Business

A. Safety follow up - Allyn Brown / John Sieviec / Don Kowalsky

Warden Allyn Brown was not able to be present to report. Review will be done at the next December meeting.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects

John Sieviec reported that the below four projects continue to be on hold due to a lack of funding from the State of CT.

1. Shell Beach Marsh Restoration

John Sieviec reported that an Environmental Impact Study will be conducted by the Town at the Shell Beach Marsh Restoration project including a culvert area

2. Seaside Ave. dock

There was no new information on this project.

3. Rt 146 road reconstruction

There was no new information.

4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

Design plans have not been submitted to the Town.

C. Review Shellfish Management Plan

Chair Lombard has not heard from the Bureau of Aquaculture (BOA) on the update to the Shellfish Management Plan. The update is overdue and requires more accurate information.

9. New Business

A. Other

Discussion reviewed the recent update of the Town software and issues with online links. The new system is being worked on by the Health Director's department. The rain gauge accuracy has been impacted which causes problems for shellfishers and area closures.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:23 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary