

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES**

March 13, 2019

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, Vice Chair Bob Burger, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey,
Peter Charland, John Hall, Anthony DeLucia
Absent: Don Kowalsky(Alt)
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh
Commercial: Steven Schaefer, Stella Mar fishery
Guests: Alex Malvezzi and Eric Davison, potential kelp farming

At 7:30 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

Alex Mavezzi and Eric Davison were present to inform GSC regarding their desire to create a Kelp Farm on State Lot 495. They are in consultation with GSC commercial licensee Bud Harris to sublease this Lot from him. They are currently in the State permitting process and will be participating in the State of CT Blue Plan for Long Island Sound. They will work with the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) and DEEP Bureau of Aquaculture (BoA). This farming is only allowed during the winter months and not during summer boating season.

Discussion reviewed the farming process. Kelp will grow on submerged rope lines in a 57 acre Lot off Sachem's Head, east of Goose Rocks, at 18 feet mean lo water. Both farmers will return to GSC for an informal review of the project. They are certified as kelp farmers and will work with a Branford supplier and other who will purchase the harvest. Kelp can be used for biofuel, vitamins, food, and medicine.

2. Minutes of February 13, 2019 meeting

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes, seconded by Peter Charland.

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

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland

Fisherman Steven Schaefer of Stella Mar expressed interest in a commercial license agreement for Lot 4 to relay oysters from the West River. He would like to obtain an exploration survey permit, to dredge the area and subdivide the sixty acres into four 15 acre plots to grow out and depurate. Mr. Schaefer was requested to submit coordinates for GSC to review and chart the area.

Motion: Bob Burger moved to allow Mr. Schaefer to conduct bottom sampling, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

4. Bills and Correspondence

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Judy Anderson Castellano - Recording Sec. January	\$ 86.25
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 200.00
Registrations for Annual Gathering of CT Shellfish Commissions	\$ 105.00
Cabela's : Life Jackets for GSC Boat (ordered 1/26/19	<u>\$ 340.19</u>
Total :	\$ 731.44

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

- An email was received from Jessica Lundquistand Tessa ...???

-DEEP consultation letter re: 66 High Street condominiums pool construction near wetlands.

-A Board of Selectmen letter was received appointing John Sieviec as GSC liaison to the Land Acquisition Commission.

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported that recreational areas had been "Quiet this month" due to snow and ice continues. One day there were 16 shellfishers at Great Harbor then periodically one or two people. Allyn had contacted Parks and Recreation Director Rick Maynard regarding more trash containers at shellfishing areas. Trash pick up is needed two to three times per week during warm weather. Dir. Maynard agreed to use Town containers instead of GSC hiring the Waste Tech company. Allyn will stay in contact with Dir. Maynard.

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey

Chair Lombard reported that GSC is waiting for monthly sales from vendor Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop. Keith Harvey will retrieve past and current sales for the April meeting.

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

Bob Burger reported that water sampling is back on schedule. The Bureau of Aquaculture (BoA) has decreased the number of testing stations from 31 to 21.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard**1. New gear, expired flairs, life jackets, update on GPS**

During discussion :

- Warden Greg Marsh will continue to research a discount for a new Garmin GPS.
- John Hall will schedule the Boat launch for April.
- New inflatable life jackets were recently purchased.

D. Stocking – Anthony DeLucia / John Hall / John Sievic**1. Someone contact Patty King (Dolan Brothers Shellfish) re: price, etc**

Discussion on stocking plans :

- Oysters may be stocked in April.
- Chair Ed Lombard will contact Patty King, Dolan Brothers Shellfish, regarding their availability and amount of stock they can supply.
- Bob Burger will contact Aqua Research Corporation of Massachusetts regarding the cost of clams at fifteen to seventeen millimeter in size. Expected to be stocked mid-October.
- Chair Lombard advised that New York City has a project to create an oyster reef from recycled toilets.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland reported on the February Operating Statement :

Recreational License sales : \$220

Annual license: 2 non-resident senior, 2 resident, 2 resident senior
1 resident @ no fee for Good Samaritan recovering GSC buoy.

Commercial :

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Total Receivables :	\$4,856	Fund Balance : \$137,215
Expenditures:	<u>405</u>	(Budget is on track)
	\$4,451	

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

Warden Brown will lead a Spring Clamming Day for a Boy Scout troop.
Discussion reviewed the current computer sharing with the Land Acquisition Commission. John Sievic will contact Town Environmental Planner Kevin Magee for

more information on the current program. Peter Charland will research the programs currently used by GSC.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

1. Blow torch to unfreeze locks

Tony DeLucia reported that currently all signs are in good condition and posted. Warden Greg Marsh will be installing a new sign.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Chair Ed Lombard reported that he will continue to update the GSC website.

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

7. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)

John Sieviec reported that the Town has approved a ten acre development project on State Street near the I-95 overpass.

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

John Sieviec reported there was no new information from the Sea Grant Advisory Board.

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

Keith Harvey reported that the HMC is reviewing a dock application for the East River which includes a 110 square feet dock. The current HMC Plan, which does not allow docks over 100 square feet, will be amended to extend the footage.

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

GSC has received the DEEP consultation letter for a pool construction at '66 High Street' condominiums. Chair Lombard submitted a diagram. John Sieviec has observed the proposed pool site finding no impact to shellfish grounds.

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve (response to DEEP) on the construction project at '66 High Street' (no impact to shellfish), seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

The Town will be conducting projects at Cove Creek on Daniel Avenue.

8. Old Business

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

Discussion on updating safety guidelines for shellfishers was deferred for further information at the April meeting. The "Buddy System" has been recommended.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects

John Sieviec reported that the below four projects continue to be on hold waiting for State of CT funding from the newly elected administration. The water main project for Indian Cove residents has received \$3,500,000 from the State of CT.

1. Rt 146 road reconstruction

There will be a Town Meeting and Public Hearing with the CT Dept. of Transportation, Army Corp of Engineers, Town of Guilford officials, and citizens, on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Community Center. Discussion will review the state and federal road, bridge, culvert project on Route 146. Unsafe flooding conditions, crabbing area, pollution, access to residences and environmental impact are among the issues along this National Register of Historic Places. John Sieviec will attend the meeting.

This project is a major concern for GSC. Commissioners will monitor the area for tar removal and pollution that negatively impacts shellfish at Shell Beach. Septic pipes may collapse and leak into the Sound from under a wall. Water is currently coming out of the ground.

Bob Burger will contact Town Engineer Janice Plaziak and Health Director Dennis Johnson. Water Sampling test results will provide pollution rates.

C. Review Shellfish Management Plan

Chair Lombard has not heard from the Bureau of Aquaculture (BOA) on the over due update to the Shellfish Management Plan. GSC has questions on approved grounds.

9. New Business

A. UCONN Sea Grant Office : Grant idea/proposal to re-establish steamers in Guilford beds including Great Harbor

There was no information to discuss.

B. Other

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:35 pm, John Hall moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Burger.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary