

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 11, 2020
7:30 P.M.
Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, Vice Chair Bob Burger, Treasurer Peter Charland,
Keith Harvey, John Sieviac, John Hall (arrived)
Absent: Tony DeLucia
Wardens: Allyn Brown
Commercial: None
Guests:

At 7:32 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting. The Chair and four regular members were present for a quorum at the beginning of the meeting.

1. **Public Forum** There was no one present from the public.
2. **Minutes of February 12, 2020 meeting**

Motion: Bob Burger approved the February 12, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by Keith Harvey.

*Vote Carried - Keith Harvey, Bob Burger, John Sieviac, Ed Lombard
Abstained - Peter Charland (February absent)*

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

Chair Lombard reported that as of today, a couple of GSC commercial fisheries have paid their annual license agreement invoices that were sent last month.

Chair Lombard had received phone calls from fisheries looking for Lots to grow out clams. They requested information on the process, permits and whether they could conduct surveys.

5. **Wardens' Report**

Wardens Allyn Brown reported that there are more recreational shellfishers as the weather warms. He advised that wardens are needed for holidays and weekends. (Warden Brown left the meeting)

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 March water sampling has been done and submitted to the DEEP, Milford, Bur. of Aquaculture laboratory. Most recreational areas have been open since January due to warmer winter temperatures. He advised that since the Guilford Fire Dept. requires that their Rescue Boat have two fire rescue pilots on board when operating, it becomes difficult for him to schedule using it for GSC winter sampling.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

John Hall reported that he will do maintenance on the GSC boat this weekend. The Yamaha is due for a 20 hour servicing. He will contact East River Marine. The letters for the boat name "Sally Richards" are worn and will be replaced.

4. Bills and CorrespondenceBills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Warden Allyn Brown - patrols	\$ 360.00
Recording Secretary Judy Anderson Castellano - February	\$ 105.00
Bob Burger - mileage/delivering water samples to Aquaculture lab	\$ 32.48
John Hall - boat supplies	<u>\$ 401.15</u>
Total:	\$ 1,098.63

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

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

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

Bob Burger reported that he had contacted the ARC seed clam nursery to advise them that GSC will place an order in October 2020. He was told that they may not have larger size clams this fall.

John Hall will contact Patty King of Dolan Brothers Shellfish regarding GSC placing an order for 100 bushels of bottom run oysters.

Motion: John Hall moved to approve the purchase of up to \$2,500, of bottom run oysters from Dolan Brothers Shellfish, seconded by Keith Harvey.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Chair Lombard will contact Chris Walston, C.W. Walston Shellfish, regarding the purchase of stocking clams in the spring.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland reported on Revenue. There was no February Operating Report from the Finance Dept.

Recreational License Sales :

Capt. Morgan Bait Shop	\$1,108.00
January: 11 Annual Nonresident, 4 Annual Nonresident Senior, 1 Annual Resident, 2 Annual Resident Senior, 1 Daily	
GSC cash	\$ 95.00
1- Daily, 3 - Annual Resident	
Fishing Factory cash	\$ 216.00
3 - Annual Nonresident	

Annual Commercial License Agreements :

LMH Shellfish, Bud Harris	\$1,394.25
Stella Mar Shellfish, Steven Schafer	<u>\$1,872.00</u>
Total :	\$4,685.25

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

There are no special projects at this time.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Chair Lombard reported that all recreational signs are up to date.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Peter Charland reported that many people have clicked "liked" on the GSC Facebook page. Chair Lombard advised that a Vibrio Alert (clam disease not contagious to humans) is posted on the GSC website and Facebook page.

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

John Sieviec reported that LAC is working on projects not related to shellfish grounds.

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

John Sieviec reported that he will contact the Sea Grant Advisory Board this week.

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

Keith Harvey reported that there remains no resolution regarding the issues with the Sluice Gate at the Town Marina.

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

John Sieviec reported that silt from the Indian Cover Water Main Project will be moved and the pipe will be placed under a culvert, across a stream. Steel reinforced concrete piles are being installed.

Chair Ed Lombard reported that Parks and Recreation Dept. Director Rick Maynard had called him regarding a proposed children's Splashpad for Jacobs Beach. The Town will use chlorinated water for the spouts. Ed advised Dir. Maynard that no shellfish water testing is currently being done in that area. GSC needs to know what tests are required by DEEP. There are no shellfish beds close to the beach.

8. Old Business

A. Review Shellfish Management Plan

GSC continues to wait for further information from the DEEP review of the GSC Shellfish Management Plan.

B. Adopt Wardens' Guidelines

Bob Burger and John Hall submitted copies of the *GSC Warden MOU Highlights* for review. (M.O.U.= Memorandum Of Understanding)

Discussion was held on recommended revisions to the "Wardens' Guidelines" draft. Additional wardens may be needed for weekends and holidays. Bob Burger will email GSC the MOU highlights and Guidelines draft to review these updates this month and vote in April.

C. Selling of Old Boat Motor There was no new information.

9. New Business

A. Other

Chair Lombard advised that he may step down as Chair to resume as a regular member. Discussion followed regarding revisions to policies.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:35 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Charland.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary