

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**June 12, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor**

Commissioners: Vice Chair Bob Burger, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, John Hall,  
Don Kowalsky (Alt)  
Absent: Chair Ed Lombard, Anthony DeLucia  
Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh  
Commercial: None  
Guests: None

At 7:35 pm Vice Chair Bob Burger called to order the regular meeting. The Chair, four regular members and one alternate were present. Four members were a quorum and eligible to vote.

*Note: Meeting did not necessarily follow Agenda order.*

**1. Public Forum**

There was no one from the public present.

**2. Minutes of May 8, 2019 meeting**

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve the May 8, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by John Sieviec.*

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

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

There was no information to report.

**4. Bills and Correspondence**

Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Warden Allyn Brown - May	\$ 120.00
Warden Fred Hill - May	\$ 160.00
April	\$ 280.00
Recording Secretary Judy Anderson Castellano - May Invoice	\$ 112.13
Data Entry Clerk Nancy Matyasovsky	\$ 51.75
Sweitzer Waste Removal - trash containers 3 months @Great Harbor	\$ 102.00

Total : \$ 825.88

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by John Sieviec*  
*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

**6. Subcommittees**

At this point, Keith Harvey reported that the annual Closer to Free race (fundraiser for cancer research) takes place on September 7, the same day as the GSC annual Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship fundraiser. Peter Charland, Bob Burger and Keith Harvey will volunteer again assisting organizers for GSC members and Chairs Stephen Goldschmidt and Gary MacEliney.

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

Discussed later in the meeting.

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

Bob Burger reported that water sampling is caught up through May with good test results. Shell Beach remains open. All other areas are closed due to over limit rainfall totals. It is expected to rain again tomorrow.

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

John Hall will obtain further information on replacing the pilot seat cover.

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

Vice Chair Bob Burger reported that there was no information on stocking suppliers.

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

Finance report tabled until later in the meeting.

**5. Wardens' Report**

Warden Allyn Brown reported that due to heavy rainfall recreational shellfishing areas have been closed. He noted that last year clams were smaller and were Isot due to severe weather conditions. Allyn will contact Parks and Recreation Dept. Dir. Rick Maynard to place a trash container at Shell Beach. Warden Greg Marsh reported that Chaffinch Island had very few shellfishers this month.

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

John Sieviec reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will restore steamers along Connecticut coastline. There is no funding to restore recreational areas. John will continue research on grants and funding from other sources.

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

Tony DeLucia was unable to be present to report on the status of open and closed signs.

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

Peter Charland reported that he had created a GSC Facebook page for members to review. He requested that commissioners provide him with GSC information and photos.

**6. Subcommittees****A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey**

Peter Charland reported on recreational license sales from vendors :

Town Clerk's Office - Revenue : \$1,730

21 Resident Senior, 4 Non-Resident Senior, 6 Non-Resident, 25 Resident, 80 Daily

Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop - Revenue : \$1,830

19 Non-Resident, 3 Non-Resident Senior, 12 Resident

Fishing Factory - Revenue : \$72 (Cash) 1 Resident Senior, 1 Non-Resident

Dee's Bait Shop - Revenue : \$1,442 (Cash)

14 Non-Resident, 8 Non-Resident, 3 Resident, 1 Resident Senior

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

Treasurer Peter Charland reviewed the May Operating Statement provided by the Finance Dept. A discrepancy regarding fees paid to Madison Shellfish Commission for commercial Lots will be reviewed by Peter and Chair Lombard for a resolution. As of June, the fiscal year 2018-2019 revenue is \$47,000 with expenditures at \$41,000. The cost of clams for stocking increased this year.

The recreational revenue is approximately \$900 below last year due to an increase in rainfall and more storm conditions. Treasurer Charland will submit the GSC 2019-2020 proposed budget before June 30 (end of fiscal year). The proposed budget was reviewed. \$146,000 fund balance can be used to repair or replace the boat as needed.

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to submit the proposed 2019-2020 budget at the same level as 2018-2019, seconded by John Sieviec.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

It was decided that the Stocking line item may need to be increased.

## **7. Updates**

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

John Sieviec reported that the LAC is negotiating on three parcels.

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

John Sieviec reported that he will be participating onboard the vessel for the UCONN Project Oceanography.

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

Keith Harvey reported that the Harbormaster, Fred Brisbois, is recovering from an injury. The HMC will be hiring a Deputy Harbormaster to assist Mr. Brisbois. GSC Warden Fred is one of the candidates.

Keith advised that the DEEP maps/coordinates do not agree with GSC charts.

Discussion reviewed dangerous moorings in Little Harbor. The Town or owners must mark or remove for public safety. Further information will be obtained and discussion will take place at July meeting.

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

John Sieviec reported that an Indian Cove Road resident had been pumping water from a basement draining into clam beds. Further investigation by Town officials will be conducted to resolve.

## **8. Old Business**

### **A. Safety follow up - Allyn Brown / John Sieviec / Don Kowalsky**

Discussion was Tabled to the next meeting.

### **B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects**

John Sieviec reported :

- DEEP has approved the Guilford Yacht Club application to spread their dredging spoils onto their property to restore salt marsh grasses.

UCONN undergraduate are working on this project.  
- The Guilford Boatyard has been sold.

**C. Review Shellfish Management Plan**

John Sievec reported that Alissa Darcan, of Bur. of Aquaculture, has been working on data and emailed a report to GSC members. Discussion will take place at the July GSC meeting.

**9. New Business**

**A. Other**

Sea Bass fishing is good now. Bob Burger and Don Kowalsky will conduct water sampling after this week's rain.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:40 pm, Keith Harvey moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary