

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 12, 2017
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall, second floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commissioners: Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Anthony DeLucia,
Peter Charland, Keith Harvey
Absent: John Hall
Wardens: Fred Hill
Commercial: None
Guests: Greg Marsh, potential Warden
Bob Berger, potential GSC commissioner
John Lust, Environmental Consultant for resident

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

1. Public Forum

There were no comments.

8. Old Business

B. 74 Seaside Avenue

John Lust, Environmental Consultant for the Nuttall family, provided design plans for a 38.5 feet long, 4 feet wide, 8 piling walkway and pier that have been submitted in an application to the DEEP and other Town agencies. Dock and pier construction at this site must go inland 23.7 feet due to 20 feet of erosion caused by hurricanes. The original design plans, which were approved for a ramp and dock, were never installed by previous owners and are not part of the current plans.

GSC reviewed several pages of design drawings and asked questions regarding placement of two additional pilings and nearby shellfishing areas. Three homes will be sharing the railed, walkway water access over marsh.

Motion: Keith Harvey moved that GSC sign the DEEP tentative approval, with the stipulation that it does not have adverse effects on shellfish areas and that GSC receive notification two weeks prior to start of construction and upon completion, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

2. Minutes of June 12, 2017 meeting

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to table approval of the June minutes until the August meeting, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, Tony DeLucia

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

Chair Goldschmidt advised that there was no new information to report.

4. Bills and Correspondence : Need Assignment

Bills reviewed later in the meeting.

Correspondence

Chair Goldschmidt will pick up mail this week.

5. Wardens' Report

Warden Fred Hill reported :

- He had observed 50 shellfishers this month : 19 nonresident, 19 resident and 12 guests.
- Warden Brown assisted at Great Harbor where some shellfishers had undersize oysters which were returned to the water.

Wardens were not available July 4th weekend. Chair Stephen Goldschmidt, other commissioners and volunteers had patrolled. On Saturday, fifty shellfishers were observed at Great Harbor and over seventy on Sunday. Shell Beach hosted 15-20 and a few shellfishers were seen at other recreational areas.

Chair Goldschmidt :

- Recommended appointing volunteer Greg Marsh as a Warden. He has assisted with patrols and provided his boat to the GSC.
- Reported that while on patrol a shellfisher had told Stephen that he had seen individuals and groups of shellfishers take over limit catches at Great Harbor and Chaffinch Island.

Upon discussion, it was decided :

- Wardens and GSC will research the ongoing issue of who may be taking over limit catches and ways to locate violators.
- Warden Hill will consult with all wardens to coordinate a monthly patrol schedule to assist GSC in budget planning and allocating funds.

Upon review of Greg Marsh's experience,

Motion: John Sieviec moved to appoint resident Greg Marsh as a GSC Warden, seconded by Tony DeLucia.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Chair Goldschmidt advised that Warden Brown requested that GSC discuss the parking problems on Trolley Road at Great Harbor. Recently, Police were called to alleviate parking issues due to a wedding and a party. This issue will be added to August agenda.

Motion: Ed Lombard moved to add "GSC Commissioner Job Description", "GSC Identification Cards" and "Ali Paluzza Fishing Tournament - T-shirts" to the Agenda, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

6. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Stephen Goldschmidt

Chair Goldschmidt reported on recreational shellfish license revenue :

- Town Clerk's Office : 45 senior resident, 12 senior nonresident, 19 nonresident, 5 daily, 71 resident. Stephen had provided 100 additional license forms as the Clerk's Office was inundated with licensees.
- Capt. Morgan : 26 nonresident, 13 resident, 5 senior nonresident, 1 senior resident.
- Licenses sold by wardens or commissioners : 2 replacement, 1 senior resident, 3 resident
- Stephen is working on a sequential order license summary. He will send the regular monthly summary to GSC soon.

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

Ed Lombard reported that the decrease in Bureau of Aquaculture laboratory technicians can and delayed GSC sampling results. The DEEP processes commercial Lot samples first.

Discussion reviewed state and federal requirements, procedures, classifying areas, and weather conditions that impact the sampling process. GSC's priority is public safety through Water Sampling test results.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

Ed Lombard reported the cost to replace a latch, with accessories, is \$54.83.

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to authorize Ed Lombard to purchase latch and accessories for \$54.83, seconded by John Sievic.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Chair Goldschmidt reported that Harbormaster Fred Brisbois has requested again to use GSC boat for mooring inspections and registration this year. This process assists GSC by preventing too many boats near shellfish beds.

CONSENSUS: Agreed to allow Harbormaster Fred Brisbois to use the GSC boat for mooring inspections and registration this year.

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

Chair Goldschmidt reported Dolan Brothers Shellfish provided 22 bushel bags of topneck clams and stocked with GSC at Shell Beach and Great Harbor.

John Hall will contact Patty King of Dolan Brothers regarding additional clams.

At this point, Peter Charland reported :

Bills

Warden Fred Hill	\$ 160.00
Warden Allyn Brown	\$ 440.00
Judy Anderson Castellano, Recording Secretary	\$ 110.50

Nancy Matyasovsky, Data Entry	\$ 51.00
Stephen Goldschmidt - mileage	\$ 37.66
Tony DeLucia - mileage	\$ 84.75
Dolan Brothers Shellfish - 22 bushel bags of clams	\$ 990.00
Waste Tech - 3 months trash removal	\$ <u>102.00</u>
Total :	\$ 1,975.91

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

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

E. Finance - Peter Charland

Upon review,

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to elect Peter Charland as Treasurer to replace Eric Mull, whose term had expired, seconded by Keith Harvey.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Peter Charland reported the total revenue this month was \$2,580. The June and July Operating Budget Report from the Town Finance Dept. will be submitted for review in August. Peter will meet with Finance Dept. staff to learn the reporting process.

F. Special Projects – John Sieviec / Tony DeLucia / John Hall

John Sieviec reported on preparations for the GSC exhibit table at the Guilford Fair in September. John with Peter Charland will coordinate efforts with Warden Allyn Brown.

Ed Lombard will contact Town Webmaster Traci Brinkman to reestablish computer links that were removed when the Town updated its website. Videos, photos, weather, tides and other GSC information from these links can be displayed on monitors at the exhibit table.

Chair Goldschmidt has asked Health Director Dennis Johnson to investigate getting a new answering device with the open and closed recreational areas information on it. The current answering machine fills up with messages and then stops playing the GSC open and closed information. This has caused major confusion at times during the last few months.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia

Tony DeLucia reported that the open/closed 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)

LAC Liaison Stephen Goldschmidt advised there was no new information to report.

B. Sea Grant Advisory Board (SGAB)

Stephen Goldschmidt reported, as GSC liaison to the UCONN Sea Grant Advisory Board that he will be attending the Avery Point conference to request support from the federal government at a meeting with State Senator Chris Murphy and other legislators.

C. Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

HMC Liaison Keith Harvey advised there was no new information to report.

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

John Sieviec reported he will contact the BoA regarding a proposed public kayak launch at the Town Marina sluice gate.

Discussion reviewed that earlier this year GSC had made recommendations to the Town to deny requests for kayaking near the sluice gate due to the dangerous public hazard and that there can be a negative impact on shellfish beds along the river.

John Sieviec reported that the Guilford Yacht Club will construct berm bags in the fall (to dry dredging materials for sale) if the DEEP approves permits. GSC is concerned about this process due to the potential negative impact on commercial and recreational shellfishing near the channel. (see previous minutes)

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

There was no discussion.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects
Shell Beach Marsh Restoration
Seaside Ave. dock
Rt 146 road reconstruction
West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

Reviewed under at the beginning of the meeting and under "7. Updates, D."

C. Annual Report

Chair Goldschmidt reported that he had submitted the GSC Annual Report to the Town Clerk.

D. Annual Alison Varian Sound School Scholarship

Chair Goldschmidt reported that he had not yet received a response from The Sound School in New Haven, regarding the GSC desire to provide an annual Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship for a student pursuing maritime studies.

Discussion followed on criteria to award this scholarship, noting :

- In the past, GSC had funded \$2,000 annually to The Sound School for students to work with GSC on a Guilford seed clam nursery project.

- Alison's family has set up a scholarship for students pursuing maritime studies at the Northwestern CT Community College.
- Criteria for a Sound School scholarship would include academic excellence, maritime related studies, and an essay on career plans.

Tony DeLucia and Chair Goldschmidt will obtain further information from the school and other sources.

E. GSC Commissioner Job Description

Chair Goldschmidt reported that Veronica Wallace, Democratic Party Chair, requested that GSC provide a job description for them to use when recommending applicants to the Board of Selectmen for GSC positions. Stephen submitted a draft job description for GSC review, which will be provided to the Republican and Democratic parties. The description includes choosing volunteers who would have suitable backgrounds that could be useful to GSC and who can fully participate in GSC responsibilities. It is preferred that volunteers attend GSC meetings and take part in GSC activities prior to or upon applying to the Town.

F. GSC Identification Cards

Discussion was held on obtaining identification cards for GSC commissioners. Chair Goldschmidt will contact the Human Resources Dept. who will create them. The commissioner's term will be included on the card.

9. New Business

"Ali Paluzza Fishing Tournament"

Chair Goldschmidt reported that the "Ali Paluzza Fishing Tournament" was held on July 9th celebrating the life of Alison Varian. It was a great event with many friends participating. T-shirts from the event are still available for \$20.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 9:15 pm, Tony DeLucia moved to adjourn, seconded by Keith Harvey.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary