

DRAFT MINUTES

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION

August 8th, 2018

7:30 pm

Town Hall, second floor

Members present: Commission Chairman Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Don Kowalsky, Peter Charland

Members Absent: Keith Harvey, John Hall Anthony DeLucia Bob Burger

Wardens Present: Allyn Brown

Wardens Absent: Fred Hill, Greg Marsh

Liaison Present: Stephen Goldschmidt

Members of the Public Present: Bob McCarthy

Commission Chairman Ed Lombard called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

1. Public Forum: Mr. Bob McCarthy, a Wallingford resident. Stated his father was the reason the Shellfish Commission changed its Non-Resident licensing requirements. He was a regular at meetings a while ago; has come for information. Chair Ed Lombard thanks Mr. McCarthy for his interest. Ed Lombard stated seed clams don't seem to be taking well in the Shell Beach and Little Harbor areas. The silt layer and conch activity is affecting growth. Steven Goldschmitt also reported Garth Varian is encountering difficulties with clamming. Don Kowalsky asked how the Commission knows when stock is so low clamming needs to be limited. Ed Lombard wondered if the Shell beach culvert could be affecting this as well. John Sieviec will present maps of these areas from the Town Hall basement to the Commission. Steven Goldschmidt and Ed Lombard discussed further silting activity from 2010-11 storms (Hurricanes Irene and Sandy)
2. 25 non-resident day pass. 3 D.. .see peters list to enter properly.
3. Minutes of July 11th, 2018 meeting: John Sieviec made a motion to approve the July 11th, 2018 minutes as stated, Don Kowalsky seconded; all approved.
4. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Peter Charland- nothing to report at the moment.
5. Bills and Correspondence – Peter Charland / Ed Lombard
Payables: \$1531.75 as follows-
Allyn Brown- \$600.00 for Warden fees
Fred Hill- \$240.00 for Warden fees
Bob Burger- \$62.75 for mileage fees
Nancy Mayatovsky- \$119.00 for data entry
Schweitzer- \$510.00 for garbage collection (\$102x5 pickups)

Don Kowalsky made a motion to approve listed bills; John Sieviec seconded, all approved.

6. Wardens' Report –Allyn Brown reported busy activity; 30-40 people just in the area he patrols. Felt his area is being hit harder than others. Not as much activity coming from Shell Beach. Unsure about Chaffinch- will consult with Warden Hill. Allyn Brown stated Shell Beach and Little Harbor Shellfish Warden Greg Marsh is doing a really great job. Allyn Brown feels the shellfish boat should cover Chaffinch Island, because that is the area of most difficulty with non-compliance/no licenses. Would like a responsible person. Feels changes should be made. Anticipates activity busy through Labor Day.

Fred Hill- Ed Lombard looked over Fred's report, which noted a couple clammers clamming in either

closed areas, or while the beds themselves were closed.

Ed Lombard reports beds will not be open this weekend. The water samples were not submitted on time. Ed will try to run a sample to the lab Sunday/Monday. Allyn Brown asked if there would be a sample taken at Route 146. Don Kowalsky replied yes, a sample is taken from that area; he typically does this with Bob Burger. Don Kowalsky can bring sample to the lab.

7. Subcommittees

A. Recreation – Peter Charland / Keith Harvey / Ed Lombard: closures; Shell Beach has extra pressure. Does the Shellfish Commission continue seeding this area, or move elsewhere, or work to repair recreational areas where clams are not taking. Ed Lombard reports “ant hills” around clams in this area.

B. Water Sampling – Ed Lombard / Bob Burger / Don Kowalsky: see above. Late Monday for Tuesday delivery.

C. Boat – John Hall / Ed Lombard: Ed Lombard will work on emailing and confirmation emails for scheduling boat with other Commissions/Departments.

D. Stocking – Anthony DeLucia / John Hall / John Sieviec / Ed Lombard reported Chris Walston has not been clamming recently due to illness in the family, and lack of commercial area for clamming in the western part of Long Island Sound.

E. Finance – Peter Charland / Ed Lombard:
Revenues: \$11,616.00 total balance. \$8991.00 for the month, as follows:
Residential licensing \$1225.00 cash 2- Non-Resident Day
2- Resident
1- Void
2- Non-Resident Senior
14- Non-Resident
1- Non Resident Senior Day pass

Shellfish Commission- Steven Goldschmidt \$15.00 cash 1-Resident Senior

Captain Morgan- \$3556.00 check 31- Non-Resident
11- Non-Resident Senior
26- Resident
4- Resident Senior
1- Resident Day pass

Guilford Town Clerk- \$3425.00 deposit 8- Non-Resident Senior
21- Non Resident
4- Non-Resident Day pass
48- Resident
3- Resident Day pass

Ed Lombard noted to Peter Charland that Captain Morgan seems to lag behind a bit in their submittals; some may be from the prior month.

Peter Charland has not yet received the monthly statement from Finance.

John Sieviec made a motion to accept the financial report; Don Kowalsky seconded; all approved.

Ed Lombard has received a bound copy of the current Fiscal Year's budget from Finance.

F. Special Projects – John Sieviec / Peter Charland / Warden Brown: John Sieviec asked if the Commission was in need of a list of vendors (for jewelry) for the Alison Varian Scholarship fundraiser? Or just food? Steven Goldschmidt said that was unnecessary.

John Sieviec has been scanning old files.

Ed Lombard noted the Guilford Fair is just over a month from now. John Sieviec and Stephen Goldschmidt volunteer to attend the next Agricultural Society meeting. Thursday, September 20th is the setup date. Ed Lombard reminded the Commission this year's theme is Aquaculture. John Sieviec will try to incorporate older shellfishing articles in with photos for the booth. Steven Goldschmidt asked if a power point presentation would help. Ed Lombard has vintage postcards reflecting shellfishing scenes. He also could provide an oyster growth chart. He asked if any other Commissioner has any input, to please assist. Ed Lombard will send an email to

the Commissioners to solicit ideas. Peter Charland inquired if the Commission would be using the same size tent as last year. Yes- a 10x10 pop-up tent will be used. Peter Charland will bring a monitor and stand. Steven Goldschmidt could ask Patty King about old equipment from Dolan Brothers to borrow. Ed Lombard could also ask Chris Walston and Bud Harris to borrow equipment. Ed Lombard inquired about the sticker inventory. Allyn Brown replied the Commission will have enough for this year, but will need to order more for next year. Peter Charland asked who would supply the touch tank. Allyn Brown replied that he would be. Allyn also has info brochures from New Haven the Commission can distribute. WE need to have "a draw". We need to have action. Touch tank brings traffic and results. Always have to be ahead of the game. Ed Lombard asked for the Commission's thoughts on ordering pens with hotline number to distribute. Allyn Brown suggested one plastic balloon to demonstrate pollution. Ed Lombard noted he picked up 52 mylar balloons over the Fourth of July weekend.

John Sieviec can coordinate with the gentleman from the Rakefish Project. Footage of shellfishing activity could also be played. Allyn Brown will be with the Boy Scouts soon for clamming. This activity could be filmed for viewing, he most likely would not be able to unless he was provided with equipment. Someone else could film this if they would like. Don Kowalsky noted if people saw how, they may be more apt to purchase a license. Ed Lombard noted a recent Scott Haney video and another from Channel 8. Allyn we need to see kids doing these activities. Dave Dodge did a good job filming. Allyn Brown really wants more children to become active. Peter Charland recapped potential video content as running the same pictures from last year, a clamming how-to, and video with children (Boy Scouts). He can contribute any tech required, but will not physically be able to film. Allyn Brown will update Ed Lombard and the rest of the Commission with the date of the Boy (and potentially Girl) Scout activity.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia / Warden Brown: Ed Lombard reported all the signs have been updated.

H. Website - Ed Lombard / Keith Harvey: Ed Lombard reported the website is currently up to date as of August 5th, 2018.

7. Updates:

- A. Land Acquisition Commission - Stephen Goldschmidt had nothing new to report.
- B. Sea Grant Advisory Board - Stephen Goldschmidt had nothing new to report.
- C. Harbor Management Commission - Keith Harvey / John Sieviec: nothing new to report.
- D. Docks, moorings and other potentially impacting projects - John Sieviec / Keith Harvey:

nothing new to report.

8. Old Business

- A. Review of Warden Guidelines- will discuss at next month's meeting.
- B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects:
 - 1. Shell Beach Marsh Restoration- waiting for state funding
 - 2. Seaside Ave. dock- completed
 - 3. Route 146 road reconstruction- waiting for state funding
 - 4. West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration- nothing to report
- C. Review Shellfish Management Plan- BOA has nothing to report on this per Ed Lombard.

Allyn Brown discussed the lack of/ need of garbage can on Route 146. Garbage is everywhere. Residents are complaining. If enough complaints are received, the State may shut that area down again. Allyn stated the can needs to be visible.

Peter Charland reported the Shellfish Commission is currently paying for garbage cans at 100 Trolley Rd, and 110 yards west of 229 Leete's Island Rd.

Peter Charland will relay correct placement of the garbage can on the west side of 146 with Schweitzer.

Ed Lombard asked Stephen Goldschmidt if he has another Warden badge. Stephen reported that he does.

9. New Business:

- A. Review and Update in turn over of responsibilities and information from former Commissioner Stephen Goldschmidt:

1. Permits- Peter Charland
2. Commercial- Peter Charland and John Hall to work with Stephen Goldschmidt on this.
3. Spreadsheets, paperwork, contact information, assets- not discussed

B. Safety and recent incident at Great Harbor- Ed Lombard discussed an email regarding a missing, deceased person at Great Harbor. Discussed safety. Ideas included a tag/board system, and adding to the Map handout notes regarding safety and a reminder clamming is a physical activity; use buddy system. Ed Lombard would like 2 Commissioners and 1 Warden to work on this and present to the Commission at next month's meeting. Allyn Brown would like to contribute to this.

Allyn feels the currently distributed sheet of paper with 7 areas does not provide adequate information. He would like to create new maps. BE AWARE of your surroundings. "If you see something, say something". From November to April, the Shellfish Commission does not want clambers out on their own. BUDDY SYSTEM. TOO dangerous. Cannot right yourself easily in a suit if you have fallen. Legally can we require this or not? Allyn this program is entirely town funded; receives no State Funding. The Shellfish Commission should be able to make its own rules. John Sievec would like to work on this with Allyn Brown, who would like to revisit this at next month's meeting. Sheet of paper distributed with directions and safety rules with license. Don Kowalsky will be 3rd on this committee. Don states this may be difficult to enforce, but would like to reiterate safety and going with another person. Water shoes should also be mandatory.

C. Other Alison Varian Scholarship fund- Stephen Goldschmidt- asking Commissioners to assist in selling raffle tickets and donations of raffle prizes. There are currently posters, the event is posted on Facebook and Eventbrite. Don Kowalsky expressed interest in selling tickets. Ed Lombard is selling tickets; he will talk to Bart Manzi from the Guilford Lobster Pound about ticket sales also. Stephen Goldschmidt reported a painting, an etching, and jewelry has been donated for a Silent Auction. 1 2019 Resident and 1 2019 Non-Resident Shellfishing Permit will be donated for the raffle. Ed asked if anyone has any ideas or would like to sell tickets to please contact Stephen Goldschmidt.

Don Kowalsky will barter for the use of a rake while distributing marketing materials on same. Stephen Goldschmidt reported that Rami from K&G Graphics in Branford has been doing all the Shellfish Commission's printing free of charge.

10. Adjournment: Commission Chairman Ed Lombard asked if a motion could be made to adjourn the meeting; John Sievec made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, Peter Charland seconded; all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan M. Dudley
Recording Secretary Pro Tem