

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2020**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Due to the Corona Virus 19 pandemic, meetings are held online at Zoom.com**

Commissioners: Chair Ed Lombard, Treasurer Peter Charland, Keith Harvey, John Sieviec,  
John Hall  
Absent: Tony DeLucia, Vice Chair Bob Burger  
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Fred Hill  
Commercial: None  
Guests: Mark Leveque, Wallingford resident

At 7:34 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting. The Chair and four regular members were present for a quorum.

**1. Public Forum**

Wallingford resident and recreational shellfisher, Mark Leveque, requested information on Guilford's water testing advising that he will buy a license. Chair Lombard and others explained water sampling procedures required by the DEEP Bureau of Aquaculture and stocking schedule. There are 31 water sampling stations. Mark commented that Guilford is known for the best shellfishing program in CT.

Chair Lombard reminded everyone to use six feet or more of social distancing while shellfishing. May stocking will take place next week.

**2. Minutes of March 11, 2020 meeting**

*Motion: John Hall moved to approve the March 11, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote Carried - Keith Harvey, John Sieviec, Ed Lombard, Peter Charland, John Hall*

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

Chair Lombard reported that there is one outstanding invoice for commercial annual license agreements. All other fisheries have paid in full. Treasurer Peter Charland will pick up mail this week which may have further payments.

**4. Bills and Correspondence**

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

East River Marine - Boat supplies/repair	\$ 400.00
Warden Allyn Brown - patrols March	\$ 440.00
patrols April	\$ 280.00

Warden Fred Hill	\$ 440.00
Recording Secretary Judy Anderson Castellano - March	\$ 78.75
Schweitzer Trash Removal	\$ 246.00
Total:	\$ 1,884.75

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

*Vote:* Carried - Unanimously

Treasurer Charland will research whether the GSC annual \$1,000 donation was received by the Guilford Foundation for the GSC Alison Varian Memorial Fund.

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

## 5. Wardens' Report

Wardens Allyn Brown reported that in March many shellfishers were at Great Harbor. There were less in April, due to rain and closed recreational areas. People are enjoying there time and there were no issues with licenses. He anticipates May will be very busy if weather is good.

Warden Fred Hill reported that in his patrol area, there were no issues or license problems.

## 6. Subcommittees

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

Chair Lombard reported that he had not heard from Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop regarding overdue revenue from license sales. He will call again.

It is unknown at this time, the overall sales revenue and the impact on shellfishing from the Virus.

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that April's water sampling could not be done due to high rainfall. May sampling will be done and brought to the BOA which has now follows the State of CT safe handling and social distancing protocols. The laboratory now has limited staff which will delay processing results.

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

John Hall expressed appreciation to Peter Charland for his assistance with the boat this month. Chair Lombard reported that during the new engine's maiden voyage, due a malfunction occurred with a slacked cable causing damage to the prop. The prop was replaced by East River Marine.

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

Chair Lombard reported that he had contacted Patty King of Dolan Brothers Shellfish regarding GSC placing an order for stocking 100 bushels of bottom run oysters. Her price was \$20 per bushel. In March, GSC approved \$2,500 to purchase oysters and another \$2,500 for clams. Chris Walston of C.W. Walston Shellfish will have stocking clams available next week.

Chair Lombard recommended additional stocking after June 30 to accommodate expected increase in shellfishing for the rest of the year.

Upon discussion, it was decided to order 125 bushels of oysters from Dolan Brothers. Chair Lombard will email GSC with the stocking schedule and reminders to all volunteers to social distance.

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

Treasurer Peter Charland reported on the April Operating Report from the Finance Dept. comparing last year to this year. Commercial payments are currently below last year at this time, yet are expected to be the same or higher this year.

Recreational License Sales : \$50 for April. No revenue reported by vendors.

Sales are expected to rise over the summer and be higher than last year. Expenditures were reviewed noting a Fund Balance of \$145,784. This has been an exceptional year for revenue with expectations to exceed last year's revenue.

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

Keith Harvey advised that the Guilford Fair has been cancelled. Chair Lombard advised that the Fair Committee may hold other smaller events on the grounds with social distancing where GSC may be able to have a display table.

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

Chair Lombard reported that Tony has all recreational signs are up to date.

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

Chair Lombard reported that the GSC website is being updated often to advise the public on social distancing protocol and create interest in shellfishing as a good outdoor activity.

Peter Charland advised that the Town is setting up a large screen in the Community Center and other Town facilities for the public to participate in Town meetings by Zoom.com. There will be CT safe protocols and limited capacity at each location yet people can view online as well. Zoom.com meetings are listed on Agendas on the

Town of Guilford website. GSC can hold Facebook page meetings each month as well for public awareness of GSC work, shellfishing and opportunities for people to volunteer.

**7. Updates**

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

John Sieviec reported that LAC has not meet.

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

John Sieviec reported that he had received an email from BOA regarding safety protocols. He will forward to GSC.

Chair Lombard advised the cost of clams is rising due to restaurants being closed. Oysters prices are going down.

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

Keith Harvey reported that the DEEP gave tentative approval for the following :

- Dock at 117 Seaside Avenue.
- Jeff McGee, Northeast Sea Farms.
- Coastline Consulting, 324 Three Mile Course, Restore wetlands on the West River.
- Rebuild retaining wall on Sachem's Head Road.
- Conditionally Approved Dock on East River Road above the bridge.

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

John Sieviec reported that the Indian Cover Water Main Project is almost complete. Previously silt and sediment were a major issue which has been resolved. The bridge is an industrial design.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Review Shellfish Management Plan**

GSC continues to wait for further information from the DEEP, as they analyze locations that are included in the GSC Shellfish Management Plan.

**B. Adopt Wardens' Guidelines**

Discussion was Tabled until the next meeting when Bob Burger can be available.

**C. Selling of Old Boat Motor**

Chair Lombard had contacted Board of Selectman's office, Tracy Brinkman, to request information on auctioning the GSC old boat engine.

**9. New Business**

**A. Other**

Warden Brown will remind shellfishers to social distance six feet or more and use protective face masks.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:21 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Hall.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary