

## GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION

### MINUTES

April 10, 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, Don Kowalsky (Alt)  
Absent: None  
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh, Fred Hill  
Commercial: None  
Guests: None

At 7:36 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting.

#### 1. Public Forum

There were no citizens present for Public Forum.

#### 2. Minutes of March 13, 2019 meeting

*Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve the March 13, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Keith Harvey. Further review followed on clarifying commercial payments.*

*Amended: Tony DeLucia moved to Table approval of the minutes (until verifying payments), seconded by John Sieviec.*

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

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported on outstanding commercial payments. He will send additional invoices. Ed is waiting to receive Lot 4 coordinates from Steve Schaefer of Stella Mar to pursue Mr. Schaefer's exploratory permit on the Lot. Keith Harvey advised that some recreational license forms received from Capt. Morgan Bait Shop had no numbers printed in the upper corner for GSC recordkeeping.

#### 5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported that he has observed one or two people per day shellfishing at Great Harbor this past month. One warmer day there were approximately eighteen people, which had also occurred one day the previous month.

Allyn also advised that he had attended the March 19, 2019 Town Meeting and Public Hearing held at the Community Center, with the CT Dept. of Transportation (DOT), Army Corp of Engineers ACOE), Town of Guilford officials and citizens.

Allyn had advised that he had informed the DOT and ACOE that GSC will monitor the area for tar removal, increased silt levels and pollution that cause shellfish mortality. (See March minutes re: discussion planned to review the state and federal road, bridge, culvert project on Route 146. Unsafe flooding conditions, shellfishing and crabbing area, pollution, access to residences and environmental impact are among the issues along this National Register of Historic Places and to the mouth of the river at the shore.) Guilford is noted for the best shellfishing (oysters and clams) on the shoreline. This project is a major concern for GSC.

(John Sieviec had also attended the meeting, reporting under Special Projects.)

#### 4. Bills and Correspondence

##### Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Warden Fred Hill	\$ 160.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 320.00
Greg Marsh - Boat winter wrap and Garmin GPS	\$1,476.81
Judy Anderson Castellano - Recording Sec. March invoice	\$ 103.50
Sweitzer Waste Removal - Trolley Road (shellfishing)	\$ 208.53
Leete's Island Road (crabbing)	\$ 105.00
Bob Burger - Mileage, ice	\$ 130.17
GSC boat battery (w/extended included warranty)	\$ 283.89
John Hall - Boat maintenance	\$ 60.50
Town of Madison, Shellfish Commission : grounds cross town lines/ half commercial license fees from Dolan Bros. Shellfish	<u>\$2,881.50</u>
Total :	\$5,729.90

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

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

##### Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

#### 6. Subcommittees

##### A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey

Vice Chair Bob Burger recommended adding 'River's End' of Old Saybrook as a GSC (recreational license) vendor.

*Upon discussion,*

*Motion: Bob Burger moved that 'River's End' (Old Saybrook) become a GSC vendor (selling recreational licenses), seconded by John Sieviec.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

At this point, Bob Burger and Keith Harvey advised that they will continue as volunteers for the Annual Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser, created by the GSC with the Guilford Foundation. More volunteers are needed for this September 2019 event. Peter Charland volunteered to help with the fundraiser. He has created a GSC Facebook page for commissioners to review.

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

Bob Burger reported that water sampling for Adverse Pollution Conditions will be done with the next sampling. There have been good test results from regular water samples. The Bureau of Aquaculture (BoA) has decreased the required number of testing stations from 31 to 21.

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

John Hall and Bob Burger reported on GSC Boat maintenance :

- They cleaned, waxed and buffed saving GSC approximately \$500-\$600.
- Oil will be changed.
- A new Garmin GPS has been installed.
- John Hall recommended fabricating a new hatch with new hardware and repair the pilot seat cushion.

*Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve funds up to \$600 for further boat repairs, including flairs and cushion, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

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

Discussion on stocking plans :

- Chair Ed Lombard reported that Dolan Brothers Shellfish can supply bottom run clams at \$22 per bushel, to stock the first week in May.
- Reviewed purchase criteria.

*Motion: John Sieviec moved to purchase 100 bushel from Dolan Brothers Shellfish, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

Discussion continued on purchasing clams from Aqua Research Corporation of Massachusetts and C.W. Shellfish (Chris Walston) of Guilford.

Chair Lombard will contact Chris Walston on his price for Little Neck clams to be stocked in all areas.

Bob Burger reported that Aqua Research Corporation can provide clams sizes at thirteen to seventeen millimeters, to be stocked in the fall.

*Motion: John Sieviec moved to commit to Aqua Research Corp. to order clams, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

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

Treasurer Peter Charland reported on the March Operating Statement.

Recreational License Revenue :     \$2,322

GSC sales:     3 annual non-resident, 6 annual resident  
 Town Clerk :   1 annual senior resident replacement (\$5)  
 Capt. Morgan : 23 annual non-resident, 2 annual non-resident senior,  
                   8 annual resident, 3 annual resident senior

Commercial Revenue :                 \$6,704

Dolan Bros. Shellfish	Lots 1,16,42	\$5,763
C.W. Shellfish	Lots 35,36,38,39,45,51	\$ 827
Leete's Island Oysters	Lots 53,54	\$ 114

Commercial Expenditures :             \$2,881.50

Madison Shellfish Commission - Half of Dolan Bros. Shellfish grounds cross town lines.  
 Fees are divided between both commissions.

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to accept the Finance Report, seconded by Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

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

John Sieviec reported that Town Health Director Dennis Johnson will be conducting water samples using dye at the Shell Beach culvert to determine whether there is potential septic pollution.

John reported on attending the Town Meeting and Public Hearing regarding the DOT and ACOE construction plans to redesign Route 146 for safety against flooding. The conceptual design includes a bridge spanning 365 feet wide. University of New Haven graduate students will conduct baseline water sampling. Silt will have significant mortal impact on shellfish with a major increase in water volume and velocity. The current concept showed water pumps, bridge closure to one lane for a year or more, property owners will be contacted before the project begins. Tessa Getchis, UCONN Sea Grant Office, had submitted questions regarding septic issues for Great Harbor.

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

Tony DeLucia reported that a new open/closure sign will be installed in the spring at the Chaffinch Island shellfishing area.

**H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey**

Chair Ed Lombard reported he will continue to update the GSC website. Shellfishers are again reminded to call the GSC Hotline for daily recreational open or closed areas.

**7. Updates**

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

John Sieviec reported that LAC has approved two properties. One is at Twin Bridge Road next to Timberlands Preserve in North Guilford.

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

John Sieviec and Bob Burger reported that the SGAB did not hold a March meeting.

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

Keith Harvey reported that the HMC had received a dock application for Joshua Cove. Chair Lombard will research coordinates to be sure the proposed dock is not in commercial shellfish beds.

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

Discussion held earlier in the meeting.

**8. Old Business**

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

Discussion was Tabled to the next meeting.

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

Discussion held earlier in the meeting.

**C. Review Shellfish Management Plan**

Discussion on the Shellfish Management Plan was Tabled until information is received from the Bureau of Aquaculture.

**9. New Business**

**A. Other**

There was no other business.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:36 pm, Bob Burger moved to adjourn, seconded by Tony DeLucia*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary