

DRAFT MINUTES

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION

April 12, 2017 7:30 PM

Town Hall, second floor

Present: Keith Harvey, Stephen Goldschmidt (chairing for AV) John Sievec, Eric Mull, John Hall,
(Alt)Keith Harvey

Absent: Ed Lombard, Anthony DeLucia

Guests: Kim Granberry

Wardens: Allyn Brown

Acting Chairman Stephen Goldschmidt made a motion to open the meeting at 7:35PM.

1. Public Forum: No members of the public present.

Prompted by Alison Varian's resignation as Chair,

Stephen Goldschmidt moved to recognize, acknowledge and thank Chairwoman Alison Varian for all her years of excellent and dedicated for the Commission and her support of aquaculture in Guilford. GSC also recognizes what an inspiration Alison has been to all GSC members during her six year fight with cancer, seconded by Keith Harvey, all approved.

2. Minutes of March 8, 2017:

John Sievec made motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Eric Mull seconded, all approved.

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

- a. Requests for potential commercial lots- Kim Granberry

Form for new commercial shellfish lot- Kim presented his business plan.

KG- rubble from trolley bed, oyster- Catches good set. Wants to set out mesh bags to catch spat. He wants to use what he has caught in the proposed Lot to seed/ shell Lots 316 & 324. (Kim will have leases on 316& 324 Bear Island-Branford)

Kim gave a description of proposed commercial lot, old dams.

Stephen and Kim discussed Kim's request for shellfish lot in Guilford jurisdiction. Discussion of lot lines requested/required also took place.

Stephen entertained a motion to advertise for a Public Hearing regarding Kim leasing this Lot, John Hall seconded, all approved.

Stephen will prepare paperwork regarding the Lot lease. He reminded Kim that payment would be due at time of license approval for a 5 year lease + expire December 2023.

4. Bills and Correspondence:

Appointment letter from Joe Mazza stating Keith Harvey has joined the Commission.

Bills:

\$140.44 John Hall- mileage.

\$160.00 Fred Hill Shellfish Warden

\$129.70 Atlantic outboard repairs

\$280.00 Allan Brown Shellfish Warden

Total of \$710.14.

Keith made a motion to approve all bills, John Sievec seconded, all approved.

5. Wardens' Report : See "Old Business"

6. Subcommittees:

- A. Recreation –Stephen Goldschmidt/Alison Varian: Summary Captain Morgan : 3 Senior, 12 Regular Residents, 2 Senior, 7 Regular
 Alison Varian : 1 Resident, Fred Hill : 1 Resident
 Allyn Brown: 1 Senior
 Town Clerk: Non-Residents: Senior 1, 7 Regular. Residents: 10 Senior, 9 Regular.

Total : 54 licenses- \$2410.00 income = 17 Senior / 37 Regular.

Kristen Elliot has been out so Stephen was unsure if licenses were entered into database. Mitch Goldblatt from HR referred Steven to Nancy in Parks and Recreation; perhaps she would be able to assist in data entry.

- B. Water Sampling – Ed Lombard/John Hall /Stephen Goldschmidt: Ed did not have time to coordinate sampling before he left for TX. Stephen stated the beds can open Wednesday, and then GSC can take a “while open” sample run.
- C. Boat- Alison Varian/ John Hall/ Ed Lombard: Stephen trailered boat over to East River Marine.
 John Hall volunteered to return trailer as he has a hitch. Keith stated he is available for assistance on weekends. John Hall has all the bumpers and additional equipment for the boat in his shed, so he can pick up boat next week. Allan and John Sieviec can help too if needed.
- D. Stocking- Eric Mull/Anthony DeLucia/Alison Varian/John Hall: Stephen stated 100 bags of clams are available from Patty King (Dolan Bros.) when GSC is ready for them.
- E. Finance - Eric Mull projects that income will exceed the budget.
 Keith asked if the Commission needed to pay fire department. The Commission does not pay the Fire Department. GSC had asked to pay in the past then contributed \$10,000.00 towards the purchase of Guilford Fire Boat. The sampling runs are used for training and boat running times, which are needed whether or not GSC requests a sampling run. Occasionally the Fire Department will ask for small equipment purchases, which the Commission has reimbursed.
- F. Special Projects – Eric Mull:
 John Sieviec- Guilford Yacht Club dredging project needs a technical study.
- G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia : Not discussed.
- H. Website- Ed Lombard: Not discussed.

8. Updates:

- A. Land Acquisition Commission: Nothing to report.
- B. Sea Grant Advisory Board: Nothing to report.
 Keith inquired if this has been de-funded. Stephen and John Hall replied it is possible they will de-fund.
- C. Harbor Management Commission: Not discussed.

9. Old Business:

- A. Review of Warden guidelines meeting- John Hall to email meeting to other commissioners.
 Warden Allyn Brown: Shellfishing has been quiet. Will be opening next Wednesday 4/19/17. People have been asking about the opening date. If there is an issue with signs, please notify Allyn Brown. Eric to provide Allyn with mileage forms.
 Stephen stated assistance is needed coordinating wardens. Alison Varian was coordinating, but we will need new help.

10. New Business: Earthfest 4/22/17 10AM-2PM.

Stephen does not believe that the Park and Rec department will charge the Commission for space. Stephen spoke with Allyn Brown. Ed Lombard said he would man the booth/tent. Stephen suggests including equipment and photographs. Keith suggested license sales at this event. John Sievec can be there all day. Eric will not be able to attend, but will allow the Commission use of a tank for the shellfish. Keith will assist in setup if needed.

Eric made a motion to nominate Stephen as Commission Chairman. Keith seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

11. Adjournment: John Sievec made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM, Keith seconded.
All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Dudley
Commission Secretary Pro Tem