

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 11, 2018

7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, John Hall, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Ed Lombard, Bob Burger

Absent: Anthony DeLucia, Peter Charland

Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh

Commercial: Stephen Schaefer, Stella Mar Shellfish

Guests: John Lust, consultant for Dr. Rebecca Pringle re: 17B East River Road new fixed pier with seasonal ramp and float.

At 7:30 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting.

1. **Public Forum**

John Lust, consultant for Dr. Rebecca Pringle, presented review of his client's application to install a new fixed pier with a seasonal ramp and float.

The boat pier will be one hundred square feet. A map and design plans were reviewed, noting that the pier would be thirty feet from the middle of the channel to not impede boat traffic. Bruce Beebe, Beebe Marine, designed the plans and will be the contractor.

The seasonal ramp will be thirty-two feet in length by three feet wide with cedar pilings. There is an 8-1/2 feet by 12 feet floating dock.

Discussion included :

- John Lust will obtain a building permit for the Pringles.
- The Harbor Management Commission has approved the application with no additional conditions.

Motion: Ed Lombard moved to accept the proposed application, with no impact to shellfish beds, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Keith Harvey, John Sieviec, Ed Lombard, Bob Burger

Chair Goldschmidt will send Mr. Lust a PDF document of the GSC approval for signatures.

- Town Clerk : 5 Senior resident, 1 Senior Non-resident, 1 Non-resident, 11 Resident :
Total \$490

Bob Burger advised that as Town of Guilford employees some Firefighters who are non-residents have asked if they could obtain Recreational Shellfishing Licenses at the resident fee. GSC has discussed this in the past and concluded that it will not offer this option to Town employees.

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

Ed Lombard reported that one Water Sample was taken this month and other will be done when ice melts in those areas and heavy rainfall subsides. The Bur. of Aquaculture (BoA) laboratory schedule is limited so GSC must work with those times.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

John Hall reported that painting the bottom of the boat and launching must wait until air temperature is at least fifty degrees.

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

Chair Goldschmidt will contact Dolan Brothers Shellfish, Patty King, regarding their annual supply of oysters for May stocking at Great Harbor. He will also contact C.W. Shellfish, Chris Walston, regarding his annual supply of clams.

Motion: John Hall moved to authorize Chair Stephen Goldschmidt to purchase 100 bags of oysters for up to \$2,500, seconded Keith Harvey.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland was absent

Chair Goldschmidt reported reviewed the March Operations Report from the Finance Dept. noting no issues.

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

GSC will participate in Guilford's "Earthfest" on April 21, 2018. Allyn Brown, Peter Charland, John Sieviec will help to set up and be present that day. John Sieviec will provide a GSC video. Warden Brown will provide clam chowder.

Warden Allyn Brown requested that GSC recreational license vendor Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop should add the tide schedule with licenses. This will prevent shellfishing violators from the excuse that they did not know the tide times. Allyn requested whether a Warden can be a non-resident. Chair Goldschmidt will research this question.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Tony DeLucia was absent. Recreational areas are open at this time.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Ed Lombard advised there was no new information.

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

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reported that the Sea Grant Advisory Board had a meeting on The CT Blue Plan. The Plan is online and can be downloaded. Keith Harvey and John Sieviec had attended the meeting. There will be a June SGAB meeting.

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

Keith Harvey reported that it has come to the attention of the Harbor Management Commission that, in seeking HMC approval for four pier installations, the Guilford Yacht Club has yet to obtain all the required permits. The piers would be used for a GYC summer youth program.

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

John Sieviec reported under Old Business.

8. Old Business

A. Review of Warden Guidelines

Discussion was tabled to the May meeting.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects

John Sieviec reported that the below four projects are on hold due to a lack funding from the State of CT.

1. Shell Beach Marsh Restoration

The Shell Beach Marsh Restoration project is on hold until State of CT funds are available. It is unknown which agency has control of the flood gates.

2. Seaside Ave. dock

There was no new information on this project.

3. Rt 146 road reconstruction

The Town Engineering Dept. has not received design plans for the Route 146 Road Reconstruction.

4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

Keith Harvey reported that the Guilford Yacht Club had installed hay bales to slow the sediment from entering marshland during their channel and basin dredging project. The dredging has been extended to April 2, 2018. Spoils are being pumped onto their land into environmentally friendly cloth bags to form large berms. The material dries and becomes usable soil.

The Town Marina Commission is looking for a location to deposit their dredging spoils. A portion of Grass Island is being researched as a potential location in 2019.

C. Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund continues to receive contributions which are close to the goal of \$10,000 at this time.

Chair Goldschmidt has created a Facebook donation page to give the public the opportunity to contribute.

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 ongoing plans for a fundraiser :

- A subcommittee includes Bob Berger as coordinator with John Sievec and Peter Charland.
- Potential public and private locations were reviewed.
- Chair Goldschmidt will research the procedures for tickets, raffles, and other information.

9. New Business

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

John Sievec reported that the Town has completed the Chaffinch Island, Old Quarry Road and Daniels Avenue projects to raise roads and extend the water mains.

B. Review Shellfish Management Plan

Discussion was tabled to the May meeting. Chair Goldschmidt had emailed GSC the Memo of Understanding (MOU) and 1991 GSC Shellfish Management Plan for their review to discuss at the next meeting.

The MOU was updated in 2012 which is signed by Guilford Health Dept. Director Dennis Johnson, State of CT Bureau of Aquaculture, Guilford Police Dept., and GSC. Review is called for every five years and will be done this year. The MOU pertains to sampling procedures, Warden enforcement practices, classification review of bay areas, and more.

C. Other

There was no discussion.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:17 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary