

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 9, 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, Don Kowalsky

Absent: Bob Burger, Anthony DeLucia, Peter Charland

Wardens: Fred Hill, Greg Marsh

Commercial: Kim Granbery, fisherman

Guests: None

At 7:31 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting. GSC welcomed new commissioner Don Kowalsky. As his term has expired, Stephen Goldschmidt will be leaving the Commission after the elections at the June meeting.

1. **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present for comment.

2. **Minutes of April 11, 2018 meeting**

Upon review,

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve the April 11, 2018 minutes, seconded by John Sieviec.

*Vote: Carried - John Hall, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Ed Lombard, Stephen Goldschmidt
Abstention: Don Kowalsky (absent in April)*

3. **Public Hearing - Proposed Lot 55 : C.W. Shellfish, Chris Walston**

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt read the following Public Notice published in The Guilford Courier:

NOTICE is Hereby given that the Guilford Shellfish Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its regular meeting, May 9, 2018 to hear the following applications for new commercial shellfishing lots:

New Lot Number # 55

License agreement between the Guilford Shellfish Commission and CW Shellfish LLC for the cultivation and harvesting of shellfish.

Licensees CW Shellfish LLC, 425 State Street, Guilford, Ct. 06437

Duration of Agreement: June 1, 2018 to December 31, 2023

Location: One Acre in Guilford Creek adjacent to Foskett Island,

Clockwise from

72° 42' 47.515" W
41° 15' 22.341" N
72° 42' 48.080" W
41° 15' 21.596" N
72° 42' 48.902" W
41° 15' 21.172" N
72° 42' 51.999" W

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written communications will be received for entry into the record.

Stephen Goldschmidt
Chair

Discussion reviewed the coordinates for Lot 55 and the commercial license agreement.

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve Lot 55 commercial license agreement for Chris Walston of C.W. Shellfish LLC, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Ed Lombard, Don Kowalsky, John Hall, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey

4. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

Fisherman Kim Granbery had emailed GSC photos of his oyster Lots 53 and 54 at Hoadley Creek. There is a good set of undersized oysters. He had wanted to use cages to grow out but the shellfish had frozen. He may obtain seed oysters to plant in small mesh bags or cages to relay to larger bags and place in Lot 54. He would like to summer oysters in Bear Island grounds and repeat the process between islands. Freezing temperatures the last two years caused high mortality.

5. Bills and Correspondence

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland was absent. Ed Lombard reported :

East River Marine - Boat	\$ 845.00
Sweitzer Trash Removal (Great Harbor&Rte 146)	
Shore Publishing - Public Hearing notice	\$ 26.00
Stephen Goldschmidt - Mileage	\$ 63.72
Nancy Matyayevsky - Data Entry	\$ 59.30
Judy Anderson Castellano - Recording Sec. March & April	<u>\$ 229.50</u>
Total Expenditures :	\$1,534.13

6. Wardens' Report

Warden Greg Marsh reported that he had observed between ten to twelve shellfishers this past month at the recreational areas.

7. Subcommittees**A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt / Keith Harvey**

Ed Lombard reported on Recreational License sales for Peter Charland :
 - Approximately, 143 sold through March. Total Revenue to date \$6,585
 - This month sales : 16 Non-resident, 22 Resident, 17 Resident Senior,
 4 Non-resident Senior.

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

Ed Lombard reported :
 - He and Warden Marsh had done Water Sampling this month. May samples will be collected soon. Two sampling trips will be conducted each month until the 'heavy rain related' backlog is done.

Ed advised that the Bureau of Aquaculture has recently hired three additional staff people. Limited laboratory hours remain the same. It remains unknown when Chaffinch Island recreational area will be reopened.

At this point,

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

Vote: Carried - Ed Lombard, Don Kowalsky, John Hall, John Sieviac, Keith Harvey

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

Ed Lombard reported that the GSC boat had no problem starting after winter storage.

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

Chair Goldschmidt reported that Dolan Brothers Shellfish will provide 100 bushels of bottom run oysters for stocking at Great Harbor. They will bring the bushels to Great Harbor to load on the GSC boat. Tide schedules will determine when to plant.

Upon discussion, it was decided that commissioners will meet Wednesday, May 16, at 12 pm if Dolan Brothers Shellfish can supply the oysters then.

C.W. Shellfish, Chris Walston, can provide clams in June but not for the Memorial Day weekend.

E. Finance - Peter Charland / Ed Lombard

Treasurer Peter Charland was absent.

Chair Goldschmidt reported reviewed the April Operations Report from the Finance Dept. noting that funds are in good standing.

Revenue : \$2,208

EarthFest display	\$ 100
Recreational License sales :	
Capt. Morgan :	\$1,048
Town Clerk's Office:	\$1,060

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

GSC display at the April 21, 2018 "Guilford Earthfest" included chowder made by Warden Allyn Brown and GSC video by John Sieviec.

There will be a fundraiser for the Alison Varian Memorial Fund on September 8, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Guilford Fairgrounds. Thimble Island Brewery is donating beer, a bar tender and will obtain the appropriate permits. Volunteers will be needed to open clams and oysters. GSC will advertise soon for this event. GSC will provide a donation to the nonprofit Guilford Fairgrounds Association for use of their facilities.

Chair Goldschmidt will contact the Guilford Marina Commission to request a GSC display table at their Annual Picnic, to collect contributions for the Memorial Fund.

GSC will again apply for a display table at the 2018 Guilford Fair.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown

Tony DeLucia was not present to report. Recreational areas are open at this time.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey

Ed Lombard advised that Keith Harvey and Don Kowalsky will be trained to update the GSC webpage.

7. Updates

A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC) - Stephen Goldschmidt

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt advised that the LAC has purchased the property and house next to the Community Center for Town parking and offices.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB) - Stephen Goldschmidt

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reported that the Sea Grant Advisory Board will meet in June.

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

Keith Harvey reported that the Guilford Yacht Club had come before the Harbor Management Commission again seeking approval for dock installations. Two docks will be approved to be added to existing docks and buoys approved to be moved closer to the Channel.

**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 June 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

There was no new information to report.

2. Seaside Ave. dock

There was no new information on this project.

3. Rt 146 road reconstruction

There was no new information.

4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

There was no new information to report.

C. Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund

Discussion held under "Special Projects".

9. New Business

A. Review Shellfish Management Plan

Discussion was tabled to the June meeting. GSC is waiting for the Memo of Understanding (MOU).

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

The June Agenda will include Annual Elections.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:26 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary