

**GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**June 13, 2018**

**7:30 P.M.**

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

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, John Sievec, Keith Harvey, Ed Lombard, Robert Burger, Anthony DeLucia, Peter Charland, John Hall (arrived 7:40 pm)

Absent: Don Kowalsky

Wardens: Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh

Commercial: Stephen Schaefer, Stella Mar Shellfish

Guests: T.R. Brysh

At 7:30 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting.

**1. Public Forum**

Former GSC member and chair, T.R. Brysh, was present to thank Chair Stephen Goldschmidt for their work together over the years. T.R. expressed his congratulations and well wishes as Stephen's term has met expiration after twelve years of volunteer service and dedication to the Town.

Commissioners and commercial fisherman Stephen Schafer also expressed appreciation to Chair Goldschmidt for his "tireless and fantastic" work on behalf of the GSC for the Town. Chair Goldschmidt thanked everyone for the "team effort".

**2. Minutes of May 9, 2018 meeting**

Upon review,

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes, seconded by Bob Buerger.*

*Vote: Carried - John Sievec, Keith Harvey, Ed Lombard, Stephen Goldschmidt, John Hall*

*Abstained: Not present at the May meeting : Tony DeLucia, Bob Burger, Peter Charland*

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

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reported on commercial revenue :

- \$25 : one acre commercial Lot 55
- \$30 : Shore Publishing - C.W. Walston public hearing notice.

## 6. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported that approximately forty recreational shellfishers were at Great Harbor last weekend. He had assisted an injured person who had a cut foot.

Chair Goldschmidt recommended that the Warden patrol schedule be reviewed for potential updates. Members reviewed Warden Fred Hill's report which he had emailed to Chair Goldschmidt.

Warden Greg Marsh reported that Chaffinch Island shellfishing was "quiet" and that he had checked shellfishers using a boat who had valid licenses.

## 5. Bills and Correspondence

### Bills

Treasurer Peter Charland reported :

Sweitzer Trash Removal (Great Harbor&Rte 146)	\$ 105.08
Shore Publishing - Public Hearing notice	\$ 26.00
Warden Allyn Brown - patrols	\$ 360.00
Warden Fred Hill - patrols	\$ 200.00
Stephen Goldschmidt - Mileage	\$ 63.72
Nancy Matyayevsky - Data Entry	\$ 42.50
Judy Anderson Castellano - Recording Sec. May	\$ 76.50
Stephen Goldschmidt - CT Annual Shellfish Com. Mtg - Mileage/ice	\$ 63.72
Brown's Boat Yard - 21 gal. gasoline	\$ 83.05
Anthony DeLucia - February to May : Mileage	\$ 107.00
Dolan Brothers Shellfish - Restock Great Harbor *100 bushel bags/bottom run	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
Total :	\$3,237.85

### Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

*Motion: Bob Burger moved to pay the bills, seconded by John Sieviec.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

## 7. Subcommittees

### A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt / Keith Harvey

Chair Goldschmidt had emailed GSC a report on License Fees Paid and License Count.

Peter Charland reported on Recreational License sales :

GSC cash sales : 3 senior resident, 21 resident, 1 senior nonresident, 11 nonresident

Town Clerk : 27 senior resident, 41 resident, 6 senior nonresident, 12 nonresident

Capt. Morgan's : 2 senior resident, 10 resident, 2 senior nonresident, 19 nonresident

Dee's Bait Shop : 8 senior nonresident, 11 nonresident

Total sales this month : \$6,314

*Motion:* Tony DeLucia moved to accept the Revenue report, seconded by Keith Harvey.

*Vote:* Carried - Unanimously

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

Ed Lombard reported that the June Water Sampling is complete and that two more sampling trips will be conducted next week to accommodate the backlog due to weather conditions. Bob Burger and Don Kowalsky are being trained.

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

Ed Lombard reported that the GSC boat is running well. John Sieviec and Bob Burger will assist. Ed will purchase a waterproof ledger to record fuel and hours of use.

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

Discussion reviewed oyster stocking at Great Harbor before July 4. 100 bushel of 2-1/2 to 2-3/4 inches are best. Dolan Brothers Shellfish offered 28 bags of "tops" on the scheduled day yet it was too late in the day and cost was higher than expected. There is new growth present from last year's planting. Chris Walston, C.W. Walston Shellfish, agreed to supply little neck clams yet has not scheduled a day. He will be contacted again.

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

Treasurer Peter Charland reviewed the 2018-2019 proposed Operating Budget. It is expected that it will be approximately \$2,000 higher than this past year due to increases to purchase shellfish for stocking and fees. There will be a decrease in the cost to conduct Water Sampling. Discussion followed.

Since revisions to the budget were minor,

*Motion: Ed Lombard moved to submit the proposed 2018-2019 budget figures the same as last year, seconded Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

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

Discussion was held on the GSC display table at the annual Guilford Fair and on the September 8<sup>th</sup> fundraiser for the Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Fair theme is "Aquaculture" this year. Suggestions included : Collect donations to the Memorial Fund at the Fair display. Keith Harvey will research a no cost "Pop-Up Museum " mollusk display and report at the next meeting. The Fairground Association may be asked for a larger display space.

The fundraiser on September 8<sup>th</sup> will be from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Guilford Fairgrounds. Thimble Island Brewery will donate beer, obtain insurance, provide bar tender and appropriate permits. The "Marketplace" store will sell to GSC hotdogs, hamburgers and paper goods at their cost. Volunteers are needed to shuck clams and oysters. GSC will advertise soon for this event and provide a donation to the nonprofit Guilford Fairgrounds Association for use of their facilities.

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

Tony DeLucia reported all locks and signs are up to date and in good condition.

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

Ed Lombard reported the GSC webpage is up to date.

**7. Updates**

**A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC) - Stephen Goldschmidt**

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reported there was no new information from the LAC since the Town purchased the house and property 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 did not meet in June.

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

Keith Harvey reported there was no new information from the Harbor Management Commission.

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

John Sieviec reported there was no new information on projects.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Review of Warden Guidelines**

Discussion was tabled to the July 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**

Chair Goldschmidt reported that the Guilford Marina Commission's Annual Picnic will be June 30th from 10 am to 2 pm. GSC will have a display table providing information on Alison Varian's legacy with a slideshow, handouts, and a jar for donations to the Memorial Fund.

## 9. New Business

### A. Review of Shellfish Management Plan

Discussion was tabled to the July meeting.

### B. Annual Elections

Discussion was held on the following nomination slate of officers :

Ed Lombard for Chair

Bob Burger for Vice Chair

Peter Charland for Treasurer/Secretary

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to nominate and close nominations for the slate of officers as presented, seconded Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

*Motion: Keith Harvey moved to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Tony DeLucia.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

At this point, Stephen Goldschmidt reviewed his duties in order to transfer to others. He will train commissioners on billing, mapping, license database, commercial maps, and use of the Town computer, which is shared with the Land Acquisition Commission and UCONN Sea Grant office. Stephen offered to remain as liaison to LAC and Sea Grant until others fill those positions. He will also volunteer in other capacities as needed.

Upon discussion, Peter Charland will keep the license records and work with data entry clerk Nancy Matyakovsky. John Hall will assist with collecting recreational license fees from vendors. Bob Burger will be the lead to conduct Water Sampling. Ed Lombard will pick up the mail. Further assignments will be determined at the July meeting.

Stephen reminded all that Water Sampling is GSC's most important responsibility. He expressed appreciation to Ed Lombard for assisting him and for his work as Vice Chair, recommending Ed to replace him as Chair. Stephen also congratulated the new officers.

### C. Other

Ed Lombard offered the following resolution in appreciation to Stephen Goldschmidt for his many years of service to the Town:

*Whereas,*

*As a Commissioner and Chair, Stephen Goldschmidt has helped the Shellfish Commission to grow and become the premier (shellfishing) recreational area in Connecticut,*

*Whereas,*

*His endless energy and enthusiasm accomplished so much,*

*Whereas,*

*His thoroughness has been a great benefit to the Town,*

*Be It Resolved,*

*That We thank Stephen for his many years of service and dedication.*

In return, Stephen expressed his appreciation to everyone for their team effort over his terms.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:20 pm, John Hall moved to adjourn, seconded by Keith Harvey.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
Recording Secretary