

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**February 14, 2018**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room**

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, John Hall, Ed Lombard, John Sievec, Keith Harvey,  
Peter Charland, Anthony DeLucia  
Absent: None  
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh  
Commercial: Stephen Schaefer, Stella Mar Shellfish  
Guests: Bob Burger, potential member

At 7:35 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting.

**1. Public Forum**

Discussion reviewed the shellfish management plan and culvert locations.

**2. Minutes of January 10, 2018 meeting**

Upon review,

*By Consensus: Minutes were approved.*

**3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt**

Ed Lombard reported that C.W. Shellfish, Chris Walston, has coordinated with Madison Shellfish Commission to share docks and will be renting their upwellers in June.

Stella Mar Shellfish, Steve Schaefer, reported no activity this past month.

**4. Bills and Correspondence**

Correspondence      There was no correspondence.

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Warden Fred Hill - January	\$ 160.00
Warden Allyn Brown - December	\$ 160.00
- January	\$ 120.00
Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary(January)	\$ 68.00
Stephen Goldschmidt - Mileage/Shellfish Conference	\$ 94.73
Anthony DeLucia - Mileage	\$ 58.00
Guilford Marina Commission - Slip rental	\$ 1,500.60
Shore Publishing - Public Hearing Notices	\$ 78.00
Sweitzer Trash Removal (Great Harbor & Rte 146 Crabbing)	<u>\$ 205.53</u>

Total : \$ 2,444.86

*By Concensus: Bills were approved.*

**5. Wardens' Report**

Warden Fred Hill had emailed his report. A person had been rescued from the freezing waters. A shellfisher was seen at the Chaffinch Island area on January 27. Harbormaster had reported that someone in a kayak had gone under.

**6. Subcommittees**

**A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt / Keith Harvey**

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Recreational License Revenue received : \$1,176.00

Capt. Morgan Bait Shop : 9 resident, 1 non-resident senior, 8 non-resident

Cash sales by GSC or Wardens: 2 non-resident, 3 resident, 1 resident senior, 4 Daily

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

Ed Lombard reported that recreational areas were closed due to rainfall totals. Water Sampling is on hold. Adverse Pollution Control sample results would not allow opening areas. A contributing factor was the presence of geese.

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

Ed Lombard reported the GSC boat is on his property. It will remain there until members are able to return to the water. Stephen Goldschmidt has the batteries and will charge them once a month.

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

Ed Lombard reported there were no Stocking activities this month.

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

Treasurer Peter Charland submitted Operating Statements just received from the Town Finance Dept. for January 2018. An adjustment has been made to July 2017.

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

GSC will participate in Guilford's "Earthfest" on April 21, 2018. Plans for the display table will be discussed at the March meeting.

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

Tony DeLucia reported that Shell Beach is the only recreational area open. He reminds the public that parking is not allowed on private property near shellfishing areas. The Police Dept. has posted "No Parking" signs as needed.

**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 this month on the Public Awareness Outreach programs for the Connecticut Shellfish Initiative.

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

Keith Harvey reported there is no new information from HMC.

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

Discussion held under "Old Business".

**8. Old Business**

**A. Review of Warden Guidelines**

Discussion was tabled to the March meeting.

**B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects**

**1. Shell Beach Marsh Restoration**

John Sievec reported there is no new information on the Shell Beach Marsh Restoration project.

**2. Seaside Ave. dock**

John Sievec reported there is no new information on the Seaside Avenue Dock project that is underway.

**3. Rt 146 road reconstruction**

John Sieviec reported that there was no new information on the Rt. 146 Project. Design plans have not been submitted to the Town.

**4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration**

John Sieviec reported that the Guilford Yacht Club plans disposal of dredging spoils during their marsh restoration along the West River will impact shellfish beds. The Town and Yacht Club continue to explore options.

**C. Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Discussion reviewed the status of the Annual Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund established February 7, 2018. At present, contributions total \$7,000. A press release was submitted on Monday alerting the public to the opportunity to contribute to the fund.

The scholarship is intended to be sustained in perpetuity once the fund reaches \$10,000 and by future donations. This is an ongoing collaboration among the Donors (Stephen Goldschmidt and Gary MacElhiney), the GSC, The Guilford Foundation and The Sound School.

Discussion reviewed fundraising opportunities:

- GSC will look into working with the Guilford Marina Commission to possibly hold an Annual Picnic at the Town Marina. GSC members will provide musicians and food.
- Contributions include : Harbor Management Commission \$1,000 and GSC \$2,000
- Marina Commission requested a GSC letter regarding the joint fundraiser. Chair Goldschmidt will send them a letter and research necessary permits.
- Funds can be raised at the GSC Guilford Fair display booth.
- The first student scholarship will be \$500.
- Garth Varian is very appreciative for GSC support of this project in memory of Alison.
- Further discussion will be held at the March meeting.

**9. New Business**

**A. Chaffinch Island, Old Quarry Rd and Daniels Ave Road Projects**

John Sieviec submitted the Town design and relocation plans for Mulberry Point and Daniels Avenue road project to raise and extend the water main.

GSC would approve the Town Public Works/Engineering Dept. project with the condition that water be pumped north into the marsh to slowly disperse and clean. John Sieviec will compose the GSC conditions to submit to Public Works/Engineering Dept.

*Motion: John Sieviac moved to approve the Public Works/Engineering Dept. road project for Mulberry Point and Daniels Avenue with a GSC letter of conditions, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Chair Goldschmidt reviewed an email from the Town Engineering Dept. to review the Chaffinch Island Road and Old Quarry Road projects. Discussion followed.

*Motion: John Sieviac moved to approve the Chaffinch Island Road project, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Discussion reviewed the Old Quarry Road project, near Harrison Cove, that has been approved by the Harbor Management Commission.

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve the Old Quarry Road project, seconded by Ed Lombard*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

**B. Review January 13, 2018 Annual Shellfish Commissions Meeting**

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reviewed the Annual Gathering of CT Shellfish Commissions. A Municipal Shellfish Management Plan is being created to minimize issues related to approval and other processes. Stonington has had some lawsuits. GSC will review its' own procedures.

**C. Other**

The First Selectman's Office emailed all Commissions a request to review all records and remove by February 28<sup>th</sup> from the record room, on the second floor of Town Hall, due to renovations to that room. Ed Lombard and Peter Charland will review GSC records retaining those of historical value.

Discussion was held on ways to use a GSC email account, Town account or a GSC host domain. Peter Charland will research and report at the March meeting.

Chair Goldschmidt advised that he had received an email from Robin Bumpen, Assistant to Senator Ted Kennedy Jr., regarding lowering the catch limit for horseshoe crabs. Pharmaceutical companies are catching female crabs removing 25% of their blood and using it for human birth control.

The decreased crab population has had a dramatic impact to the wildlife and impacted fisheries. Warden Allyn Brown has witnessed Sacred Heart Academy students documenting by tagging crabs. Chair Goldschmidt will send a GSC letter to Senator Kennedy's office including Warden Allyn Brown's contact information.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:20 pm, Ed Lombard moved to adjourn, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary