

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
May 10, 2017  
7:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room**

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, Ed Lombard, Eric Mull, John Hall, Anthony DeLucia,  
(Alt.) Keith Harvey

Absent: John Sieviec

Wardens: Allyn Brown

Commercial: Stephen Schaefer, Stella Mar Shellfish (formerly Hemlock)

Guests: Ben Goetsch, resident

At 7:35 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting.

**1. Public Forum**

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt offered gratitude for the life of Alison Varian, GSC member and Chairperson for the last several years, who passed away in April. She "meant a lot to GSC members and inspired us through her six year battle with cancer to continue working" to manage recreational and commercial shellfishing, for public health and safety. He offered that may she rest in peace and watch over the shellfishers, fishermen and GSC, then asked for a moment of silence.

Ben Goetsch has been interested in applying for a GSC position. Due to his employment with Briar Patch Shellfish, there is a conflict of interest which deems him not eligible. He offered to volunteer to assist GSC when possible. He has a master's degree in aquaculture and a law degree in marine related issues. He is following current changes to state and federal legislation and the impact to both the commercial and public shellfish industry.

**2. Minutes of April 12, 2017 meeting**

Upon review,

*Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve the April 12, 2017 minutes with amendments, seconded by Ed Lombard.*

*Vote: Carried - John Hall, Ed Lombard, Eric Mull, Keith Harvey, Tony DeLucia*

**3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt**

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that he will submit a June public hearing notice for commercial fisherman Kim Granbery. GSC has received a proposal from Mr. Granbery to create a new commercial lot on a 2/10 acre parcel in Hoadley Creek, north and east of Chris Walston's commercial Lots.

#### 4. Bills and Correspondence

Treasurer Eric Mull reported :

Bills

Warden Fred Hill	\$ 200.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 200.00
Warden Peter Beauvais	\$ 200.00
Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary	\$ 85.00 (March)
Brown's Boatyard - boat fuel	\$ 66.64
Allyn Brown - mileage	\$ 32.09
Stephen Goldschmidt - mileage	\$ 46.76
Schweitzer Trash Removal	\$ 170.00
Total :	\$ 800.49

*Motion:* John Hall moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

*Vote:* Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

Letter received from the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the design plans for the Tidal Marsh Gate/Bridge Project on Shell Beach Road.

Discussion was held on GSC concerns regarding the Tidal Marsh Gate project :

- BoA conducted water sampling test which GSC will review.
- The current design Plan to provide a safe roadway and restore marshlands includes the ACOE installing a four feet by six feet boxed culvert and a ten feet by ten feet concrete gate chamber.
- Stephen Goldschmidt will ask John Sieviec to contact Town Engineering Dept. and Town Natural Resource Dept. regarding the bridge design. GSC has concerns regarding construction plans, changes to the bacteria levels from the fields at the tidal gate, the hazardous risk at the pipe section and the change in water flow.

#### 5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported :

- Most recreational areas were closed this month due to rainfall.
- New heavier closure and open signs are needed to prevent the ongoing vandalism to GSC signs.

Discussion was held on solutions to the vandalism. Video cameras could be installed at some locations to monitor vandal activity and report to Police.

#### 6. Subcommittees

##### A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt

There was no updated license sales information. John Hall will pick up license sales from Dee's Bait Shop.

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

Ed Lombard reported :

- Windy and unsettled weather prevented water sampling this month. When Bur. of Aquaculture (BoA) laboratory results open the closed recreational areas, April samples will be collected and submitted.
- Adverse Pollution Control (APC) meat samples may be periodically.

**C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard**

John Hall and Ed Lombard reported :

- GSC boat was launched in April and used to stock oysters.
- John and Ed will purchase repair supplies, check with supplier on new seat cover order and, if needed, obtain flares, cables, etc.
- The boat trailer is stored at the Public Works garage and needs a new bunk strap to hold the boat on the trailer and fender repairs.

**D. Stocking – Eric Mull / Anthony DeLucia / Ed Lombard / John Hall**

Discussion was held on locations to continue stocking clams and oysters this spring :

- Ed Lombard advised that GSC continues to work on stocking the 75 bushels of clams purchased from Stella Mar Shellfish, Steven Schaefer.
- Warden Brown reported that the Guilford Police removed the "No Parking" signs at Bloody Cove. Tony DeLucia has received complaints from the residents that shellfishers are now parking in their neighborhood. Warden Brown will contact the Police regarding this issue.
- It was decided to stock 25 bags of clams in Shell Beach, 25 in Great Harbor, 12 in Chaffinch Island and 12 in Little Harbor.

Discussion continued on the procedure to transplant shellfish and Steven Schaefer, Stella Mar Shellfish, contact with Dave Carey of the BoA. It was decided that several GSC commissioners will participate in reviewing and conducting the transplant procedures.

Stephen Goldschmidt will contact Dolan Brothers Shellfish to schedule stocking of about 100 bags of oysters. Timing and water temperature is critical to all shellfish survival. Ed Lombard will assist in coordinating the schedule.

**E. Finance - Eric Mull**

Treasurer Eric Mull reported that he had not received the April Operating Budget Report from the Town Finance Dept. He will email the report to commissioners when he receives it.

Revenue: May Recreational License Sales - \$1,989  
Town Clerk's Office - \$975

Stephen Goldschmidt will contact Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop regarding the GSC recent addition of a \$65 nonresident recreational license. All non-residents licenses had a \$75 fee prior to this decision. GSC owes Capt. Morgan's the difference in fees that was collected this month. Stephen had reminded Capt. Morgan's to disperse to licensees the informational sheet on the shellfish vibrio disease and regulations.

Stephen Goldschmidt will contact K & G Graphics in Branford, CT to add tide times to the next printing of the information sheet for recreational licenses.

**F. Special Projects – Eric Mull / John Hall**

Discussion on a Guilford Fair Exhibit table will be added to the agenda.

**G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia**

Tony DeLucia reported that the open/closed signs are up to date and in good condition. Ed Lombard had assisted Tony this past month. Warden Brown will assist at Great Harbor this month.

**H. Website**

Ed Lombard continues to update the GSC website.

**7. Updates**

**A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)**

Stephen Goldschmidt reported that LAC continues to work with Town Environmental Planner Kevin Magee to fulfill the Town Plan of Conservation and Development mandate to classify the 208 Town properties.

**B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)**

Stephen Goldschmidt reported on the State of CT "Blue Plan" legislation on Long Island Sound. The Sea Grant Advisory Board is working with plan steering committee in the effort to consolidate all LIS uses to prevent expected conflicts between uses. Coastal waters from ten feet depth have energy cables, pipelines, and commercial lots. The Blue Plan includes energy terminals with additional cable lanes. Stephen had advised the Board regarding the seven Guilford recreational areas which lie above the ten feet depth.

Discussion focused on The Blue Plan, CT General Statute 26-257A and the impact to the GSC planting, farming, harvesting of shellfish and other regional states. It is unclear as to the long term intention of the Plan. Some commercial fisheries are concerned about the impact on their farming and livelihood. There are no towns or commercial fisheries represented or reports included in The Blue Plan.

GSC will monitor this situation and prepare to only support state plans that include rectifying their concerns.

**C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)**

Alison Varian had been the GSC Liaison to the HMC. GSC commissioner Keith Harvey is also on the HMC and will be the next liaison reporting to GSC.

Discussion reviewed information regarding a DEEP tentative agreement application that GSC was not informed of regarding adding length and a boardwalk to an existing large dock next to Jacobs Beach, which may extend into the middle of Dolan Brothers Shellfish commercial Lot 16. Keith Harvey will send a copy of the application to Chair Goldschmidt and GSC will make comment to the DEEP.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Review of Warden Guidelines Meeting**

John Hall reported that last month he had emailed commissioners and wardens a draft of the current "Warden Guidelines" to review. Discussion will take place at the June meeting.

**9. New Business**

**A. Nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer**

Upon review,

*Motion: John Hall moved to appoint Ed Lombard as Vice Chair, seconded by Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried- Unanimously*

*Motion: Ed Lombard moved to appoint Eric Mull to continue as Treasurer/Secretary, seconded by Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

**B. Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**\*Northwestern CT Community College, Winsted, CT, Marine Program**

**\*New Haven Sound School or other**

Discussion reviewed options to support an annual memorial scholarship to honor Chair Alison Varian. Her family recommends the marine program at Northwestern CT Community College, Winsted, CT.

Chair Goldschmidt will contact Alison's family for more information on their choice and will contact Tim Visel of the Sound School. Further review will take place at the June meeting.

Discussion reviewed the previous GSC shellfish nursery program with the Sound School students. Ben Goestch volunteered to assist if a new program is initiated.

At this point,

*Motion: Eric Mull moved to add to the Agenda, under "New Business" : GSC Annual Report, Guilford Earthfest Day, Guilford Fair GSC Exhibit, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

**C. GSC Annual Report**

Chair Goldschmidt requested that commissioners provide information for him to include in the GSC Annual Report. He will email a draft to GSC and, when complete, provide to the Town Clerk.

**D. "Guilford Earthfest Day" GSC Exhibit**

Discussion reviewed the GSC exhibit at the Guilford Earthfest Day, on National Earth Day, Saturday April 22, 2017. Due to inclement weather, attendance was less than last year yet the GSC table was inside a building. Warden Allyn Brown coordinated the event and thanked Eric Mull for his fish tank used for a touch tank shellfish display. Families enjoyed it and GSC information was handed out to the public. It was decided to do it again in 2018.

**E. Guilford Fair Exhibit Table**

Discussion reviewed plans to participate in the September 2017 Guilford Fair again exhibiting GSC brochures, educational information, touch tank and adding a video display, clam rakes, Sea Grant brochures, GSC logo stickers and other handouts for children. Warden Allyn Brown will coordinate and Vice Chair Ed Lombard will assist him. Several volunteers will also help. There is no fee for Town commissions.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:51pm, Eric Mull moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary