

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 10, 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, John Sieviec,  
John Hall, Vice Chair Bob Burger (arrived 7:50pm)  
Absent: Tony DeLucia, Keith Harvey  
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh  
Commercial: None  
Guests: None

At 7:35 pm Chair Ed Lombard called to order the regular meeting. The Chair and four regular members were present for a quorum.

**1. Public Forum** There were no guests present.

**2. Minutes of May 13, 2020 meeting**

*Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve the May 13, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by John Hall.*

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

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

Chair Lombard advised that there was no update to report on commercial licenses and no reports from fisheries.

**4. Bills and Correspondence**

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

East River Marine - Boat supplies/repair	\$ 303.37
Fuel	\$ 78.93
	\$ 21.02
Warden Allyn Brown - patrols May	\$ 720.00
Warden Fred Hill - patrols March	\$ 240.00
May	\$ 280.00
Recording Secretary Judy Anderson Castellano - May	\$ 61.25
GSC Annual Donation :	
To Guilford Foundation for Alison Varian Memorial Fund (Past GSC Chair)	\$ 1,000.00
Dolan Brother Shellfish, LLC - Stocking Oysters	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total:	\$ 5,204.57

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

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

## **5. Wardens' Report**

Wardens Allyn Brown reported that May shellfishing has been very busy at Great Harbor with new people buying licenses and enjoying the recreation. There were no issues with licenses.

Warden Greg Marsh reported that it was quiet at the Shell Beach area.

Chair Lombard requested that when issues occur at recreational areas requiring DEEP intervention that Wardens contact him and DEEP.

## **6. Subcommittees**

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop continues to be overdue in submitting revenue from license sales. It has been three months. This reflects in the total revenue for the Fiscal Year, which ends June 30.

John Hall reported that he will pick up approximately \$1,500 from Dee's Bait Shop.

Treasurer Charland advised that these amounts will carry over into July. He reported that the GSC 2019-2020 Fiscal Year final figures will be close to the 2018-2019 totals. All figures are later than usual due to the pandemic causing businesses and Town Hall to temporarily close for the last two months.

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that Bob Burger advised that all water sampling is up to date.

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

John Hall reported that the GSC boat had water come up through the scupper. The boat was pulled and John repaired the leak.

(7:50 pm Bob Burger joined the meeting)

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

Chair Lombard reported that 125 bushel bags of oysters were stocked this month. This was a 25% increase over prior years. This was due to a reduction in price. Stocking

went well with assistance from neighbors in the areas, GSC and family members, and Wardens.

Since the oyster stocking, 43 half bushel bags of clams were stocked at Great Harbor and 40 bags were stocked among Little Harbor, Shell Beach, Indian Cove, and Chaffinch Island. Some of this amount was not in the GSC 2019-2020 budget. Chris Walston, C.W. Shellfish, was willing to invoice GSC after this stocking. Additional stocking will be done after June 30 in anticipation of increased shellfishing for the rest of the year.

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

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

June Receivables : Recreational License sale

Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop	\$3,904
GSC	\$2,280
Fish Factory	\$ 422
GSC	<u>\$ 100</u>
Total :	\$6,706

Chair Lombard reported that an increase in GSC sales is partly due to selling online using "Venmo", a no fee service. He emails licensees a copy of the paid license and sends them a hard copy through the Post Office. Shellfishers are appreciative. The State of CT is working to set up online fee payments as well.

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

John Sieviec advised :

- There are no current special projects planned.
- There is no public storage for kayaks at Indian Cove.

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

Chair Lombard reported that all recreational signs up to date and all areas are currently open.

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

Chair Lombard reported that there is an increase in "Followers and Likes" at the GSC website. Friends of past GSC member and Chair Alison Varian have shown interest in volunteering to assist with seed clam stocking in the fall.

Peter Charland reported that he will post the Zoom.com access codes on the GSC website and the Live Stream of GSC regular meetings on the GSC Facebook page. This provides the public with awareness of GSC responsibilities, activities, shellfishing license regulations, and opportunities for volunteers.

## 7. Updates

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

John Sieviec reported that LAC did not meet this month.

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

John Sieviec reported that he had received several emails regarding information and protocols from the UCONN Sea Grant office. Commissioners will review the website.

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

John Sieviec reported there was no new information.

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

Chair Ed Lombard reported that a new mooring has been installed in Great Harbor an unauthorized area impacting a shellfishing area. Ed took photos and sent to Harbor Management Commissioner Fred Brisbois to address.

John Sieviec reported :

- The Indian Cove Water Main Project continues to work on erosion control.
- Federal Food Protection Program has provided updated Covid-19 protocols for suppliers shipping clams and for restaurants.

## 8. Old Business

### A. Review Shellfish Management Plan

GSC continues to wait for further information from the DEEP to review and update the GSC Shellfish Management Plan. The pandemic has increased further delays as limited staff concentrates on more pressing responsibilities.

### B. Adopt Wardens' Guidelines

Bob Burger had submitted the draft Wardens' Guidelines for commissioners to review just before the pandemic closures. He requested that all review and submit any revisions now. He will meet and review with the Wardens this month and report at the July meeting.

### C. Selling of Old Boat Motor

Chair Lombard had contacted Town Hall staff regarding the process to sell the former GSC Boat engine. He will take photos and submit to Traci Brinkman, Board of Selectman's Office. She will forward with description to Town Departments to offer for purchasing. GSC members know people who have shown interest in the purchase.

**9. New Business**

**A. Other**

Warden Greg Marsh will advise Chair Ed Lombard whether or not his son may be interested in becoming a Warden.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:20 pm, Peter Charland moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Burger.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary