

GUILFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 9, 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, John Hall

Absent: None

Wardens: Fred Hill, Peter Beauvais, Allyn Brown, Greg Marsh

Commercial: Steven Schafer, Stella Mar Shellfish
Kim Granbery

Guests: None

At 7:32 pm Chair Stephen Goldschmidt called to order the regular meeting.

1. Public Forum

There were no comments.

2. Minutes of June 14 and July 12, 2017 meetings

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve the June 14, 2017 minutes, seconded by John Sieviec.

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

Motion: Tony DeLucia moved to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes, seconded by John Sieviec.

*Carried - Ed Lombard, John Sieviec, Keith Harvey, Peter Charland, Tony DeLucia
Abstention - John Hall (absent in July)*

3. Commercial Activity and Licenses - Stephen Goldschmidt

Commercial Fisherman Kim Granbery explained his new hand harvest oyster operation at Hoadley Creek. He described the method using mesh bags to collect and grow out spat, which are retrieved after a year. He expects a set in October. This method has been used on DEEP grounds. These methods have been approved by the Bureau of Aquaculture and he has been consulting with DEEP, Dr. Inka Sunilla.

Steven Schafer, Stella Mar Shellfish, advised that his operation has been busy. Shellfish is growing that was left behind last year.

4. Bills and Correspondence : Peter Charland

Reviewed later in the meeting.

Capt. Morgan = \$4,104 75 nonresident, 25 resident, 3 senior resident, 10 daily
 Dee's Bait Shop = \$838 10 non resident, 1 senior non resident, 2 resident, 1 senior resident
 Town Clerk = \$2,730 25 senior resident, 1 nonresident senior, 11 nonresident, 7 daily
 GSC sales = \$445

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

Ed Lombard reported that sampling went well this month. Bureau of Aquaculture (BoA) laboratory is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until 12 pm. He will contact the Rocky Hill location regarding their hours.

C. Boat - John Hall / Ed Lombard

John Hall reported that he had taught volunteer Bob Berger the sampling procedures. John advised that the boat engine cowl will be repaired this month.

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

Tony DeLucia reported that on July 24, 2017 GSC and Dolan Brothers Shellfish (DBS) stocked clams (provided by DBS) at Shell Beach.

Discussion reviewed the need to purchase additional clams to stock. Ed Lombard advised that Intercoastal Fishery of New Jersey had asked whether or not GSC would be placing their annual order. It was decided that Ed will contact Intercoastal to request what they have available. A decision on ordering will take place at the September regular meeting.

E. Finance - Peter Charland

Treasurer Peter Charland reported that the Town Finance Dept. has yet to close out the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. They did not have a GSC July Operating Statement.

Recreational License Revenue : \$8,117

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

Warden Allyn Brown reported that he had contacted the Guilford Agricultural Society to reserve a GSC display space for the Guilford Fair September 16 - 18.

G. Signs - Anthony DeLucia

Tony DeLucia reported that the open/closed signs are up to date and in good condition. He received new locks to install.

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 advised there was no new information to report.

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 under "Old Business".

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

Chair Goldschmidt advised that Warden Guidelines continue to be reviewed, including tide schedules to create a Wardens' patrol calendar. Further review will take place at the September meeting.

B. Review of Docks and other potentially Impacting Projects**Rt 146 road reconstruction**

John Sieviec reported that he has spoken with a Bureau of Aquaculture administrator (Alissa) who advised that there are no completed plans for the Route 146 project.

Shell Beach Marsh Restoration

John and Alissa reviewed the project plans for Shell Beach. It is unknown when construction will begin. BoA wants to take water and meat samples during the construction.

GSC would prefer that construction not take place before October 2017 due to the potential impact on shellfish and shellfishing.

West River/Yacht Club dredging and marsh restoration

Guilford Yacht Club (GYC) is waiting for GSC and BoA to review their plans to dredge and to restore marsh.

Keith Harvey reported, as Harbor Management Commissioner, that GYC has installed an unauthorized additional piling. DEEP may be unaware.

9. New Business**A. Update Sound School Scholarship in Alison's Name**

Chair Goldschmidt reported that he had spoken with administrators of The Sound School, Board of Education. They suggested using The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven to accept donations for an annual scholarship in memory of Alison Varian. Donations can also be received online. GSC would have control on criteria and acceptance of applicants. Funds are held by the Foundation and not by The Sound School. Chair Goldschmidt will try to obtain

further information.

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to authorize Stephen Goldschmidt to begin the process of establishing a \$2,000 annual scholarship in memory of Alison Varian, with the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, seconded by John Sieviec.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Steven Schafer requested that his payment of \$430 be donated to the scholarship.

B. Job Description for GSC Commissioners

Chair Goldschmidt advised that there was no new information from either political party regarding the GSC commissioner's job description to be used to recruit applicants.

C. GSC Identification Cards

Chair Goldschmidt reported that commissioners should make an appointment with the Human Resources Dept. to obtain a GSC identification card.

D. GSC shirts

It was decided that GSC T-shirts will be ordered for wardens, commissioners and for sale to the public. These will also be sold at the GSC Guilford Fair display.

Motion: Keith Harvey moved to authorize Warden Allyn Brown to order GSC T-shirts, seconded by Ed Lombard.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

5. Wardens' Report (revisited)

Warden Fred Hill reported that he had used the GSC boat to contact two people clamming by paddle boards, with no licenses and filling the description of violators from Portchester, NY.

10. Adjournment

Motion: At 8:25 pm, Ed Lombard moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hall.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary