

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 14, 2017
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Eric Mull, Anthony DeLucia, Keith Harvey, John Hall (arrived 8 pm)
Absent: None
Wardens: Allyn Brown
Commercial: Dolan Brother Shellfish : Patty King, Jay Fairty
Guests: Peter Charland, Kim Granbery

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

1. Public Forum

There were no comments.

a. New Member Introduction

Chair Goldschmidt introduced Peter Charland who has been newly appointed to the GSC.

b. Lot 53 License Public Hearing

Discussion reviewed the proposal by fisherman Kim Granbery to create Lot 53 at Hoadley Creek, a 2/10 acre parcel north and east of Chris Walston's commercial Lots.

2. Minutes of May 10, 2017 meeting

Upon review,

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve the May 10, 2017 minutes, seconded by Ed Lombard.

Vote: Carried - Ed Lombard, Eric Mull, Keith Harvey, Tony DeLucia

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

A. Approval of slight edit to Performance Requirements

Stephen Goldschmidt reported on his recent review of the Commercial License and Co-management Contracts and Agreements Criteria and Performance Standards. He noticed that because of the way the language was drafted it was not clear what the fees would be in each year. This was clarified by stating the actual year in which the fees were laid out to be billed. They are as follows :

\$175/acre for year one (2016)
\$180/acre for year two (2017)
\$185/acre for year three (2018)
\$190/acre for year four (2019)
\$200/acre for year five (2020)

Motion: John Sieviec moved to accept the revised language concerning fees for commercial license agreements on rivers, Seconded by Ed Lombard.

Vote: Carried - Ed Lombard, Eric Mull, Keith Harvey, Tony DeLucia, John Sieviec

B. Lot 53 License Agreement

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to (create commercial Lot 53) and award Kim Granbery a commercial license agreement for Lot 53, Seconded by Ed Lombard.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Agreement was signed and Mr. Granbery, Hoadley Creek Oyster Farm, paid the first payment of \$55.80.

4. Bills and Correspondence : Need Assignment

Treasurer Eric Mull reported :

Bills

Warden Fred Hill	\$ 160.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 360.00
Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary	\$ 110.50 (May)
Joan Dudley, Pro Tem Rec. Sec.	\$ 25.50 (April)
	*Eng.Dept. paid additional hrs.
Nancy Matyasovsky, Data Entry	\$ 161.50
East River Marine : winterize boat and prep for launch	\$ 881.00
Total :	\$1,699.02

Motion: John Sieviec moved to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Ed Lombard.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Allyn Brown reported :

- Rainfall amounts had closed Shell Beach and Chaffinch Island recreational areas this month.
- Twenty shellfishers were observed today at Great Harbor. Some people had the wrong size clam ring.
- Upon assisting a shellfisher who had cut his foot, Allyn requested that Wardens be provided with first aid kits.
- Videos cameras would assist with ongoing vandalism.

Discussion was held with Warden Fred Hill, retired police officer, on obtaining GSC commissioner identification cards from the Police Dept.

6. Subcommittees**A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt**

Chair Goldschmidt reported on recreational shellfish license sales :

- He will pick up receipts from Capt. Morgan Bait Shop.
- Town Clerk's Office sold : 32 senior resident, 4 senior nonresident, 9 nonresident, 32 resident
- Town Clerk requested 100 additional recreational license forms.
- Warden Brown sold four nonresident and one replacement.
- Warden Hill purchased his license.

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

Ed Lombard reported :

- He and another commissioner will conduct water sampling next week to try and reopen Shell Beach and Chaffinch Island.
- The State of CT continues to decrease laboratory technicians at the Bur. of Aquaculture (BoA) in Milford. This has a direct impact on GSC efforts to accomplish testing of 90 samples from 30 Guilford locations, within the state required four days after rainfall. Laboratories are in Milford and Rocky Hill.
- Ed will keep in contact with the BoA regarding this process.
- Nationwide sample testing is mandated for public health safety.

Discussion reviewed the GSC critical responsibility to do these public health safety sampling tests. Two people are required to be present. Wardens will be asked to assist with water sampling if volunteer commissioners are not available.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

Ed Lombard reported he had not received a response from the supplier after ordering a new pilot seat cover. He will also replace a latch.

D. Stocking – Eric Mull / Anthony DeLucia / Ed Lombard / John Hall

Discussion was held with Dolan Brothers Shellfish, Patty King and Jay Fairty on the cost, available supply, stocking schedule for clams and oysters.

This year's oysters have been smaller than last year. Chair Goldschmidt expressed GSC appreciation to Dolan Brothers for their annual assistance with stocking. Recently, 44 bushels of clams from Stella Mar Shellfish have been stocked between Shell Beach and Little Harbor. (John Hall arrived 8 pm)

It was decided :

- Dolan Brothers Shellfish will : provide 30 bushels of topnecks and coordinate stocking with Tony DeLucia. Stocking will be done at Great Harbor and Shell Beach.
- John Hall will contact Chris Walston, C.W. Shellfish, to request availability of his clams.

E. Finance - Eric Mull

Treasurer Eric Mull submitted the May Operating Budget Report from the Town Finance Dept. He advised that GSC will achieve the expected income target by July 1, 2017.

F. Special Projects – Eric Mull / John Hall

Warden Allyn Brown reported :

- He had contacted Police Chief Hutchinson regarding public parking issues at Bloody Cove. People are allowed to park without blocking the roadway or driveways.
- Allyn will contact the neighbors. He will speak with Chief Hutchinson again and request that the Town install speed bumps for public safety.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia

Tony DeLucia reported that, to increase weather resistance, he had replaced open/closed signs with heavier ones. All signs are up to date and in good condition.

H. Website Ed Lombard continues to update the GSC website.

7. Updates**A. Land Acquisition Commission (LAC)**

Chair Stephen Goldschmidt reported that there was no new information to report from the Land Acquisition Commission.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)

There was no new information to report.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

HMC Liaison Keith Harvey had no new information to report. Keith is also a Harbor Management Commissioner.

D. Docks, Moorings, and other Potentially Impacting Projects - John Sievec

Discussed under "Old Business".

8. Old Business**A. Review of Warden Guidelines Meeting**

All present reviewed the current draft of the Warden Guidelines and annual budget for warden patrols. Warden Brown requested revisions and that Wardens use their cell phones to contact Guilford Police, EnCon Police, DEEP and each other while on patrol. Peter Charland submitted and read the City of Fairfield warden guidelines.

It was decided that further discussion on the guidelines will take place in July for the final draft along with the 2018 recreational license design.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects**Shell Beach Marsh Restoration**

John Sievec reported that he had reviewed the Shell Beach Marsh Restoration proposed plans created by the Town, DEEP, and Army Corp. of Engineers (ACOE) providing details :

- BoA will be water sampling at this location.
- A larger pipe than the current one should provide a decrease in water flow velocity.
- All agencies involved are working on the permitting process.
- GSC has concerns that, if livestock is reestablished further into the marshland than presently possible as a result of the project, feces runoff could impact the ecology and nearby shellfish beds.

John Sieviec will obtain information on the process. GSC can make proviso regarding any impact to shellfishing and if there is impact would have the right for redress.

Keith Harvey advised that the HMC believes that pilings will be removed by hydraulic methods.

Rt 146 Road Reconstruction

John Sieviec reported that the CT Dept. of Transportation plans to restore several collapsing sections of Route 146. GSC has concerns to protect the commercial Lot by the sluice, both up and downstream. The plan includes installation of three larger culverts. Keith Harvey advised that Amtrak plans to install wider railroad tracks. GSC is concerned that they are not being notified of these construction plans. John will obtain further information and inform GSC as soon as possible.

Seaside Ave. Dock

John Sieviec reported that there are six pilings currently at the Seaside Avenue dock area. There are no moored boats or platform. A resident had originally submitted an application to the Town and DEEP for pilings, boardwalk and ramp to a floating dock which were not installed. A new proposal includes four feet high pilings. It has yet to be approved by the Town.

GSC did not receive a DEEP tentative approval notice as usual and wants to be notified to investigate and provide recommendations. Keith Harvey and John Sieviec will research the application and the current process.

West River/Guilford Yacht Club Dredging and Marsh Restoration

John Sieviec reported that Jack Evans of the Guilford Yacht Club has informed him that the club has obtained DEEP permits to use clean dredge. Their plan is to fill large silt bags creating a berm and sell the dry materials. GSC and DEEP advise against this process as these bags will erode behind the berms. GSC must provide written comment opposing this practice as it will impact C.W. Shellfish Co. commercial Lots and potentially Chaffinch Island recreational grounds.

C. Annual Report

Chair Goldschmidt had emailed GSC members a draft of the Annual Report. There were no further revisions. He will submit the report to the Town Clerk's Office.

9. New Business

Chair Goldschmidt advised that since his term expired in February 2017, at some point in the future, a commissioner will be needed to replace him as record keeper for commercial license agreements, as well as, the recreational license database. Peter Charland volunteered to learn the procedures and assume the responsibilities when necessary.

Further subcommittee assignments were updated :

- Keith Harvey will retrieve sales receipts from Capt. Morgan's Bait Shop.
- Wardens Fred Hill and Allyn Brown agreed to volunteer their assistance with water sampling.
- Tony DeLucia, John Hall and John Sieviec will assist with Stocking.
- John Sieviec and Peter Charland will assist on Special Projects.
- John Sieviec and Keith Harvey will report on Dock and Mooring issues and harbor management.

Discussion reviewed the GSC exhibit booth at the annual Guilford Fair in September. Allyn Brown will order more GSC T-shirts and report at the July meeting.

At this point, Chair Goldschmidt expressed GSC appreciation to Eric Mull for his ten years of service and devotion to the Town as GSC Commissioner and Treasurer.

Resolution: By John Sieviec :

Be it Resolved, whereas in appreciation to Eric Mull as he has served the Town of Guilford with devotion for ten years, as a commissioner/treasurer for the Guilford Shellfish Commission, members award him a lifetime recreational shellfishing license, seconded by John Hall.

Unanimously approved.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 9:20 pm, Eric Mull moved to adjourn, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary