

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

February 12, 2020

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, Vice Chair Bob Burger, ,
Tony DeLucia, Keith Harvey, John Hall, John Sieviec
Absent: Treasurer Peter Charland, Don Kowalsky (Alt)
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Fred Hill
Commercial: None
Guests: John Lust, consultant for Guilford Yacht Club
Jack Evans, Guilford Yacht Club member

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

Coastal consultant, John Lust, requested that GSC review two DEEP permit applications, Guilford Yacht Club (GYC), 379 Whitfield Street and McClure residence at 132 Old Quarry Road. Discussion reviewed GYC aerial photos and design drawings to reconfigure eight existing floating docks and moorings in the West River. There are commercial Oyster beds approximately 225 feet on the other side of the river.

Motion: Bob Burger moved to give tentative approval for the Guilford Yacht Club DEEP permit application, based on pending input from Stella Mar commercial fishery owner Steven Schaefer, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Consultant John Lust submitted the property map for the 132 Old Quarry Road residence, including seawalls and beach. Since owners had never obtained a ramp and dock permit, they are now reviewing requirements with DEEP, for the existing handicap accessible 25 feet by 23 feet ramp, leading to the existing 6 feet by 30 feet dock. There are no new structures on the application. Discussion reviewed the proximity to recreational shellfish beds inside the cove.

Motion: Bob Burger moved to tentatively approve the McClure property DEEP permit application, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

GYC member Jack Evans advised that GYC will dredge their section of the West River basin by the end of this month and will dredge the channel during the first two weeks of May.

GSC Chair Ed Lombard will notify the commercial fisheries of the GYC dredging schedule.

2. Minutes of January 8, 2020 meeting

Motion: Keith Harvey approved the January 8, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by John Hall.

*Vote: Carried - Keith Harvey, Bob Burger, John Hall, John Sieviac
Abstained - Tony DeLucia (January Absent)*

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland

Chair Lombard reported that since sending invoices, a payment had been received from one commercial fishery.

4. Bills and Correspondence

Bills

Chair Lombard reported for Treasurer Peter Charland :

Tyco Printing - 2020 Recreational Shellfishing License forms	\$ 1,092.00
Warden Allyn Brown :	\$ 221.60
5 patrols (\$200)	
Annual Gathering of CT Shellfish Com. - mileage (\$21.60)	
Recording Secretary Judy Anderson Castellano - January	\$ 78.75
Guilford Marina Commission - Dock Fee GSC Boat	\$ 1,570.29
Ed Lombard - *Registration fees	\$ 175.00
*Annual Gathering of CT Shellfish Commissions - mileage	
Tony DeLucia - mileage :change open/closed recreational signs	\$ 153.00
Bob Burger - mileage :delivering water samples to Bur. Aquaculture lab	<u>\$ 64.96</u>
Total:	\$ 3,355.60

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by John Sieviac.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

Each month emails are received from Tessa Getchis of UCONN Sea Grant and UCONN Extension Program a partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This month : CT Commissions' surveys including commercial licensing procedures, CT Shellfish Restoration Program, Environmental and Shellfish Industry legislation, CT Guide to Shellfishing, 2019 HAB Report re: phytoplankton and biotoxin programs, Applied Shellfish Farming course, and Webinar: State and Federal Ocean Acidification Policy and Action.

5. Wardens' Report

Wardens Allyn Brown and Fred Hill reported that there are a few winter recreational shellfishers.

As requested by Warden Greg Marsh at the January meeting, to better identify wardens to the public GSC will research ordering new T-shirts and hats with logo.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey

Chair Lombard reported that the Town Clerk continues to sell recreational licenses each month. There were no sales' numbers available.

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

Bob Burger reported that February water sampling will be done as soon as days of heavy rain and the DEEP waiting period have passed.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

John Hall reported that the boat remains in winter dry dock. Discussion reviewed spring maintenance, new decals, electrical work, epoxy paint the floor and other repairs. GSC commissioners will do the work.

Motion: Bob Burger moved to approve up to \$500 to purchase supplies for the boat spring maintenance, seconded John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

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

Stocking oysters will be done in April 2020. Bob Burger will contact the ARC seed clam nursery to advise them that GSC will place an order in October 2020.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Chair Lombard reported on Revenue :

- Dolan Brothers Shellfish	\$5,904.50
- Recreational License Sales :	
Allyn Brown	\$ 205
Capt. Morgan Bait Shop	\$ 878
Dee's Bait and Tackle (2019 sales)	<u>\$1,058</u>

Total : \$8,045.50

It is expected that approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 of commercial payments will be received this month and recreational sales will begin to increase as weather warms.

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

John Sievec reported that the Mulberry Point water main project continues to progress. There will be some ground and water turbulence during construction.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Tony DeLucia reported signs are up to date.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Chair Lombard reported that the GSC website is up to date.

7. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC) - John Sievec

John Sievec reported LAC is working on the same current projects not related to shellfish grounds.

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

John Sievec reported that Tessa Getchis had just emailed him the results of the DEEP Algae Study. Chair Lombard had responded to Tessa's email request for information on GSC commercial licensing fees and procedures.

Discussion was held on the Annual Gathering of CT Shellfish Commissions review of information on how shellfish absorbs biotoxins and phytoplankton. Studies have found that clams can purge micro-plastics when they are depurated (relocated) to clean water.

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

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

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

There was no new information to 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

Bob Burger and John Hall submitted copies of the Warden Guidelines final draft. Commissioners will review and vote at the March meeting.

C. Selling of old Boat Motor

Bob Burger will contact Facilities Maintenance Dept. Manager Steve Neydorff regarding the Town of Guilford spring equipment auction and the GSC former boat engine.

D. Meeting of Commissions

Discussed under " 7. B. Sea Grant Advisory Board".

9. New Business

With regret that Chair Lombard's mother had recently passed away and that she and her family has requested that any donations be sent to the *Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund*,

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to make a \$1,000 donation to the Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of Martha Lombard, seconded by John Sieviac.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Discussion was held on GSC member vacancies. Clarification is needed to retain an active Alternate member Don Kowalsky. His term had recently expired and since has changed political parties. His former party could not reinstate him. Chair Lombard will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that Don be reappointed to the GSC.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:20 pm, John Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Burger.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary